



Philanthropy (2)

Helping Others Now and in the future

Intermediate (Classes 7-10)

Foundation House / Elementary (Classes 5-7)



Helping Others (A Pestalozzi Approach)

The facilitator starts by explaining that, when Pestalozzi International uses the term the 'Circle of Success', it usually refers to work done for the Pestalozzi International Foundations, but that there are, of course, many other ways whereby one who has been helped already helps others and can in future help others.

Version 1

The participants brainstorm all the ways each individual has been able to help people since starting his or her Pestalozzi education.

The participants discuss different ways of illustrating an individual giving help to many others, ways which emphasise the multiplying effect of help, for example as a Spiral of Success, a Fountain of Success, a Waterfall of Success or a Tree of Success.

Each participant chooses one of these and draws a picture of himself or herself as a '_____ of Success', including notes to explain the different ways in which he or she successfully helps.

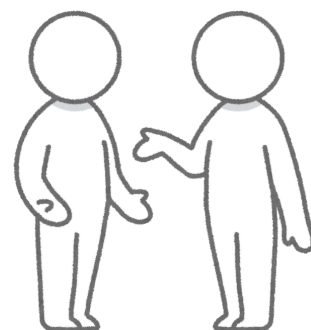
Version 2

The participants brainstorm all the ways each individual will be able to help others in future, as a result of their Pestalozzi education.

The participants discuss different ways of illustrating an individual as an adult giving help to many others, ways which emphasise the proliferation of help, for example as a Spiral of Success, a Fountain of Success, a Waterfall of Success or a Tree of Success. Each participant chooses one of these and draws a picture of himself or herself as a '_____ of Success', including notes to explain the different ways in which he or she hope to successfully help others in the future.

Materials Needed

A blank piece of paper and colouring pens for each participant



Pestalozzi International's aim is to provide children with an education which makes them both able to help others and want to help others, with the education given to just one child leading to that child helping not just one other person but many. Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi believed that charitable giving is only helpful if it results in people becoming independent and empowered and therefore able to help themselves and others.

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- Think about your background, your current education and the further education you hope to have
- Imagine yourself, in 20 years time, working in the career of your choice and helping to run your local Pestalozzi organisation
- Think about the different things you might do between now and the time you imagine 20 years in the future
- Draw your own Circle of Success, illustrate it and include notes which explain what you are doing at each stage in it
- Explain your Circles of Success to other participants

Pestalozzi International educates students who stay in, or return to, their countries and local communities empowered to help. As part of developing their social commitment, the students are encouraged from an early age to see their education as a legacy to be passed on to the next generation of deserving but under-privileged children. The Pestalozzi International Foundations, run by people whose education was provided by Pestalozzi International and/or by the 'Pestalozzi International Village', help by providing education to academically bright, economically poor students. Some of these students in their turn will set up or join Pestalozzi International Foundations and carry on the Circle of Success by providing education to bright but poor children.

Pestalozzi International's 'Circle of Success' concept, whereby one who has been helped goes on to help others, has developed out of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi's educational aim of ensuring that the child becomes an adult who is dedicated to helping the members of the various circles he or she moves in.

Pestalozzi believed that everybody has the right to education and that it is the duty of society to put this right into practice; that children should be taught, through a good education, the best way to help people to help themselves and others; and that a good education is the best basis for true reform.





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AI/Tech enhancements:

After an initial human brainstorm, students use an AI tool such as Chat GPT to generate alternative ways people help others:

Example prompt students could use:

“Based on these ways of helping others (students insert their examples), suggest additional actions that reflect empathy, community, and long-term support.”

Students then:

- Compare their own ideas to AI suggestions
- Highlight where AI added new perspectives - do they agree with these disagree?
- Identify where AI might have missed personal, cultural, local community nuances

Why this matters?

- This helps build deeper vocabulary and awareness of actions that help others
- It encourages critical evaluation of AI/tech
- It helps students connect personal action to broader societal contributions

Students use visual apps like Canva, Miro, or Google Slides to create:

- A digital Circle of Success infographic
- Interactive timelines showing cycles of help

Part B Students use AI as a Design Assistant

Students can use AI graphic helpers or prompt models like:

“Generate visual ideas for illustrating a ‘Circle of Success’ that shows how helping others can grow over time.”

Then they choose a visual metaphor and adapt AI ideas into their own design.

Why this matters?

- Provides opportunity for visual storytelling and design literacy
- Helps students connect abstract ideas to concrete visuals
- Encourages reflection and evaluation of AI ideas and Human ideas