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Between 2006 and 2008 we worked with a university in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina to look at the role community engagement can play in healing some of the divisions left behind in a city following a period of ethnic conflict. Students took on roles within local voluntary organisations that contributed to the rebuilding of the city and enabled them to deal with issues of identity and difference. These initiatives were embedded into their courses in the longer term and also contributed to them developing work related skills and moving on to employment.

Between 2008 and 2010 we worked on a two year partnership with the University of Dakar in Senegal to develop a post graduate programme involving community engagement. Placing graduate students in villages in Senegal we looked at how the skills and knowledge they had acquired at university could be extended in the field and contribute to a post graduate qualification.

The project was funded by the British Council programme for Africa and culminated in an Africa regional conference.

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