

CUSO DEVELOPMENT CHARTER

WHEREAS development includes the freeing of people, not just from the constraints of poverty, hunger, and disease, but also from constraints which inhibit a person's control over his destiny, the pursuit of dignity and social equality, and WHEREAS CUSO/SUCO aims to participate in the global struggle for justice, equitable development and human progress;

THEREFORE individuals commit themselves to strive for the following:

1. to increase their awareness of the root causes of inequitable development in all countries of the world.
2. to utilize this increased awareness in programmes designed to eliminate these inequities.
3. during their service overseas, by their life-styles and work, to reflect their sensitivity and respect for the values and cultures of their hosts.
4. to recognize that their own country may be culpable in the continuing exploitation of one country by another.
5. to recognize that involvement in the development process embraces both service overseas, and action in Canada.
6. to actively identify themselves with all peoples who seek to strengthen rights and responsibilities for their country's social development, consistent with the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.