The Active Citizen Continuum

MEMBER → **VOLUNTEER** → **CONSCIENTIOUS CITIZEN** → **ACTIVE CITIZEN**

Not concerned with her/his role in social problems.

Well-intentioned but not well-educated about social issues.

Concerned with discovering root causes; asks *why*?

Community becomes a priority in values and life choices.

Pre-Break Transformation

Prepare students for on-site experience and provide basic education about site-specific social issues.

- Education, Orientation and Training
- Pre-break service projects
- Icebreakers and groupbuilding activities
- Preflection: Goals and Expectations

On-Break Transformation

Encourage participants to look critically at the root causes of social issues and challenge participants to evaluate the role that they can play in the community.

- Strong Direct service
- Ongoing education
- Community involvement
- Daily reflection linked to service activities and education

Post-Break Transformation

Help participants find avenues for continued community involvement and support participants' efforts to take the next "action steps."

- Reorientation
- Continued education
- Reflection about reentry process
- Post-break service project
- Challenge to make changes in life choices to benefit the community

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