

## **Guidelines for the required papers**

### **Research Paper**

- Research questions will be provided as starting points for the first paper.
- You may be asked for your own views, but these should not only be your personal opinions, preferences or feelings. Provide the bases for your views, coming from your research or provide examples or cases that illustrate your position.
- Expected length is from a minimum of 2000-2500 words to a maximum of 7,500-8000 words.
- Please organize your thoughts and arguments clearly and in a logical manner.
- You are expected to reference your paper well and provide a list of references.

### **Reflection Paper**

- The reflection paper is not an academic paper. Reflection is a crucial part of the learning process, and this is something that is unique for each individual.
- The paper should be about your own learning, insight, realization or experience.
- The effort is to seek greater depth and integrity of our own questioning in life and so that what we say and do gives clearer signal to others
  - For instance, what aspect of the visit to Bendum did you relate with on a personal level and how did this work for you?
  - What did you learn and understand about your self through the engagement?
  - What has changed, if anything, about your perception or understanding of others or of human development as a result of the visit?

Remember how we talked about integrity and depth the first day:

- Integrity: to have coherence in our responses, to be consistent in our actions, to be able to integrate the different aspects of our lives into a whole that makes sense
- Depth: need to be able to think critically, not just “cut and paste.” Information is so readily and easily accessible – easy to be lazy and superficial in what we think and do.