

GUIDE FOR UNESCO ASPNET AMBASSADORS

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UNESCO ASPnet Ambassadors



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1 Introduction

UNESCO ASPnet Schools Network

UNESCO ASPnet (UNESCO Associated Schools Network – ASPnet) aims to instill peace and nurture peace as an important value in the lives of students. The Network promotes the values and principles of the UNESCO Treaty and the Charter of the United Nations, which include: fundamental rights and human dignity, gender equality, social development, freedom, justice and democracy, respect for diversity and international solidarity.

As a member of ASPnet, the school is committed to supporting UNESCO's mission and implementing its global goals in teaching, learning and practical activities.

Aspnet is a global network of 11,500 educational institutions in 182 countries. The network's educational institutions offer pre-primary, primary and secondary education or teacher training.

UNESCO ASPnet Ambassadors Network

The network of Finland's UNESCO ASPnet Ambassadors (from here onwards shortened as UNESCO Ambassadors) consists of students from UNESCO ASPnet institutions. The aim of networking is to strengthen the engagement, competence and identity of UNESCO Ambassadors. The main field of action of the UNESCO Ambassadors is their own school and the planning and implementation of its UNESCO activities together with teachers and other staff. UNESCO Ambassadors also network locally, regionally, and nationally.

Purpose of the guide


This guide is primarily intended for UNESCO Ambassadors and novice Ambassadors at the UNESCO ASPnet Schools. In UNESCO ASPnet schools all students, principals, teachers, other staff, school boards and guardians should familiarise themselves with the guide.

The purpose of the guide is to help students understand the different dimensions and opportunities of the Ambassadors' activities. This allows them to focus on activities in which they can exploit their strengths and learn new things. Not everyone has to do everything. Encounters and cooperation with other UNESCO Ambassadors empower and offer new ideas for action. In this network, no one should be left alone and everyone is met with respect.

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Membership of the UNESCO Ambassador:

What does that mean?



We are committed to UNESCO's mission to **build peace** to the world.

We make **UNESCO's values and goals** visible in all our work and various projects.

Human rights and respect for human dignity, gender equality, a culture of peace and non-violence, justice and democracy, respect for diversity and international solidarity are implemented in everything we do.

We are part of a national and global community with students who share similar values. We connect, share knowledge and experience, and develop joint projects with our students in our own school and around the world.

The network of UNESCO Ambassadors is open to all UNESCO ASPnet schools' students.
Membership means voluntary commitment to promote peace, international understanding, and sustainable development.

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Membership:

What does the UNESCO Ambassador get?

I learn to know and make friends with like-minded students from my own school, local schools, Finland and the world.

I can attend seminars, community meetings and online meetings for UNESCO Ambassadors.

I learn how to plan, brainstorm and implement UN celebrations and happenings and small projects.

I can network, collaborate and make friends with students from ASPnet Partner Schools from over 180 countries around the world.

I learn new skills and the use of various applications and apps in communication.

I learn presentation, conversation and interaction skills as well as the skills to meet new people.

I develop my language skills as a UNESCO host and as I introduce our school to foreign guests.

As a general upper secondary school student, I will receive credits from being a UNESCO ambassador as agreed.

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Promise:

Tasks of the UNESCO Ambassador

As a UNESCO Ambassador, I can choose the most interesting tasks for me:

- a. **I am a UNESCO host:** I present our school and especially UNESCO activities to Finnish and foreign visitors.
- b. **I am a member of the school's UNESCO team:** I am involved in the planning and implementation of events and all of the school's UNESCO activities. I cooperate with the student board.
- c. **I tell the new UNESCO Ambassadors about UNESCO activities** at the beginning of the autumn term and guide them at their UNESCO Ambassadors' responsibilities.
- d. **I inform about our school's UNESCO activities and the activities of UNESCO Ambassadors** on social media and on my school's blog or website, for example. I take photos and make small videos of UNESCO events.
- e. **Together with my UNESCO Ambassador friends, I showcase and give presentations about UNESCO school activities in** local schools and regionally.
- f. **I participate in the meetings and webinars of the regional and national network of UNESCO Ambassadors.**
- g. **Together with other UNESCO Ambassadors, we brainstorm and implement projects that** make UNESCO's values and goals visible in the community. We visit, for example, kindergartens and elderly people's homes in the surrounding area.
- h. **I act as a mediator of all things positive, share my thoughts – and have fun!**



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Support:

Who to turn to?

The main contact person: UNESCO ASPnet Contact Teacher of Your School

Join
the WhatsApp group of the UNESCO Ambassadors' network in Finland

Take part in UNESCO Ambassadors' regional and national seminars and online meetings. Message actively!

You can also contact the national coordinators of the UNESCO Ambassadors.




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Basic information:


What materials are available?

- In Finnish: [UNESCO ASPnet schools in Finland](#) (on the website of the Finnish national agency for education)
- In Finnish: [UNESCO Schools Network](#) (on the website of the Finnish national agency for education)
- [The UNESCO Constitution](#); UNESCO 1945
- [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#); UN 1948
- [Transforming the world – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#); UN 2015
- [Education 2030 – Incheon Declaration and Framework for Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4](#); UNESCO 2015
- [Recommendation on training in international understanding, cooperation and peace and training on human rights and fundamental freedoms](#); UNESCO 1974

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