

PARTNERSHIP GUIDELINES



1. A WAC team initiates the contact with a WAC partner, via the contact information of the organizations listed on WAC's website. *If assistance is needed to mediate this initial connection please email us at program@worldaffairschallenge.org.*
2. The team and the community partner identify together how they can best support each other.
3. The type of support might look differently by team and partner. It could be:
 - **Informational:** the WAC partner can share experiences, best practices, resources and overall information with WAC teams related to their WAC Formal Presentation topic.
 - **Project-based:** the WAC partner has an existing project in which middle and/or high schoolers can help with. The WAC partner and the WAC team decide together to develop a new short-term project.
4. Structure:
 - We **ask WAC teams** to be conscientious of our community partners' time and efforts to help.
 - We **ask WAC partners** to set clear expectations and communication boundaries with our students.
5. There are many benefits in being a community partner. To list a few:
 - Inspire and empower middle and high school students
 - Connect with creative and innovative young minds that may help promote the organization's mission
 - Gain exposure to a vast network of schools and publicity through WAC's marketing efforts
6. The end goal for students participating in the World Affairs Challenge is for them to experience the power of their own creative problem solving. These community partnerships give them the opportunity to:
 - Deepen their knowledge by learning directly from experts in their chosen topic
 - Network with local and international organizations
 - Take REAL ACTION to solve a local or global issue
7. Our aim is that this experience is enriching to all of those involved! We hope you enjoy connecting with each other and continue to make a positive impact in the world!