



# 10 THINGS AMERICANS CAN DO TO SUPPORT PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

- 1** Host a youth exchange student in your home.  
([www.exchanges.state.gov/education/citizens/students](http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/citizens/students))
- 2** Urge your local school board to include foreign languages from grade school through high school — and encourage your children to study a foreign language, world history and international news. ([www.future.state.gov](http://www.future.state.gov))
- 3** Encourage your children to correspond with an electronic pen pal overseas (such as [www.epals.com](http://www.epals.com)) and to participate in study abroad programs. ([www.exchanges.state.gov](http://www.exchanges.state.gov))
- 4** Get actively involved with organizations that have international programs, such as a local World Affairs Council ([www.worldaffairsCouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairsCouncils.org)), or non-profit service organizations with global outreach.
- 5** Welcome foreign visitors by supporting international visitor programs. ([www.exchanges.state.gov/education/ivp](http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/ivp))
- 6** Support international disaster relief programs and organizations that provide international medical assistance. (helpful sites include [www.Interaction.org](http://www.Interaction.org))
- 7** Encourage people-to-people dialogue with other faiths through personal outreach or through your own church, synagogue, mosque or other faith-based institution.
- 8** Volunteer to serve on short-term assignments overseas with the USA Freedom Corps' Volunteers for Prosperity program ([www.volunteersforprosperity.gov](http://www.volunteersforprosperity.gov)) or with the U.S. Peace Corps. ([www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov))
- 9** Support cultural exchanges for artists, musicians and writers through your local arts institutions and international cultural programs. ([www.exchanges.state.gov/education/citizens/culture](http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/citizens/culture); or others such as [www.meridian.org](http://www.meridian.org))
- 10** Encourage your business or corporation to reach out in the countries where it has a presence, providing internships or supporting local schools and charities. (To learn more about private sector outreach around the world or discuss potential partnerships email [diplomacyupdate@state.gov](mailto:diplomacyupdate@state.gov))

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