



## Compass Facts

- More than 30 community agencies partner every year with HWS on youth, literacy, environment and civic projects.
- More than 30,000 student hours are devoted annually to service through classes and community service.
- Service-learning opportunities are also offered in Ireland, Wales and other study abroad locations.
- About 70 percent of HWS students participate in Compass.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE LEARNING

Worlds of Experience. Lives of Consequence.

## Getting Started

It's easy to get started. The Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (CCESL) is located on the second floor of Trinity Hall. Call to make an appointment to speak with a staff member or feel free to stop by. We'll send you into the community with other Hobart and William Smith students so that you can discover the kinds of projects that interest you. (We'll be there with you every step of the way.)

CCESL hosts many information sessions and opportunities for service each year, including community leadership, Americorps and Peace Corps programs. Attend and learn how you can make a difference.

Learn more about Compass by contacting:

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# One step at a time, Compass develops world citizens.

Only a minority of the world's population has the privilege to attend college. At Hobart and William Smith that privilege is tied to an expectation that you will give back to your community. Created by the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning, Compass leads students on a four-step path of structured leadership development through civic involvement. It can start as early as your first day at HWS. At its core, the program is supported by a campus-wide ethic of service, one that actively brings the community into the classroom and the classroom into the community.



## A four-step path through civic involvement

### Step 1 | Service

**Paint a room. Plant a community garden. Clean a beach.** Meet new friends while working in the community. See how personally rewarding it is to help others. Start seeing the connections between community service and your academic interests.

The first step of Compass allows you to explore options for volunteerism and gets you in the habit of regular community work. In discussions with faculty, peer students and community members, you'll begin to see how you can make a difference.

### Step 2 | Engagement

**Spend spring break serving in another community. Become an America Reads tutor.** Take a course with a service-learning component. Apply what you are learning at HWS in Geneva, across the country or around the world.

The second step of Compass asks you to reflect on how your service work is connected to your studies. The goal is to deeply understand the complex issues affecting our world and to integrate that understanding into your service activities and coursework.



### Step 3 | Leadership

**Join the Civic Leader Program. Lead students as an America Reads or America Counts Coordinator. Chair Relay for Life. Volunteer as a board member in a community organization.** Work with an adviser on a community-based research project. Discover how to pursue your ideas and interests while leading others toward a common goal.

Step 3 of Compass is all about taking a leadership role in the community. Armed with experience and confidence, you work with the community to identify needs and assets, recruit volunteers and develop resources. The goal here is to create a sustainable program that matches community needs with your own academic and personal interests and abilities.

### Step 4 | Activism

**Lead change. Rally for a cause. Become an activist. Join Americorps. Vote.** Get involved in government. Be a mentor. Determine what needs to be accomplished and then do it. Find your place in the world – as a citizen, humanitarian and leader.

The final step of Compass is the highest level of engagement, when service isn't just a part of your life – it's a way of life. No matter what career path you choose, engaged citizenship is a lifelong commitment to justice, social consciousness, and the promotion of continuous, effective change.