

ASPnet Bi-weekly Info Flash N°21

Empowering learners, transforming schools: A new UNESCO handbook puts youth voices at the heart of education

NEW ASPNET PUBLICATION – JUST RELEASED!

- A new global resource – the *Meaningful youth engagement handbook: Empowering schools to foster active participation and leadership* – is released to inspire teachers, educators and school leaders to make learners genuine partners in shaping education. Co-developed by the [SDG4 Youth & Student Network](#), hosted by UNESCO, and the [UNESCO Associated Schools Network \(ASPnet\)](#), the handbook is the product of a deeply collaborative process involving youth and teachers from all over the world.
- Read the [publication here](#). For more information: read more [here](#).
- Available in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic – download it and share it widely!

Learning and innovating with ASPnet Webinar Recordings - Now online!

INFORMATION SHARING

- The recordings of ***Learning and innovating with ASPnet*** webinar sessions in three languages (EN, FR, ESP) are now [online](#)! Through these webinars, members of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) community, including education personnel, school leaders, principals, teachers and National Coordinators, gain fresh insights into issues directly relevant to their work. The sessions also provide National Coordinators, Member Institutions and their teachers with a space for the exchange of experiences and good practices and continuous learning.
- Watch and share [them](#) with your network!

UNESCO Prize for Global Citizenship Education - Award Ceremony 2025

SAVE THE DATE

- UNESCO is pleased to invite you to attend the Inaugural Prize Award Ceremony 2025. The UNESCO Prize for Global Citizenship Education (GCED) provides an exceptional global platform to promote the visibility and recognition of projects and initiatives in the field of GCED from around the world.
- The Prize ceremony will award the two 2025 laureates and their initiatives, highlight how GCED initiatives promote global understanding, inter-cultural relations, respect, and peace, in line with the

UNESCO Recommendation on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development (2023).
The ceremony will conclude with a celebratory cocktail reception.

- Date and time: 9 December 2025, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm (CET)
- Venue: Room IV, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
- Find more information about the event and to register: [here](#)
- Read about the UNESCO GCED Prize [here](#); Contact: GCEDPrize@unesco.org

Join the “Prove it Matters” campaign

INVITATION

- The “**Prove It Matters**” campaign, led by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, calls for the full implementation of commitments under the Convention on the Rights of the Child to better protect children affected by conflict. In partnership with UN entities and global child-rights organizations, the campaign invites children worldwide to learn about their rights and express their hopes for peace by writing messages to world leaders and folding them into origami peace doves, which will be displayed at the United Nations.

[Call for participation in PROVEITMATTERS campaign](#)

- UNESCO developed a lesson plan (ages 15–18) - for those who wish to contribute to this global initiative. See below!

[Prove it Matters Lesson Plan for ages 15-18](#)

[Protection of Children and Education Worksheet for ages 15-18](#)

- Please indicate your school's readiness to participate in this campaign by **15 February 2026** to s.osman@unesco.org.

Pedagogical Practices for the General History of Africa (GHA) Pedagogical Pathway

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS & EXTENDED DEADLINES

- Do you have inspiring examples of how teaching or addressing Africa’s history, cultures, and heritage help learners challenge stereotypes, engage with diverse perspectives and build inclusive education environments conducive to peace? UNESCO wants to hear from you.
- Extended deadline: Share your pedagogical practices [via this form](#) by the **16th December 2025** and contribute to the development of the UNESCO General History of Africa Pedagogical Pathway.
- A call for contributions is attached, and it includes a simplified version of the 9 Learning Units that will structure the Pedagogical Pathway for your reference.

- If you have any questions, please contact: gha@unesco.org.

Next UNESCO International Days

INFORMATION SHARING

Here are the upcoming UNESCO International days! Click the picture and discover exciting ways for your schools to participate!



Human Rights Day

10 December 2025



International Migrants Day

18 December 2025



World Arabic Language Day

18 December 2025