



Peace through Understanding

Student Chapter Program Overview

Introduction to PTPI Student Chapters

Chapters are at the heart of PTPI, increasing international understanding and education in local and global communities. Student Chapters are made up of students ages 13-18, who meet regularly and take part in exciting, inspiring community projects and events. Student chapter members also connect through online and physical exchanges through the program's extensive network of chapters worldwide, building long-lasting, peaceful relationships between people of different countries and cultures. PTPI's Student Chapter Program was created in 2002 and today more than 90 Student Chapters are actively bringing PTPI's mission to their communities. More than 250 Community, University and Student PTPI Chapters exist throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the USA and are located in more than 50 countries.

Chapters think globally and act locally! Student efforts range from supporting PTPI initiatives such as [Operation International Children](#) and the [Global Landmine Initiative](#) to sending aid items to earthquake victims, raising awareness about genocide, volunteering in orphanages and hosting PTPI cultural celebrations at schools. PTPI Chapter programming can be organized into four main categories: educational/cultural programs, membership programs, humanitarian programs and fundraising. Each chapter should complete at least 12 meetings or events annually.

Student Chapter Objectives

Students in chapters around the world are engaged in critical thought and action that lead to understanding. By fulfilling former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's dream, you will create a more peaceful future. We believe in you and want to support you. The objectives of this program include:

- Increase cultural awareness within your community
- Promote *Peace through Understanding*
- Engage in service and humanitarian activities—especially PTPI programs such as [Operation International Children](#) and the [Global Landmine Initiative](#)
- Develop leadership skills
- Build long-lasting peaceful relationships between cultures

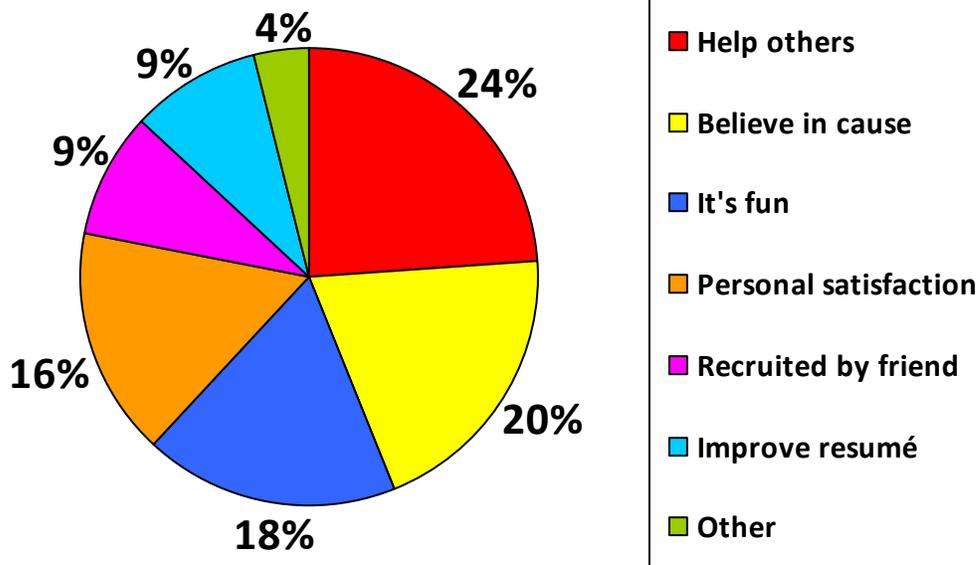
Why are more and more students joining PTPI Student Chapters?

In a 2009 survey of PTPI Student Chapter members, students responded that helping others, believing in PTPI's mission and having fun were the primary reasons they were a part of PTPI. By choosing meaningful projects that make use of members' unique talents, chapters make a greater impact.

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Why are you part of PTPI?



Through cultural and humanitarian projects, Student Chapter members around the world are proving themselves as resourceful, intellectually curious and caring human beings. Students are effectively identifying needs in their community and world, and are mobilizing friends, peers and community members to find solutions. Students realize that every effort counts, no matter how big or small.

“People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless; there’s too much work to be done.”

-Dorothy Day, American journalist and social activist

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