

100 People

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Greetings!

Sixth-grade teacher Lorraine Gerbino of the Marine Park Intermediate School in Brooklyn, NY embraced the 100 People project and discovered that her 33 students could trace their ancestors to 32 countries on 5 continents. We are excited to announce another successful year in which teachers like Lorraine take this project and make it their own. Also this year-- we are pleased to announce our new energy partner for the project-- the SunPower Foundation in California. With their generous support, we are focusing our 100 People lens to help students understand how we can share the earth's resources wisely. Last but not least, we have created a feature-length documentary film entitled 100 People: Voices from a City, in which we introduce audiences to 100 of our neighbors in New York City who represent the best of all of us.



6th Grade teacher Lorraine Gerbino of Marine Park Intermediate School in Brooklyn, NY



Carolyn Jones of the 100 People Foundation talks to students



Marine Park students who can trace their ancestry to Europe



These five students can trace their ancestry to Africa

100 People Under the Sun



Isabel Sadurni and Carolyn Jones of 100 People interview a solar nominee in Spain



Astronaut Dr. Leroy Chiao, Ph.D.
International Space Station



Students and their teacher from Pulo Elementary, Pulo Island, Philippines

We are very pleased to announce the launch of 100 People Under the Sun. We partnered with the SunPower Foundation to create a global profile of the ways that people and communities around the world use energy. As with the 100 People World Portrait, we started with a statistic: If the world were 100 People, 24 would have no access to electricity. We used this as a jumping off point to focus our lens on how we share energy on this planet, and the tremendous potential sunlight offers.

We traveled around the world to create a video documenting pioneers in solar energy. Highlights from the trip included visiting students in the Philippines who showed off their morning exercises set to solar-powered music and meeting young people in Malawi who have started small businesses selling micro-solar products in their communities. We took inspiration from our trip to develop a new lesson plan that asks students to identify the ways they use energy every day, and investigate the use of solar energy in their local community.

100 People under the Sun is offering new ideas and new ways to learn about this very timely topic: creating a future for our planet that is independent of fossil fuel. Please visit our website www.100people.org/sun to view our solar videos, read our solar stories and sun facts and sign your school up to participate! We want to meet the people that are inventing new uses for sunlight and tell their stories.



The Kleins live in a solar house in Boulder, CO



100 People's Lisa Frank with Richard Manda in Malawi



Solar farmer Agustin Carrion Garcia in Jumilla, Spain



Greg Holman and his former student Mario in Paradise, CA

100 People: Voices from a City



Mr. and Mrs. Paramanik from the Biryani House restaurant in Queens

The 100 People Foundation spent the summer and fall of 2008 searching for, interviewing and filming 100 people who live in New York City and statistically represent our world population according to nationality, age and gender. Their stories are woven together in our first feature documentary film, **100 People: Voices from a City**.

After asking students around the world to introduce us to their community, we wanted to introduce the world to our community, the five boroughs of New York City, in celebration of its diversity. From a mother and daughter from Afghanistan to an artist from Puerto Rico to a couple from the Ukraine, you'll hear people from 50 different countries share personal, provocative stories that offer insight into controversial subject matter and raise questions like, "What does it mean to be Muslim?" and "What are the effects of war on a family?" Throughout the film the subjects offer multi-national perspectives on the universal experiences of birth, education, marriage, family, religion, and death, helping us recognize how similar we really are.

Beginning here in our community of New York City, we came to know the world simply by introducing ourselves to our neighbors. We want to introduce you to the people we met and how we discovered all that we share in common. We are very proud to have completed this work, and we look forward to sharing it with you. Please check our website for updates on screenings of the film in your local community.





Bangladesh



Afghanistan



Mexico



Vietnam

Quotables: What People Are Saying About 100 People

The 100 People Project has been a fantastic experience for the class. While exploring our backgrounds we learned to share our similarities and appreciate our differences. I think this experience will help my students be more tolerant when they venture out into the melting pot that is NYC.

Lorraine Gerbino, Teacher: Marine Park Intermediate School, USA

I was at the NAEA and just loved this project and have adopted and will be promoting it to all the art educators in Oklahoma. Thanks so much for creating it. I truly think that it will instill character traits in our young people as they look for who they admire.

Brian Chastain, Teacher: Putnam City North High School, USA

Not only has my nominee seen the world and gained respect in his home village, he has inspired the young people who care to listen, to see more than what's in their back yards, and that even they can strive to become something great.

Student: International School Moshi, Tanzania

When I see somebody, I always used to immediately put them in a category, but going out and interviewing people and seeing what life is really like for them, I could see what I don't see just by their outward appearance.

Student: Exploris Middle School, North Carolina, USA

What's Next, What's New

Watch for the World Premiere of 100 People: Voices from a City
Enroll your school to Participate in the World Portrait and 100 People Under the Sun Projects
Watch our new 100 People Under the Sun Videos * Download our Lesson Plans
Check our website for upcoming features including a video about Solar Power in the Amazon
Keep an eye out for upcoming nominees competing in a Solar Car Race across Australia



Tanzania



Philippines



Chile



South Africa