

# 7 Ways to Be a Global Problem Solver in Your Community

The world's challenges – hunger, unemployment, global warming to name a few – can seem overwhelming. But anyone can be a global problem solver, and that starts in your own backyard. Here are seven ways you can make an impact on the world from your corner of it.



## Build Digital Skills

The world is getting more digital, and having the skills to build networks, develop apps, secure devices, or analyze data is critical to solving the challenges we face. Take classes at an institution near you or enroll in an online course from the [Cisco Networking Academy course](#) to enhance your technology know-how.

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## Spend a Year in Service

If you live in the United States, the [Service Year Exchange](#) can connect you to year-long, paid community service opportunities in areas like health, education, public safety, and disaster relief. Alternately, look for volunteer opportunities in your own community.

## Join a Global Problem Solving Community

Find websites that connect people who want to solve pressing issues. For example, on [OpenIDEO](#) you can join projects that interest you and work with others around the world to solve big challenges using a “human-centered design” approach.

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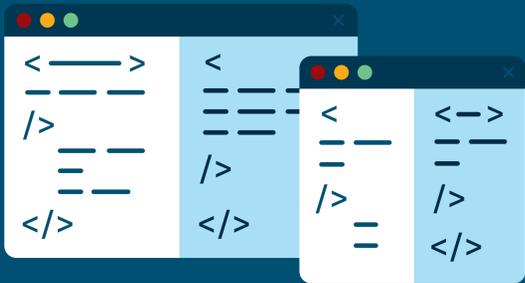
## Spread the Word

Thousands of organizations are addressing important issues every day. Follow the ones that interest you on social media and share their content. By inspiring others, you can make an even bigger impact.

## Offer Your Talents

Did you know you can provide skill-based volunteering to nonprofits? Websites like [Taproot](#) match you with nonprofits [around the world](#) that need help with specific projects. It's a win-win: Contribute to causes you care about while building your own skills.

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## Use Your Tech Know-How

Support global problem solvers from your laptop. For example, at [Free Code Camp](#), you can use your coding skills to create pro bono solutions for nonprofits. Or help first responders meet the needs of vulnerable people during disasters by tracing satellite imagery or mapping local details through [Missing Maps](#).

## Empower Entrepreneurs

The Internet makes it easy to help people launch or grow their businesses. For example, a small loan through [Kiva](#) can help entrepreneurs upgrade equipment, build inventory, or expand their businesses.

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