Multicultural Understanding through Nontraditional Discovery Opportunities

RESOURCE GUIDE 2015-2016

“Mapping Our Future, Exploring Our Roots”
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MUNDO Pledge

I pledge to make a lifelong commitment to community engagement by and incorporating the “voice” of those with whom I am interacting into my actions. Throughout my time with MUNDO, and beyond, I will work to develop my ability to listen to and learn from many different viewpoints and perspectives. I will maintain a willingness to take the cross-cultural skills and knowledge I learn from MUNDO and other places “to the streets” in terms of being an active part of conversations and actions that result in positive outcomes for all those involved.
Do You MUNDO?

MUNDO (pronounced MOON-DOUGH) is an Ohio State University Residential Involvement initiative and student organization designed to help any interested OSU student learn more about how to integrate community engagement, experiential learning, and residential leadership into their college experience as a way to make a difference in local, national and international communities.

Active Participation in the MUNDO is designed to result in:

- MUNDO participants who are able to develop responsible citizenship skills through an active engagement with **community-based service** and a deeper understanding of global perspectives and inclusion
- MUNDO participants who are able to demonstrate an ability to reflect on connections between classroom experiences **experiential learning** opportunities
- MUNDO participants who are able to demonstrate an understanding of key components of both personal and community wellness through **engaged leadership**

Mission

MUNDO at The Ohio State University is committed to facilitating conversations, and promoting actions that result in community-based service, experiential learning, and engaged leadership.

Vision

The vision of the Multicultural Understanding through Non-Traditional Discovery Opportunities Organization is to create premier social justice and cross-cultural learning experiences for all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University

Desired Learning Outcomes/Guiding Questions for 2015-2016:

By being an active member of MUNDO participants will be able to:

Engage in inclusive and reflective community service (by being able to answer these questions)

- Who are we serving? How do we determine if these communities/individuals want/need our help?
- How do we determine if the service is effective?
- How do individuals grow/develop by engaging in service?

Increase their knowledge of how to learn in a global society (by being able to answer these questions)

- How is learning valued in different places around the world?
- What should an outsider to a community do to become more knowledgeable of social norms, values, etc. within the group they are entering?
- How do you encourage others to be willing to learn about communities different from the ones with which they are already familiar?
Increase their knowledge of contextual leadership (by being able to answer these questions)

- What makes a leader?
- Who are the student leaders here at Ohio State? How did they develop their leadership skills? What lessons can they provide about their leadership approaches?
- What kind of leadership culture should MUNDO cultivate?
- How do you create new and innovative ways to be a leader? How does this change in different contexts?

**Required Components of MUNDO experiences**

All MUNDO Experiences are designed to include:

- Clearly stated, and understandable, learning objectives that support the goals and mission of the MUNDO
- Creative, hands-on experiences that explore issues related to cross-cultural understanding and/or service learning
- A way to incorporate the “community voice” of participants and community partners in both the design and implementation of the diversity/service experience
- Documentation of the event, so that it can be replicated or enhanced in the future

**A Brief History of MUNDO**

- From its inception, MUNDO has committed itself to becoming one of the premier residential learning and student organization experiences at The Ohio State University.
- Shaped by the idea that learning is most effective when it incorporates actual hands-on experiences, MUNDO works to create and implement unique leadership and cross-cultural awareness experiences called “non-traditional discovery opportunities” that combine classroom learning with “real world” educational opportunities.
- MUNDO began in 1997 under the guidance of Shawn Baratz (Resident Advisor), Jamie Lodermeier (Resident Advisor), Kathlene Mullens (Resident Advisor) and Julius W. Mayo III (Hall Director), as a University Housing sponsored organization called "ResRules!"
- The hands-on format of the group was loosely based on the MTV reality show "Road Rules." The primary mission of this early MUNDO format was to raise student, staff, and faculty awareness about ways to address the impact of AIDS in the U.S. through community service.
- An educational road trip to New York City and discussion of the Broadway musical RENT, by the late-Jonathan Larson, served as the inaugural “non-traditional learning opportunity” to support the learning objectives of the group. The first MUNDO participants are shown in the photo to the left.
- MUNDO expanded its vision in the year 2000 (under the generous sponsorship of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation) to include a broader focus on social justice and cross-cultural understanding.
In 2012, as part of MUNDO’s fifteenth anniversary, the Ohio State University Housing Core Values of “Community, Learning, Inclusion, and Wellness” were formally incorporated into the mission and goals of all nontraditional discovery opportunities and educational experiences. MUNDO is sponsored by The Office of University Housing, and works in partnership with: The Office of Student Life, The College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Services Office, The College of Education & Human Ecology, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and The Office of International Affairs.

Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of MUNDO is designed to bring OSU students, staff, faculty, and community members together in partnerships and collaborations that promote creative and unique forms of learning and engagement.

The following diagram and roles and responsibilities information provides a general overview of the structure and format used by MUNDO to create new and innovative non-traditional discovery opportunities.

Overview of MUNDO Roles & Responsibilities

**ODNUM (MUNDO Executive Planning and Advising Team)**

MUNDO Coordinators, MUNDO Faculty Friends, MUNDO Staff Mentors, Paraprofessional Mentor, ACTION TEAM LEADERS

**MUNDO ACTION TEAMS**

ACTION TEAM LEADERS

Planning Committee (Selected Planners, Staff Mentors, etc.)

**General Body Members**

All interested OSU students, staff and faculty

**ODNUM (MUNDO Executive Planning and Advising Team)**

The student, staff and faculty leadership of MUNDO will:

- Provide programmatic, classroom and conversational opportunities for participants to increase their knowledge of, and involvement with service, learning, and leadership both at the Ohio State University and beyond
- Disseminate up-to-date and relevant information related to the mission and goals of MUNDO
- Assist participants in developing strategies for utilizing the multicultural skills and knowledge gained in MUNDO in their academic, career and personal life goals
General Body

As a General Body Member of MUNDO, participants are able to help shape the direction of the group by actively participating in MUNDO traditions as well as help create and implement all new learning experiences.

General Body Members can become active member “Active Members” of MUNDO by meeting the following group expectations:

To be an active member of MUNDO @ The Ohio State University, participants must:

- Complete a MUNDO Commitment Form
- Actively participating in at least seven (7) MUNDO Nontraditional Discovery Opportunities (NDOs) such as Mondays with MUNDO, A Meal and Some MUNDO, ACTION TEAM planning meetings, etc. (5 points per semester for each meeting attended; with a minimum of 35 points required each semester)
- Completing at least two (2) MUNDO service projects per semester (this includes submitting a service reflection on each experience using the Pay It Forward Website (http://payitforward.osu.edu/). (Each completed service project is worth 5 points, with a minimum of 10 points required each semester)
- Actively participating in the autumn and spring semester MUNDO Kick Off and Closing Events (5 points per semester will be awarded for attending both events)

Note: Some MUNDO experiences such as off-campus travel experiences include specific NDOs as a requirement for participation. These service, learning and leadership will count toward the required total of points needed for MUNDO active participation.

MUNDO and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
Multicultural Understanding through Nontraditional Discovery Opportunities (MUNDO) Learning Program Commitment

You are invited to be part of the MUNDO Learning program because you have indicated that you are willing to not only take advantage of all that the program offers, but to also contribute your talents, passions and ideas to help achieve the goals of the group.

In order to be an Active Member of MUNDO, we ask that you now make a commitment to: actively engage in community-based service, reflect on connections between classroom experiences and experiential learning, and to understand and implement key aspects of engaged leadership.

The MUNDO Learning Program
- MUNDO focuses on three values: service, learning, and leadership. We will explore and enact these values through programs and events during the year.
- By actively participating in the MUNDO, participants will be able to:
  - Engage in inclusive and reflective community service (by being able to answer these questions)
    - Who are we serving? How do we determine if these communities/individuals want/need our help?
    - How do we determine if the service is effective?
    - How do individuals grow/develop by engaging in service?
  - Increase their knowledge of how to learn in a global society (by being able to answer these questions)
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- Benefits of ACTIVE Membership in MUNDO include: receiving the official MUNDO membership pin, formal induction into the organization, and priority consideration for participation in MUNDO events including A Meal and Some MUNDO, the Circleville Pumpkin Show Experience, The New York/Boston Experience, and much more.

To get the most out of your MUNDO experience, we ask that you commit to earning at least 50 points per semester using the following breakdown:

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In return, we are committed to making this the best possible residential experience. What are three ideas or suggestions for ways you hope to interact with your peers this year? This could be anything from suggestions for activities or events you hope to experience or thoughts about the type of community you hope we build together.

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Signature        Date