

#LearningPlanet Festival: TOMORROW'S EDUCATION AS SEEN BY TODAY'S YOUTH

For the International Day of Education in January 2020, UNESCO and the Learning Planet Institute celebrated learning by launching the #LearningPlanet alliance and festival. With this initiative, they aim to bring together diverse communities, around the world.

The International Day of Education was created in 2018 to promote education as a human right. In addition, it celebrates the act of learning in all its diversity, giving a voice to all those who shape education every day and to novel, transformation-driving ideas. *"The #Learning Planet alliance with UNESCO has proven to be very complementary, since we share the ambition to connect institutions with innovators on the ground to identify, co-develop using agile practices and roll out innovative learning solutions around the world, aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals,"* said Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education.

Promote education for collective solutions to the challenges facing our world today

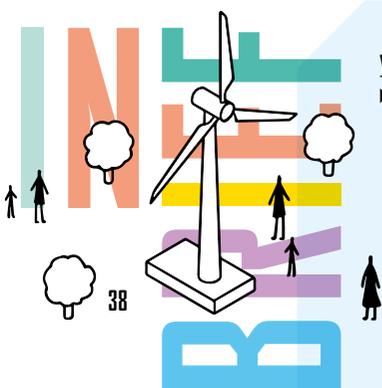
All human and social progress depends on access to education. Education's role is even more important in interdependent knowledge societies facing common challenges. It is a passport to empowerment, emancipation, and individual and collective transformation. It brings awareness. *"Education makes it easier to understand the issues and makes it possible to design fair and altruistic solutions. For this, education must be transformative. It must be a space of freedom and mutual respect that fosters critical thinking, empathy and openness to diversity,"* added Stefania Giannini.



▲ Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education

A festival attesting to strong youth engagement

The biggest takeaway of the #LearningPlanet Festival in 2021 is its outstanding participant engagement. *"Young people will co-create the future: they are incubators of solutions! The festival creates spaces for reflection and debate, where people can confront ideas, approaches and cultures to learn to work together. It's not just a hub of innovation, it's a space for learning democracy and rebuilding it according to shared, fundamental principles, such as the right to a quality education and lifelong learning and establishing education as a public and common good,"* said Stefania Giannini.



WHAT IS #LEARNINGPLANET?

► Launched in 2020 by the Learning Planet Institute and UNESCO, #LearningPlanet is a global alliance of organisations working together to shift the focus of education towards collectively solving the major challenges of our times.

WHAT CONCRETE ACTION DOES #LEARNINGPLANET TAKE?

► #LearningPlanet connects institutions (such as governments, multilateral organisations and local authorities) with innovators on the ground (such as universities, NGOs, youth movements and social entrepreneurs) to identify, co-develop and roll out the most innovative and effective learning solutions. |

