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Do you MUNDO?

A few thoughts from Julius Mayo
(MUNDO Coordinator)

For nearly two decades I have had the rare privilege to experience the challenge and excitement of working with what I think is one of the most unique and dynamic student, staff and faculty learning opportunities at The Ohio State University. When the small group of us founded ResRules! (the predecessor to MUNDO) back in 1997, the world was a much different place. Although major medical breakthroughs were forthcoming in the treatment of AIDS/HIV, at the time, far too many people’s lives were touched (often tragically) by the devastating impact of the illness. While the spread of AIDS/HIV has declined dramatically in the United States, other nations of the world continue to struggle with dealing with the issue. An important fact to remember as MUNDO works to maintain a global awareness of the issues impacting individuals and groups locally, nationally, and internationally.

Since its inception, new issues and realities have continued to expand and broaden the scope of MUNDO, hence the name change from ResRules! (focused on campus issues) to MUNDO (which means world in Spanish) as a way to explore more global issues. As MUNDO continues to work to help students learn more about the world around them, the staff and faculty who are assisting in this process must also be willing to keep challenging themselves to gain new knowledge and ask good questions about how to create a more socially just global society for all. It won’t be easy. But fortunately, MUNDO has never had a shortage of great minds and hard workers to rise to the challenge.

This resource guide is designed to assist students, staff and faculty in accomplishing the mission and goals of MUNDO at The Ohio State University. Please feel free use it, critique it, and definitely update it in ways that will continue to make it relevant to all those who are engaged with, or impacted by the efforts of the group. And in the meantime, be sure to continue browsing relevant newspaper articles scholarly journals, blogs as well as packing the appropriate work clothes and travel supplies for community service projects and educational road trips, because you never know when you will have an opportunity to make a real difference in your own life as well as that of others. As the MUNDO motto quotes from the Native American Osage proverb: “Strive to be a person who is never absent from an important event.”
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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

This vision will be realized through an intentional focus on the following core values:

- **Responsibility**: Facilitating a respectful, safe space that promotes advocacy and informed citizenship via exploration and engagement with a diverse array of ideas and perspectives
• **Inclusion:** Demonstrating supportive and welcoming practices that advocate for informed social action and global citizenship.

• **Engagement:** Providing a substantive network of experiential opportunities that build both personal and professional intercultural competencies.

• **Learning:** Implementing reflective and nurturing educational experiences that support the mission and goals of the Office of Student Life at The Ohio State University.

**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 nontraditional discovery opportunities.

Overview of MUNDO Roles & Responsibilities

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**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:**

- Attend and actively participate in a total of at least twelve (12) MUNDO meetings/events per semester including, but not limited to:
  - Participating in at least four (4) MUNDO sponsored events or opportunities per semester
  - Engaging at least three (3) MUNDO educational workshops or retreats per academic year. (These include, but are not limited to events sponsored by the DICE program, and PASS events)
  - Being part of at least five (5) other meetings, activities, or events
  - Vote on all matters submitted to a vote by the membership
- Assisting with at least one (1) MUNDO Fundraising project per academic term (when applicable).
- Assisting with at least one MUNDO ACTION TEAM project Autumn and Spring semester

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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.
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Mission
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About MUNDO
MUNDO (pronounced MOON-DOUGH) is an Ohio State University Academic initiative and student organization designed to help any interested OSU student learn more about how to integrate service, learning, and leadership into their college experience as a way to enhance local, national and international communities.

Learning Outcomes
At the end of the academic year, first-year members of MUNDO will be able to:

- Describe at least two instances where they have applied something they learned or experienced as part of the MUNDO Involved Residential Living Initiative to support their academic and personal goals
- Identify at least two examples of a community service and/or leadership experience that would support their academic and personal goals
- Discuss three (3) approaches to employ to help ensure that dialogue is both relevant and respectful in both an academic and personal contexts
- Synthesize their experiences in MUNDO by discussing at least three (3) ways their experiences will support their academic and personal goals

At the end of the academic year, upper-class members of MUNDO will be able to:

- Identify three examples of how privilege relates to political process that determine who gets what, when and how (Laswell, 1936)
- Discuss at least three approaches to use when facilitating inclusive group experiences for individuals who represent a diversity of backgrounds
- Identify their personal strategies for demonstrating service, learning and leadership at OSU and beyond the campus community
• Articulate at least one way they will use their MUNDO experience to advance their academic/career and personal life goals.

• Present at least three factors to keep in mind when interpreting the norms and values of an individual or group who represent a diversity of backgrounds

**Participant Expectations**
To be an active member of MUNDO @ The Ohio State University, current OSU students must:

• Attend and actively participate in a total of at least twelve (12) MUNDO meetings/events per semester including, but not limited to:
  - Participating in at least four (4) MUNDO sponsored events or opportunities per semester
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  - Being part of at least five (5) other meetings, activities, or events
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• Assist with at least one MUNDO ACTION TEAM project Autumn and Spring semester

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

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I will work toward realizing the expectations above and actively participate in the Multicultural Understanding through Nontraditional Discovery Opportunities (MUNDO) Residential Involvement Initiative during the 2014-2015 academic year.

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Signature                                Date