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OPU CLUB

DIVERSITY - UNITY - COMMUNITY

The mission of One Planet United Organization is:

“To be a channel helping to create World peace, breaking down barriers that focus on differences, as well as promoting visionary ways to unite all people.”

“OPU Club” is one of our visionary ways of uniting *all* people as well as bringing awareness and healing to all forms of prejudice, intolerance and division. Young people can be a force in leading the way in helping to stop hatred and prejudice in their school, their community and in their world. OPU Club as well is designed to help break down walls that can often divide different groups of young people. The hope is that OPU Club will be a vehicle to bring students together to see their similarities and not their differences as well as teach about the necessity of becoming united as a school as well as a community. We believe that if we begin at the local school and community level with programs like “OPU Club”, town by town and city by city will grow to where people can break down any walls that often divide them from others, thus coming closer to a peaceful world. If you need further help in bringing “OPU Club” to life in your community, you can call us at (954) 340-2115 or 1-866-340-2115 or email us at info@opunited.org. We’ll be here to help in any way we can.

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OPU Club

Many clubs exist today in middle schools, high schools and colleges all over the world that are meant to align students with similar beliefs and desires. School clubs do a great amount of good for the reason that in numbers, causes and beliefs can grow and expand. A person with strong beliefs in a cause when joined together with like minded people has additional hands and voices to move forward. As well, a student who has achieved high honors in a particular subject will be helped along to higher achievement when being a part of a group. These groups exist mainly to create unity amongst students that are of similar beliefs and on a similar path in life. Some of the existing clubs in schools and colleges today are:

- SADD- Students against Drunk Drivers
- NHS-National Honor Society
- FLHS-Foreign Language Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta- Math Club
- DECA- Business Club
- BPA-Business Professionals of America
- FBLA- Future Business Leaders of America
- Debate Club
- Technology Club
- Art Honor Society
- English Honor Society
- HOSA - Health Occupation Students of America
- German Club
- Asian Club
- Spanish Club
- Signing Club (sign language)
- Chess Club
- Astronomy Club
- Choral Club
- Drama Club
- Ecology Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Key Club
- SWAT-Students Working Against Tobacco
- Modern Language Club

From this list, you can see that there is great interest and involvement by many students in a vast amount of areas.

What is OPU CLUB?

OPU Club is a club for middle school, high school and college students who wish to promote the principles of One Planet United Organization. As we move further into the 21st century, many more young people are becoming aware of issues and problems that are creating the inability for all people to live in harmony. Issues such as prejudice, intolerance, the breakdown of human relations and more. Many students and young people, now more than ever, are concerned about global unity and want to be a part of creating a society that does not divide itself. OPU Clubs bring together students who desire to spend their time and energy helping to build a community that works together. These are students who do not see differences in people, and believe that *all* people are worthy of the same respect. They believe that it is a human duty to honor *all* people regardless of race, culture, religion, social status, sexual orientation and many other ways of acting and thinking that can often divide us.

What separates OPU Club membership from all other clubs?

The only requirement for membership in OPU Club is that you be a living breathing human being which means it is a club open to anyone. Membership is not based on your athletic or academic skills, your race or culture, political or religious beliefs, or future business goals. Membership is open to anyone who has a desire to be a part of building a community of peace and harmony among *all* people, at home, in their school and in their community.

The club will exist to:

- Create forums and dialogue on school campuses that uncover areas where prejudice and intolerance are present.
- Implement ways that foster healing among “rival” groups.
- Help solve conflicts and confrontations that arise on campus.
- Act as mediators and peer counselors when needed.
- Promote programs and projects that bring unity and understanding to all students.
- Bring groups together that are normally divided from one another to breakdown walls that separate them.
- Promote the value of getting involved to further positive human relations through activism in community and school relations as well as devoting time to volunteering. See our program/template “Don’t Just Sit There; Volunteer” for more information and ideas. (Also creates great opportunities for accumulating community service hours for high school students.)

Curriculum, Projects, Activities, Ideas:

Sample Curriculum:

Week 1 –

Introductions, individual testimonies, club overview, set up calendar and activities planning for the 1st half and 2nd half of the year.

Week 2 –

Speaker – (See speaker assembly.)

Week 3 –

Membership drive.

Elect officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Week 4 –

One Planet United column: Choose a column written by the co-founder of One Planet United for a discussion meeting. Current column as well as past columns (column archives) can be downloaded from the OP United website.

Week 5 -

Investigate a volunteer mission/organization to embrace. See OPU template called “Don’t just sit there; Volunteer” for ideas and opportunities.

Week 6 –

Design a poster. To be displayed around school promoting tolerance, unity and understanding.

Week 7 –

Looking Glass Theatre – Combine OPU Club with drama club. Possibly initiate a school assembly using short plays from “Looking Glass Theatre” template.

Week 8 –

Speaker – Bring in speaker from Local Police Dept in charge of hate crimes unit.

Week 9 –

School Fair - Bring in local non profit organizations that are looking for volunteers. They can have representatives giving out literature and sharing about their mission. Provide a table and chairs for each organization to display their promotional materials.

Week 10 –

Plan a fund raiser and choose a benefactor.

General:

This is a sample curriculum. In actuality, each club will operate autonomously, involving themselves in the things that the group members are most interested in. Group members will ultimately decide how their OPU Club program will be implemented and set up their own curriculum.

Activities that could run many consecutive weeks:

- Book studies
- “Looking Glass Theatre” short plays
- Volunteer projects

Projects that will involve significant planning time:

- School Fairs for volunteer organizations.
- Fundraisers

Sample ideas for additional OPU Club meetings

Book Studies/Discussion Groups:

OPU Club members can engage in book studies and discussions about:

- Humanitarian individuals who have lived or are living today with a mission to bring more peace to our world. Some to consider: Martin Luther King, Mohandas Gandhi, Jimmy Carter, Mother Theresa and Maya Angelou.
- World Religions – What are their differences? What do they have in common?
- Racial Issues – Are there ways to create more harmony among different races?
- Minority Groups – Who are they? Are they often treated differently?
- ”Us vs. Them” – Democrats and Republicans, Gays and Straights, Rich and Poor etc. What other groups divide themselves with the “Us vs. Them” way of relating to others. Discover how much this mode of thinking permeates society and discuss possible ways that could promote awareness and healing.
- Current events – What events are currently happening in the world today, both locally and globally, that are spreading division, intolerance and injustice? Can we be a part of helping to resolve these conflicts?
- One Planet United Column – Club members can print any of the One Planet United columns from the website and use them for group discussions. Go to One Planet United column and click on column archives for a library of topics.

Note: One Planet United offers books in the OPU Store that can be ordered for group studies. (Please email or call for special school pricing.)

Community Awareness Fair:

OPU Club members can hold a school fair providing information for all students to get involved in their community to volunteer. Community and non profit organizations can come and set up booths on campus to provide information to interested students. Contact local Community Relations office in your town for a list of non profit organizations that would participate in the fair and are in need of finding new volunteers.

Fundraising events:

Various fundraising projects can take place with the proceeds going to local charities, scholarships, or student needs. They can include walk-a-thon and 5K races, car wash's etc. One Planet United products can also be ordered at special prices to be used for fundraising. See OPU website and click on fundraising, custom & promo button for more information.

“Looking Glass Theatre”

Looking Glass Theatre contains an assortment of short plays that have been written for students and young people to perform at school assemblies, drama presentations, community events and organizational youth groups. OPU Club members can share the principles of OP United by bringing “Looking Glass Theatre” to their school or college.

The program/template describing how to bring “Looking Glass Theatre” to your school can be ordered by mail or downloaded from the website. An assortment of scripts are included that contain insightful and powerful messages of the harm of prejudice, intolerance, inappropriate humor and more, as well as the benefits of becoming united as a local and global community.

OPU Poster:

Design a poster that displays a message of school unity and display them in high traffic areas. For some artistic ideas, go to OP United's program/template called “Cooperative Corporations” and see many of the OPU public service ads.

Speaker Assembly:

Have a speaker come as part of an OPU Club assembly. Try to locate a local speaker who is active in multi-cultural concerns. The local Police chief or district attorney could be invited to speak about such things as civil rights, hate crimes or examples they have experienced that show the damaging effects of prejudice and intolerance. This assembly could also be combined with a short play presentation from “Looking Glass Theatre.”

RECRUITING MEMBERS

School/College Club Fair:

Most schools and colleges that have an assortment of clubs have a fair in the beginning of the year. Information as to what activities the club participates in as well as what the purpose of the club is for overall, is made available. A Club Fair is held to try to recruit new members that are looking to become involved with a group that interests them. General OP United literature can be ordered free of charge to use for handouts, but each OPU Club should make up their own personalized handout tailored to their exact activities and projects planned.

Note: Incoming freshman in high schools and colleges often find club fairs very informative and a helpful way to get involved.

Starting an OPU Club at your school/college:

All it takes are 3-4 students that embrace the principles of One Planet United and wish to make a difference in their school and community. As the club grows, there should be officers voted in to fill needed leadership roles. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are the general positions that need to be filled. Normally at the middle school and high school level, permission or sponsorship must be secured from school advisors or teachers whenever a new club is starting. Invite them to review OP United literature as well as visit the OPU website. www.opunited.org

When Beginning:

- Design flyers that can be displayed announcing start up of new OPU Club. Post on bulletin boards and high traffic areas.
- Have announcements made over P.A. system.
- Write up editorial announcement for placement in school/college newspaper.
- Add announcement to school/college website.

OPU Club Dues:

OPU Club dues should always be optional depending on each individuals needs and outreach plans.

OPU Club Tee Shirts

One Planet United offers a specially designed “OPU Club” tee shirt. Cost is approximately \$8.00 per shirt plus shipping charge. School name can be placed on the sleeve of the shirt. Call One Planet United at 954-340-2115 for more information. (6) Weeks delivery time is needed.

(Note: Tee-Shirts can be ordered individually with no minimum order. If you want your school name included, a minimum order of 36 shirts and pre-payment is required.)



Sizes available: Small-XX-Large

Colors available:

White

**Special colors available by request with
36 piece minimum order.
Pre-payment required**

If you have any questions about starting an OPU Club or we can be of help in any way, please email us at info@opunited.org or call us toll free at 954-340-2115.

We wish you all the best as you take part in a mission that can change lives, communities and the world.

NOTE:

One Planet United Programs/Templates are continually being updated. Please visit our website often for most recent updates.