

# MYP Projects

The community project and the personal project are known together as MYP projects. MYP projects help students to develop the attributes of the IB learner profile; they provide students with an essential opportunity to demonstrate ATL skills developed through the MYP and foster the development of independent, lifelong learners. All students in MYP year 5 must complete the personal project. In schools that complete the programme in MYP years 3 or 4, students must complete the community project. In programmes that include MYP years 4 or 5, schools may offer students the opportunity to engage in the community project **and** the personal project. The *community project* focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their right and responsibility to implement service as action in the community. As a consolidation of learning, the community project engages students in a sustained, in-depth inquiry leading to service as action in the community.

The *personal project* encourages students to practice and strengthen their ATL skills, consolidate prior and subject-specific learning and develop an area of personal interest. Personal projects revolve around a challenge that motivates and interests individual students. Schools must ensure that all staff, parents and students understand the central importance of the community or personal project, its aims, objectives and assessment criteria.

