



Providing meaningful cross-cultural experiences through virtual exchange

● WHO WE ARE

Since 2003, Soliya — a New York based nonprofit organization — has integrated virtual exchange programming into curricula at over 150 universities in 30 countries across North America, Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia.

Over the course of a semester, students engage online in face-to-face small group dialogue and collaborate with peers across the globe, under the guidance of Soliya-trained facilitators. The experience offers young people — often for the very first time — the opportunity to: voice their opinions on a global scale, critically explore pressing and divisive issues, and be exposed to vastly different perspectives in a safe environment.



OUR PLATFORM

30 Countries **137 Nationalities**



+14

Years of Experience



160

Institutional Partners



+2,200

Students & Young Professionals
Empowered Each Year



+30,000

Activated Network Around the World



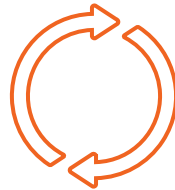
● WHY soliya?

For over a decade Soliya has been working with education specialists and technologists to fill an important gap in communication – technology that supports human connection. Research shows that, when paired with new pedagogies, platforms that support synchronous communication can build human relations as effectively as in person mediums.



CONTACT

Face-to-face, cross-cultural contact in small groups, in real-time.



EXCHANGE

Apply new understanding of diverse cultures, beliefs, economies, technology, and forms of society to deepen local and global knowledge.



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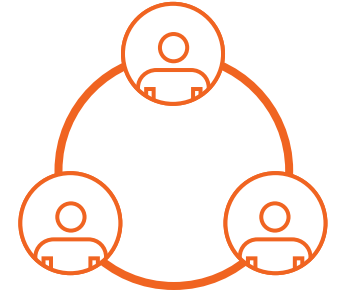
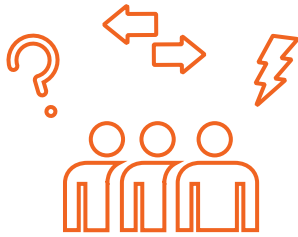
Acquire 21st century skills and attitudes to effectively collaborate and communicate with people in cross-cultural settings and ability to reflect on issues from diverse perspectives.



“ What Soliya provides is important and unique at both the individual and global levels. More and more diverse young people should be provided with access to virtual exchange opportunities. ”

- Queen Noor Hussein of Jordan

● HOW IT WORKS



Students are recruited through Soliya's global partners, with vastly diverse backgrounds, views, levels of understanding, and skill sets.

They gather weekly with trained facilitators to gain cross-cultural skills and attitudes and explore their differences in a safe environment.

They leave with increased self-other awareness, improved 21st century skills, and permanent access to Soliya's richly diverse alumni and professional network.



“ It is fine to talk about theories about “engaging the other” or “increasing understanding across cultures”, but Soliya puts the students on the front lines of intercultural relations. They will learn more about themselves and their place in the world in the Soliya sessions than in a semester in International Relations classes. ”

— Ambassador Cynthia Schneider, Georgetown University, USA



“ Their eyes were opened to a reality with which they had previously had no contact, except through the media. They discovered through direct contact with young people of their age the events and emotions associated with the realities of the Arab world. In short, Soliya is my students' window on the Arab world and is simply indispensable in that context. ”

— Dr. Robert Crane, École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, France

