



# BWB Clubs Charter

## 2023 - 2024 School Year

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***"The greatest gap in the world is the gap between knowing and doing." (John Maxwell)***

### Background

Think Globally, Act Locally. Global Goals can only be achieved by global citizens with local sensitivity.

Did you know that US President Barack Obama started his world-changing career as a community organizer? Successful Buddies Without Borders Online Forum participants are offered the opportunity to establish BWB Clubs in their schools as Club Presidents (school permitting) to design, implement and report on their unique **Local Action Projects**. BWB Clubs is a **Leadership Training Program** for Club Presidents to build valuable skills including project planning and goal setting, time and resource management, communication and marketing strategies.

Schools support BWB Clubs to benefit all students (regardless if they participate in the Forums) to make international friends via SDGs-based **Global Chats**, **Club Meet-ups** and **Discord SDG Interest Groups** to broaden their worldviews.

BWB Clubs are led by Club Presidents under the guidance of our team and the supervision of school officials as Club Moderators. BWB Clubs are by invitation only. So far, there are [BWB Clubs](#) in 21 high schools in 20 countries.

### Application

**Pioneer Award Nominees** of Buddies Without Borders Online Forums are invited to apply to launch / lead a BWB Club in school with the school's approval. **Pioneer Award Winners** will receive this invitation for free. After reviewing this Charter and getting approval from your school official, [please click here to start the Application / Renewal process](#).

You will be notified if your application is approved. Once your Club is approved, all members should fill out the Member Registration Form, including you and your Officers. *Each Club will be provided with its own dedicated chapter registration form and a dedicated folder for Local Action Project.*

### How It Works - Roles

Every Club is expected to meet regularly every week at school. Every Club Officer is invited to attend the Global Briefing on the first Saturday of each month from October to May. Club Officers are encouraged to apply for a Buddies Without Borders Online Forum to qualify for the President's role next school year. All Club Members should be familiar with the Club Charter and [Club Calendar](#).

#### Club President(s) -

Co-presidency is encouraged to balance the workload (no more than two presidents per club please). Club Presidents must be Buddies Without Borders Online Forum alumni. S/he will be in charge of the following:

- Design, implement and report on the **Local Action Project**.
- Manage the Club, including any fundraisers, by conducting regular Club Meetings, coordinating with School Moderator, Club Officers and the GED Team to complete [Club Milestones](#). *Upon completion of all milestones, you will earn a Leadership Certificate and be invited to the Internship Team.*

- Before the end of September, schedule a start-up meeting with Mrs. Mohs: <https://calendly.com/globaleducationdestinations/collaborations>
- From October to May, attend the monthly Global Briefings for training, collaboration and updates every first Saturday at 8 AM Washington DC time for Section A and 5 PM Washington DC time for Section B (unless otherwise notified). All Club Officers are welcome to attend, but President's presence will be required.

### **Marketing Officer -**

Responsible for marketing and recruiting new members for the club.

- Make presentations to lower classes and at school events to recruit Club members throughout the year.
- Obtain your unique Club Member Registration Form from [BWBClubs@GlobalEducationDestinations.org](mailto:BWBClubs@GlobalEducationDestinations.org). Help members to register and gain access to BWB Discord Server by posting an introduction on the school channel. Respond to any questions from visitors from other clubs. ([Click here for Discord Set up Instructions.](#)) Please note that Member Registration is required for all Club Members before a Discord invitation can be issued. Discord names need to be in this format: name-school-country-birth year.
- Create an Instagram and/or FB account and post Club activities at least once a month to recruit new members ([Click here to see BWB's Instagram account](#))

### **Club Ambassador -**

Responsible for managing international relations of the club:

- Produce a video to introduce the country/school/club ([click here for example](#)) by November 1.
- Write at least one article with a Club photo to introduce the Club/School/Country for GED Blog by December 1.
- Schedule and host at least two Club-Meet ups throughout the school year.  
Recommended Meetup structure:
  - 1) If possible, conduct a club outing to enjoy an ethnic dish from the country of the meet-up club, prepare questions to ask and information to share at the meet-up.
  - 2) Each club member presents one fun fact about their community and asks one question to the Meetup Club.
  - 3) Take a screenshot and write a brief summary of your discussion on your respective school channel.

### **Global Chats Secretary -**

Responsible for organizing your Club's participation in Global Chats:

- Publicizes the weekly Global Chats topic at school.
- Confirms Global Chats topics and schedules representatives with Ale (Section A) or Bogna (Section B).
- Organizes "local chats" club activity prior to hosting the Global Chats to generate interest, and brainstorm topics when it is your turn to host.

### **SDG Correspondents -**

Responsible for reporting on news and current affairs in the assigned SDG Channel for your country to encourage discussions among the Club members. We encourage every Club Member to take on 1-3 SDG as a Correspondent:

- Monitor news and post note-worthy current affairs from your country in the assigned SDG channel, and respond to others' posts and comments.
- Propose findings to **Global Chats Secretary** as potential topics, to **Club Ambassador** for GED Blog, and to the **Marketing Officer** for Club Instagrams as appropriate to generate awareness.
- Be invited to give feedback to Local Action Projects around the world based on your knowledge of the corresponding Global Goals experts in the March Global Briefing.

## **How It Works - Planning, Monitoring and Completion**

All progress is tracked here via [the BWB Club Tracker](#). See all milestones and timelines of all BWB Clubs this year here.

**Local Action Project:** [Each Club President will receive a dedicated Local Action Project Planner \(Click for template\)](#)

**Step 1: Project Initiation**

1. Club Presidents propose 3-4 ideas for their Local Action Projects during the Club Application process. These ideas should reflect Global Goals and personal passion.
2. Club Presidents conduct a Feasibility Study to decide on one idea, including 1) conducting interviews with local NGOs, 2) finding out what is already supported by the school, 3) understanding Club Member's interests and goals, 4) estimating costs if any.
3. Club Presidents get approval from Club Moderator by reviewing school's plan for the year and identifying any potential conflicts or synergy.

**Step 2: Project Planning**

- Club Presidents map out the Local Action Project activities in view of the school and personal calendars, and create a [Project Calendar](#). The Local Action Project should be year-long in nature but with flexible components such as periodic displays, workshops, competitions, services, etc.
- Club Presidents present the Project calendar to Club Members and Officers to get feedback.
- Club Presidents submit a 5-minute recording of the Project Proposal by the **November Global Briefing** of the school year.

**Step 3: Project Execution and Monitoring**

1. Club Presidents consult with Club Director for advice as needed
2. Club Presidents attend monthly Global Briefings / Workshops to report on progress **every first Saturday of the month** (Section B meets at 8 AM ET. Section A meets at 5 PM ET)
3. Club Presidents work with the Marketing Officers to issue updates on the Club Instagram.
4. Club Presidents acknowledge the most active members in the school Discord Channel at the end of every month.

**Step 4: Project Closing**

1. Club Presidents present results live or submit a 5-minute recording by the **May Global Briefing**
2. The recording will be posted on GED's YouTube Channel and Website.
3. Upon completion, the Club Presidents will receive a Club President Certificate and a Letter of Acknowledgement from GED.

**Global Chats:**

- Along with the **Global Chats Secretaries**, these lively discussions are organized weekly by our Club Coordinators Ale on Saturdays at 9 PM ET Washington DC time (updated) and Bogna on Sundays at 8 AM ET Washington DC time.
- Each Global Chats has two components: "[Speed Friending with 5 Questions](#)" and a "[Topic of the Week Discussion](#)". Each Club takes turns choosing a topic and hosts a Global Chats, managed by the **Global Chats Secretary** (see role descriptions above).
- Each participant will receive one point for his/her club towards the Best Club competition.
- Global Chats flow suggestion:
  - 5 min - Welcome by the club coordinator: how it works
  - 10 min - Introduction by the Global Chat host: why I chose this topic
  - 5 -10 min - Discussion in the breakout rooms
  - 10 min - Reflection in the main room
  - (Stay for "Five Questions" in Breakout if interested)
- Active participation will win you a chance to represent your club in a Forum competition.

**SDG Channels:**

- SDG Channels are hosted by each club's SDG Correspondents. You can find out what is going on around the world and discuss these issues with like-minded teens.
- SDG Channels are monitored by the Discord Leaderboard. Each post earns you a level up.
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## How It Works - Awards and Certificates

### **BWB Club Changemaker Leadership Certificate:**

Upon completion of the Local Action Project, the qualifying Club Presidents, based on the Milestone Tracker, receive a BWB Club Changemaker Leadership Certificate and a letter of acknowledgment

### **18 Under 18:**

At the end of the school year, 18 Club Members will be chosen from across the world to receive 18 Under 18 recognition certificates and be invited to advance in their BWB career ([click here to see the sequence.](#)) Nominations will be made by Club Director Bogna and Coordinator Ale based on the following factors:

- Participation in the Local Action Projects
- Participation in the Global Chats
- Ranking on the Leaderboard for SDG Channels

### **Most Valuable Pioneer (MVP) and the Best Club:**

- The recordings of the top 10 schools with the highest participation points will be posted online for public voting based on their impact, sustainability and creativity.
- The club that receives the highest votes will be recognized as the Best Club. The Best Club will receive a scholarship to continue its Club status in the following school year.
- Club Moderators and Club Coordinators will nominate the MVP, approved by GED based on the overall performance at [each stage of his/her participation in BWB.](#)
- A Tree That Grows will conduct a final interview with the candidate and the guardians.
- The MVP will receive the [Fellowship Award](#) sponsored by A Tree That Grows, including a full-ride service trip to Tanzania.

### **LI GED Internship Teams**

Best suited for students entering 11th grade. Club Members are qualified to apply for a seat on [the Internship Team](#) by accomplishing the following:

- Forum - Completed at least one forum
- Local Action Project - Earned your "most active member" acknowledgment for Local Action Project at least once
- Global Chats - Participated in at least two Global Chats
- SDGs Interest Groups - Contributed in at least one SDG Channel

## Benefits to Students, Teachers and Schools

- Through Local Action Projects, BWB Clubs meet the Seven Learning Outcomes of IB CAS.
- Schools can enhance students' experience beyond classrooms.
- Club Presidents can gain leadership experience by organizing and inspiring fellow students to care about global affairs and be connected with other student leaders across the world.
- Club Moderators can be connected with other schools for professional development opportunities.
- ELL students can practice English with English-speaking students.
- MUN students can get to know actual students from the countries they represent in MUN.
- Each BWB school will be qualified for one scholarship seat in each Forum. (\*Qualifications: must be active on Discord or Global Chats.)
- Schools will increase exposure and awareness internationally.

### **Note to Club Moderators and Schools**

We understand that each school is different and each student is unique. Here are some of the best practices for your consideration:

- 9th grade - join Buddies Without Borders Forums to practice international communication, reflection writing and inquiry skills - all based on our common goals of SDGs.
- 10th grade - take on a leadership role in BWB clubs to launch Local Action Projects.
- 11th grade - apply to be part of the international internship teams.
- 12th grade - earn a full-ride Personalized Fellowship to lead a Global Action including a service trip to Tanzania, or continue on year 2 of internship
- after graduation - a chance to be a mentor for the next generation and to be hired as a team coach by Global Education Destinations.

### Requirements:

- Club memberships are managed annually - a typical school year is defined as September 1st of the current year to August 31st of the following year. New clubs can be launched in September, January and May with prorated club fees:
  - a. September 1 - August 31: Club fee \$300.00 usd
  - b. January - August 31: Club fee \$200.00 usd
  - c. May - August 31: Club fee \$100.00 usd

#### Club Moderators:

- 1) Be the school contact for the Club's financial standing, approval process and any disciplinary actions if needed.
- 2) Be consulted for choosing the Club Representative to compete in the Forums.
- 3) Attend the Club Launch Planning meeting with your Club Presidents and Global Education Destinations.
- 4) Attend the monthly Global Briefing as you wish.
- 5) Receive a Global Educator certificate if interested.



### Key Dates:

Click here to add [BWB Google Calendar](#) for details. Dates and details will be updated as needed throughout the year. **Please note that new clubs can be launched any time of the year.**



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| ● Now - Sept 8, 2023    | Current Club Renewal Due  |
| ● Now - September 2023  | Start-up Meeting with Mrs. Mohs   |
| ● Sept 17, 2023         | Global Chats kick-off (*Section B: Sundays 8 AM ET with Bogna)  |
| ● Sept 23, 2023         | Global Chats kick-off (*Section A: Saturdays 8 PM ET with Ale)  |
| ● Oct 7, 2023           | October Global Briefing: Goal-Setting Workshop (with Mrs. Mohs)                                       |
| ● Oct 7 - Nov 18, 2023  | Fall Forum: Green Economy and Green Jobs  |
| ● Nov 4, 2023           | November Global Briefing: Club Intro Videos / Officers Breakouts (with Club Ambassadors)              |
| ● Dec 2, 2023           | December Global Briefing: Milestone Review and Celebration (with Bogna and Alle)                      |
| ● Jan 6, 2024           | January Global Briefing: New Year, New You Workshop for ALL club members (with Mrs. Mohs)             |
| ● Jan 20 - Mar 2, 2024  | Winter Forum: Access to Healthcare (Doctor Without Borders - tbd)                                     |
| ● Feb 3, 2024           | February Global Briefing: Valentine's Fun(d)raising Ideas (with Marketing Officers)                   |
| ● Mar 2, 2024           | March Global Briefing: Local Action Global Impact Consultation (with SDG Correspondents)              |
| ● Mar 30 - May 11, 2024 | Spring Forum: Co-exist: Media Campaign Competition (tbd)  |
| ● April 6, 2024         | April Global Briefing: Ready for Wrap-up (Apr 22 Earth Day Global Action Plan)                        |
| ● April 22, 2024        | Earth Day Global Action   |
| ● May, 2024             | Year-end Survey and Transition Planning   |
| ● May 4, 2024           | May Global Briefing: Local Action Project Final Presentations (recording for blog stories)            |
| ● May 25, 2024          | Year End Debrief / Membership Certificates Presentation Event (in school - TBD)                       |
| ● June 2024             | Milestones and Club Points Finalized (Bogna)  |
| ● June 1, 2024          | Internship, UN Lifestyle Teams Q&A  |
| ● June 4 (tbd):         | 18 Under 18 Nominees are noted on the Club Milestone document and will receive an invitation to apply |
| ● July 6, 2024          | NO MEETING  |

- July 1- July 31, 2024      Top 10 Clubs public voting for People's Choice Award
- Sunday, July 28:      All applications closed for evaluation (Club/LI/MSLC)
- **\*\*Saturday, August 3:      All awardees will be announced in the Club Year-End Award Ceremony (18 Under 18 Award Winners, Best Club Winner, Teams Announcement)\*\***
- Monday, August 10: UN Lifestyle Challenge Teams begin
- Monday, August 26: LI Internship Teams begin
- Saturday, September 7: 2024-2025 Clubs begin

**Your Support Team:** For a complete list, visit: <https://www.globaleducationdestinations.org/about>

	From Poland <b>Bogna Frykowska</b>	Bogna is a student at the international university – Forward College. She’s a winner of the Forward Impact Award for socially aware students - she created a set of workshops for disabled children to help them express their dreams. Her experience in debating and volunteering made her realize how difficult and yet essential it is to understand others' points of view (and how these viewpoints were formed) when it comes to problem-solving, no matter how big or small. Open-mindedness is one of the most important qualities and Bogna is excited to encourage others to discover it.
	Psychology <u>Forward College</u> , Germany  In charge of tracking Club Milestones, hosting Global Chats Section B and mentoring participants  Student Club Director	

	From Bolivia <b>Alejandra Gonzalez Muller</b>	Alejandra is an accomplished youth leader. She has won prizes in several international debate competitions. Alejandra successfully led her team in several Buddies Without Borders Online Forums and launched the first BWB Club in her high school, Saint Andrew's School in La Paz, Bolivia. As a result, she was chosen to be in the student council and is now hired as a team coach. Alejandra started her own business when she was only 9 years old, and most recently she runs an eco-friendly chocolate business.
	Industrial Engineering <u>Universidad Privada Boliviana</u> , Bolivia  In charge of hosting Global Chats Section A and mentoring participants  Club Coordinator	

### Reference:

Global Thinking:

[https://pz.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Global%20Thinking%20for%20ISV%202017%2006%2023\\_CreativeCommonsLicense.pdf](https://pz.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Global%20Thinking%20for%20ISV%202017%2006%2023_CreativeCommonsLicense.pdf)

Embracing a Global Thinking Community:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oRI4E0HIEyHBjCvABNnMIHKxAlb0o6VLQlYAV9drZpk/edit?usp=sharing>

Goal Setting:

<https://www.betterup.com/blog/how-to-set-goals-and-achieve-them#:~:text=Goal%2Dsetting%20is%20the%20process,within%20a%20specific%20time%20frame.>

Get Healthy:

<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/weight-management/take-charge-health-guide-teenagers>