What is Kiva U?

Kiva U is an innovative education initiative created through a partnership between Kiva and Citi, in response to a powerful grassroots movement of students and educators passionate about understanding microfinance and wielding it to help end poverty.

Students and educators can create and join teams in the Kiva online community, connect and share with other like-minded individuals, and access tools and resources to become experts and mobilize themselves and others about poverty, microfinance, financial inclusion, financial literacy concepts, and leadership skills.

Kiva U aims to help build the next generation of leaders who think critically about sustainable and empowering solutions to poverty.

Student Leaders:

Kiva U Student Leaders are motivated, passionate people who understand that microfinance is an innovative and meaningful new way to alleviate poverty. Student Leaders use microfinance as an engagement and empowerment tool to take action and inspire their fellow students to impact lives around the globe through lending.

Educators:

Kiva U Educators are inspiring ambassadors of Kiva. They use microfinance as teaching tools in the classroom to ensure true and deep experiential learning through project based service and new technology platforms. They see the potential for young people to learn multiple crucial concepts (like mathematics, geography, social studies, language skills, and more) while also cultivating global citizenship and having a real impact on people’s lives.

Our vision:

Kiva U envisions a world where students and educators are empowered to become more informed, inspired, and active global citizens and agents of change through experiential learning, digital collaboration, and community engagement.

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