

## Ethical Leadership and Global Citizenship

From my experience throughout the Laidlaw programme, I have been fortunate enough to learn about what it means to be an ethical leader. Throughout my time as a Laidlaw



scholar, I have grasped that an ethical leader is someone who acts in a way that coincides with their own set of principles and values whilst acting for the greater good. As mentioned in my previous blog post ([LiA Showcase Blog](#)), one of the most important things I kept in mind throughout

my time in Tubairata was respecting their culture and values whilst also staying true to my own morals and values. So that I respected the cultures and traditions of Tubairata, I decided not to put my own morals on the villagers, rather host the external workshops to deliver information to those who wished to learn more. In doing so, I not only provided myself with an outlet to express my own principles and values, but I got to further share them with the villagers on their own terms. This was incredibly beneficial for me, as it taught me the importance of respecting cultural values and traditions, and that not all morals and values are universal.

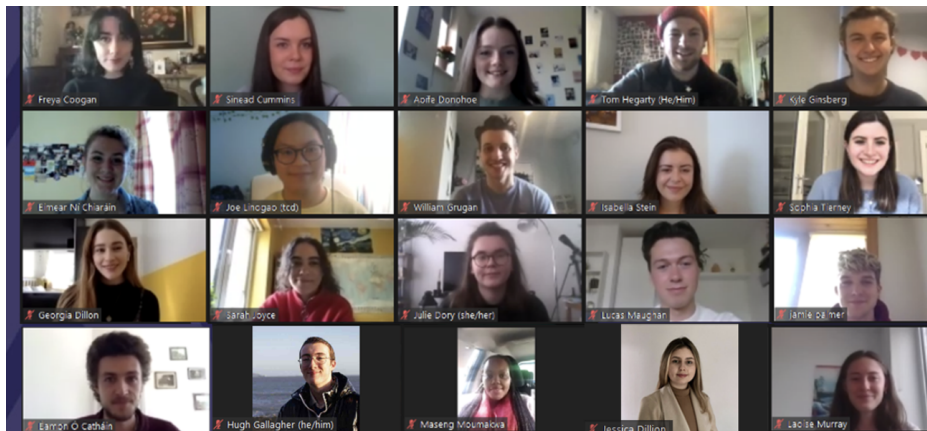
With regards to becoming a better global citizen, my experience in Fiji was further beneficial in allowing me to understand more about the wider world, but importantly my place in it. As I mentioned previously, there were cultural values and norms that I struggled to agree with. However, it was not my place nor should it have been my place as an Irish woman volunteering to correct generational values. Rather, I found an outlet to positively promote my and the group's principles. Together, we

planned and hosted workshops on women empowerment, child welfare, wound care, women empowerment, religion and mental health and healthy lifestyle habits.

One of the greatest takeaways I feel I have taken from Laidlaw with respect to being an ethical leader is compromise and cooperation with students from across the globe. In reference to both my Laidlaw cohort in Trinity College Dublin and the group of 22 students from ThinkPacific, Laidlaw has provided me with a once-in a lifetime opportunity to collaborate with individuals from all walks of life for one common



purpose. My cohort in Trinity College and I have attended LEAD sessions and seminars over the last year and a half, and have been able to discuss ethical issues and solutions in an incredibly productive manner. From discussing the presidency in the United States to period poverty here in Ireland, I feel I have grasped an understanding of the common ethical principles that should underlie each individual in a leadership position. To ensure



a common good is achieved, I have established my own set of principles and values in being an ethical leader surrounding mutual respect, integrity, fairness and

competence. This set of personal principles was not established alone. Through the invaluable Laidlaw seminars and sessions to meaningful and educational discussion with fellow scholars, I have been fortunate enough to curate a set of principles that are



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recognised by the majority. Laidlaw has further helped me understand the importance of global cooperation in making our planet fairer, more peaceful and more sustainable. From discussions on global corporations contributing to global warming to discussion on fast fashion and unfair wages, I truly believe my participation in the Laidlaw programme has moulded me into a more conscious, emotionally intelligent and self aware individual.