Are you ready for Exploring Issues in Society 2?

EXPLORING ISSUES IN SOCIETY 2
Size: 15 points

This course is designed to help students gain an understanding of the complexities of a broad range of matters of public concern relating to the world we live in. It enables students to develop their understanding of what defines an issue, its causes, impacts and possible resolutions.

This course focuses on issues in Australia and globally; and how actions by government, communities or individuals in response to those issues can have an impact on individuals, families and communities. The course also looks at the range of positive and negative choices in response to issues; the range of community support and organisations. This work reflects the principles within Catholic social teaching and the ‘See, Judge, Act’ approach to social justice. Students investigate and reflect on issues that may be of a personal nature through to more global issues providing a broader context for investigations and contributing to the development of informed global citizens.

The course includes a practical component that is based around understanding the issues that exist within the community that are resolved or addressed through volunteering action. Students are required to participate in 30+ hours of volunteering across class time and their own time. Volunteering must be supported by reflection and research into the issues that the volunteering addresses.

The course offers a perspective into outreach and ministry, particularly to those marginalised within the community. As such, students will engage in outreach opportunities offered through community agencies, particularly within the Catholic community and reflective of our Founders’ visions of social justice (Edmund Rice Tasmania, St Vincent de Paul, the Justice Action Network and environmental and sustainability agencies).

Pathways: This course will offer reparation and insight for those wishing to work in careers such as nursing, medicine, social work, teaching and the police and defence forces.
This is the kind of tasks you could be working on:

Develop a Mind Map that explores the concepts and information related to:

1. Defining what are issues
2. Why issues arise
3. Concepts related to the identification of an issue
4. Categorisation of issues
5. The difference between a phenomena & an issue
6. Differences, similarities and connections between global, national and local issues
7. People in relationship to issues (responses, conflict, resolution)
8. Impact of the media and other social aspects on the issue or its resolution

Know your Agency

Select an Agency that involves volunteers to complete its work/mandate. This may be an agency that you would like to work with for your volunteer project/placement. Complete a reflection by using the website of the agency, printed material or through interviewing and/or visiting the agency. (Note it is important if visiting the agency, emailing the agency staff or asking for an interview or information that you follow correct procedures).

Activities with Primary School students