

SESSION 1 — Welcome to the Movement!

Date:

Recommended Preparation Materials:

1. Read the [Founder's Story](#) page on the buildOn website for some background about how buildOn began (this includes a short video as well, if you'd like).
2. *OPTIONAL: If you are really interested, you can also purchase and read Jim's (CEO & Founder of buildOn) book, "Walk in Their Shoes". It is available for purchase on [Amazon](#).*
3. Watch [this short animated video](#) about systemic racism and education. This will help to explain why buildOn U.S. works in certain communities and schools and not others.

SESSION 2 — Embarking on Your Fundraising Journey

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Recommended Preparation Materials:

1. Carefully read the buildOn Community Teams [Fundraising Guide](#).
2. Take a look at your groups fundraising page

Session 3 — Meet our partner countries!

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Recommended Preparation Materials:

1. Each country program has the same framework but all are unique in their own ways. Send this video [HERE](#) that shows how all buildOn countries prepare to build a school in a similar process!
2. Send out one or two links of Trek videos for people to watch before the session to gauge interest!
 - a. [Nepal Professional Trek Video](#)
 - b. [Malawi Trek Video](#)
 - c. [Senegal Trek Video](#)
 - d. [Nicaragua Trek Video](#)
 - e. [Haiti Trek Video](#) (although we are not offering Trek currently in Haiti)
3. Have your team vote on the top 3-5 countries they'd like to learn about. You can take out the information of the 3-5 countries and add more information about the countries voted for as well as watch trek videos or other related videos during the session.

SESSION 4 & 5— Do No Harm: The Hippocratic Oath of Service Learning

Date:

Recommended Preparation Materials:

Watch one of the following TED Talks on Voluntourism

Option A: [The Problem with Voluntourism](#)

Option B: [Getting more than we give - realities of volunteerism](#)

Address different points within these TED Talks:

1. Why do you volunteer?
2. When volunteering how will you check your privilege?
3. Why is volunteering overseas sometimes seen as unethical?
4. How do we think buildOn is service learning and not voluntourism?
5. What does ethical volunteering look like? What does ethical tourism look like?
6. What should we look for in international organizations that work in rural communities?
7. Do we have any disagreements with this speaker's message?
8. What are some of the benefits and costs associated with volunteering through buildOn?

SESSION 6— What Makes Development Sustainable?

Date:

Recommended Preparation Materials:

1. Review the summary of the [Brundtland Report](#) (download link is at bottom of the page if you're ambitious and would like to look at the lengthy document - over 200 pages)
2. Read this short [summary](#) about some of the failures of Aid
3. Review this [article](#) about how culture impacts development