Global Perspective: Be a Global Learner

As our world shrinks and organizations become more global, it is clear that all leaders need to become global learners. If you plan to take a trip to a foreign country, this activity is for you.

- **Build personal networks:** Expand and deepen your circle of cross-cultural relationships. Seek out the people from other cultures that you see at work and in your community. Get to know these people on a personal level.

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- **Read more deeply and widely about the other cultures:** Don’t skip news stories with foreign place names in the headlines. Read the fiction, poetry, biographies, and histories of other countries and cultures.

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- **Travel more:** Take advantage of opportunities to travel abroad. While outside of your culture, observe the world around you through a broader cultural lens. If possible, take part in traditional celebrations in order to learn more about the meaning behind the customs and rituals you encounter.

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- **Learn a new language:** It’s difficult for adults to learn another language but not impossible. Enroll in an introductory foreign language course at a local college or listen to an audible course during your daily commute. Get a colleague from outside your culture to teach you some conversational phrases in his or her native language.

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