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Reach the World and Teach For America Announce Collaborative Partnership for Global Education

New York City, September [DATE], 2016 – Reach the World and Teach For America announced today a partnership to increase the pipeline of globally-competent and diverse talent entering the teaching profession; and to connect TFA classrooms to global mentors via digital exchange. The two organizations will leverage RTW’s network of diverse and talented college travelers to engage in digital exchanges with TFA corps members and their students. The two organizations will also work together to increase awareness among RTW’s alums about the opportunity to teach full-time as a Teach For America corps member.

Reach the World makes the benefits of travel accessible to classrooms, inspiring students to become curious, confident global citizens. Enabled by an innovative digital platform, classrooms and volunteer travelers explore the world together. RTW partners with the Institute of International Education and a growing number of campuses nationwide to recruit a diverse and talented pipeline of volunteer travelers abroad on academic study or service programs. By engaging in these digital exchange relationships, K-12 youth and young adults develop the context, competence and confidence needed for responsible citizenship in a complex, diverse and rapidly-changing world.

Teach For America recruits, trains, and supports talented and ambitious recent college grads and professionals to teach in high-need communities and bolster the national effort for educational equity. TFA corps members become leaders within the education field and across sectors, united in their advocacy for students and families in high-need communities. This year, there are more than 50,000 Teach For America corps members and alumni making an impact across the country. “Teach For America is thrilled to partner with Reach the World to ensure that all K-12 students have the skills and support to succeed in education and beyond,” says Lindy Gould, Director of Recruitment at Teach For America.

“Relationships power Reach the World’s programs,” says Heather Halstead, Executive Director at Reach the World. “RTW is thrilled to embark upon this journey with Teach For America in order to engage more talented young adults, TFA corps members and American youth in global digital exchanges.”

During the 2016-2017 school year, Reach the World will provide Teach For America corps members the opportunity to opt in to its digital exchange programs. By developing relationships with TFA corps members, RTW’s talented and diverse college travelers will develop awareness of and preparedness for TFA. RTW looks forward to working together with TFA to increase the pipeline of talented, diverse and globally-competent young adults prepared to grow and strengthen the movement for educational equity and excellence across the nation.

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