“We learnt about the community and about what jobs people do. We acted out having different jobs and paying taxes and we voted on what was most needed in our community.”

Student, UK

“I think the programme is an inspiring experience because the students enlarge their knowledge and gain understanding of how certain social activities function, all in an amusing way. As for the collaboration with the volunteer it was positive and dynamic and motivated the students to participate in the activities.”

Teacher, Portugal

“Our Community helps children to understand why it is important to work together and encourages them to think about the people and jobs available within a community.”

Volunteer, Isle of Man

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Our Community programme is a fun and interactive series of 5 lessons presented by a business volunteer in school to a whole class. Pupils aged 8-10 are led through a discovery of how people and businesses operate within a community. They assess the needs and wants of communities and set about taking responsibility for a community they have designed through voting in a decision-making activity.

Our Community focuses on students in grades 2 and 3 and is made up of a series of activities which can be run individually over a series of weeks or can be done in a one-day format.

Helps students investigate:

- The interdependent roles of workers in a community,
- The work they perform, and
- How the economy of the community works

Benefits for teachers:

- High quality materials and training
- Comprehensive support and assistance
- International professional development
- Access to experts from the business community
- Access to numerous best practices and innovative teaching tools
- Opportunity to network and exchange ideas with colleagues from other countries

Students learn to:

- Recognize how people live and work in a community
- Appreciate the variety of jobs there are in a community
- Compare production methods and strategies for different types of products
- Understand taxation and the importance of government jobs in the community
- Define choices and recognize the need to make informed decisions
- Distinguish how money flows through a community’s economy