

# The Active Citizen Continuum

Where are you?

**MEMBER**  
(UCI STUDENT)



**VOLUNTEER**



**CONSCIENTIOUS  
CITIZEN**

**ACTIVE CITIZEN**



Not concerned  
with her/his role  
in social  
problems.

Well-intentioned  
but not well-  
educated about  
social issues.

Concerned with  
discovering root  
causes;  
asks *why*?

Community  
becomes a  
priority in values  
and life choices.

## Pre-Break Transformation

Prepare students for on-site experience and provide basic education about site-specific social issues

- Education, Orientation, & Training
- Pre-break service projects
- Icebreakers & groupbuilding activities
- Reflection: Goals & Expectations

## On-Break Transformation

Encourage participants to look critically at the root causes of social issues and challenge participants to evaluate the role that they can play in the community.

- Strong Direct Service
- On-Going Education
- Community Involvement
- Daily reflection linked to service activities and education

## Post-Break Transformation

Help participants find avenues for continued community involvement and support participants' efforts to take the next "action steps."

- Re-orientation
- Continued education
- Reflection about reentry process
- Post-break service project
- Challenge to make changes in life choices to benefit the community