What’s Wrong with Volunteer Travel?
Daniela Papi at TEDXOxbridge

Watch this 10 minute video on the Learning Service website:

Some possible questions for discussion or as a prompt for a reflection paper:

- General thoughts or reactions to Daniela’s opinions and suggestions?

- Do you agree that short-term volunteering is “setting young people up for failure?” Why and how? or why not?

- How could short term volunteering “cause more harm than good?”

- Daniela talks about moving from “sympathy volunteering” to “empathy learning” what does this mean and what does it look like? How do you prepare for this, and posture yourself during the field experience?

- How would you differentiate a “volunteer trip” and a “development education tour”; What experience do you anticipate having; Why and how?

- “Education travel has so much potential” Do you agree with this statement? What is the potential benefit (short and long-term) for those traveling and for those in the communities being visited?