

Concept: Holy Skye

The concept is for World Vision to run Skye clubs within seminaries and the participants would be young men and women training to be ministers, priests or nuns. The training would be the standard Skye Club training comprising the four pillars of Leadership, Civic Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Employability as well as the five core competencies of Project Management, Communication, personal and Group Management, Technical Competencies and Innovation and Creativity.

Benefits

Trainee priests and nuns would:

- Engage in personal development that will add breadth and depth to their formal novitiate training
- Develop facilitation, leadership, civic engagement, employability and entrepreneurship skills, language and concepts for use in their own roles in church communities
- Have the capability to lead Skye and Impact clubs when they ultimately enter a parish as useful and relevant ways of engaging church adolescents and youth.
- Be part of an emerging network of other clergy who are engaging adolescents and youth
- Personally engage and gain real life experience in real projects (Social Enterprise, Advocacy and Community service) that require working with others, motivating, and project managing as an addition to their other formal seminary training.
- Develop practical and best practice theoretical skills in Leadership, Civic Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Employability which will increase their competence, relevance and breadth or experience in order to be more effective advisors and councilors to members of their church community.in their parish.
- Provide World Vision a practical and relevant role in the future of the church in the countries it is operating
- Actively support our role with children and youth through the implementation of Skye and Impact clubs in our ADPs as leaders or trainers
- Skye and Impact potentially increased the relevance or the church within the local community through the service learning projects as well as giving youth an increased community voice

Curriculum

There would be no need to “Christianize” the curriculum as it is already solidly based on Christian Values. Being devoid of specifically Christian content means that it could be applicable

to all youth regardless of faith or background and potentially make their local church a more relevant learning environment within an enabling Christian community.

Cost

In countries that are including Skye and Impact as models the cost will be very low. In theory clergy could join our standard facilitator training and then just begin voluntary Skye Clubs in the seminaries. The materials are already being translated. The most immediately applicable countries would be Georgia, Armenia, Albania and Romania.