



The UNESCO Learning City Award 2021

Application form for cities



Introduction

The biennial UNESCO Learning City Awards recognize UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) members who have demonstrated significant progress in enhancing education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. No more than one city per country can receive the UNESCO Learning City Award in any given award round. The next UNESCO Learning City Award will be conferred in October 2021 during the fifth International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC). A concept note with more details on the selection criteria is available [here](#), as well as a shorter [brochure](#).

Any member city of the UNESCO GNLC wishing to apply for the UNESCO Learning City Award 2021 must submit the following documents to its country's National Commission for UNESCO:

- The award **application form** and **consent form**.
- **Five high-resolution photos** (original, uncompressed and not resized) depicting learning city actions. Each photo must be accompanied by a short description as well as copyright information.
- Any additional materials (articles, videos, etc.).

Please note that cities must submit their application forms to their countries' National Commissions for UNESCO¹ by **25 June 2021**, copying in the coordination team of the UNESCO GNLC, at learningcities@unesco.org. After reviewing the applications, National Commissions will nominate a maximum of two cities from each country for the award. National Commissions will send an award nomination form along with the city's award application and consent form plus any supporting documents to the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning by **16 July 2021**.

Please note that National Commissions and UIL may request additional documents and records from your city if necessary.

If you have any queries, please contact:

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¹ Please find a list of the National Commissions for UNESCO at <http://en.unesco.org/countries/national-commissions>.

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Application Form

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Date received:

Part 1: Basic information on your city

Your city

Name of city: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country: Click or tap here to enter text.

Official city website address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Year of joining the UNESCO GNLC: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mayor

Ms Mr

First name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Surname: Click or tap here to enter text.

Exact official title: Click or tap here to enter text.

City Hall postal address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Postcode: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person for the UNESCO Learning City Award 2021

Ms Mr

First name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Surname: Click or tap here to enter text.

Exact official title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Postcode: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone number (including country code): Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Part 2: The city's overall strategy for developing into a learning city

Based on the [Guidelines for Building Learning Cities](#), please illustrate your city's overall strategy and innovative mechanisms for developing into a learning city by answering the questions below. To the extent possible, please provide concrete numbers to support your city's achievements.

1. **Progress of your learning city plan (max. 400 words)**

- A. Outline the medium- and long-term objectives of your learning city plan and provide concrete details on how your city has progressed towards these goals.
- B. How is your city integrating aspects of (1) education for sustainable development, (2) education for global citizenship, (3) entrepreneurship, (4) equity and Inclusion, (5) educational Planning and Monitoring, (6) health and Well-Being, and (7) literacy.

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2. **Specific roles and responsibilities of the coordinated structure (e.g. committees) involving all stakeholders (max. 250 words)**

- A. Please provide details about how roles and responsibilities have been assigned to your city's core learning city team, committees, forums and other stakeholders, and describe concrete activities taken by them. Importantly, please include information about mechanisms your city has put in place to maintain these roles and responsibilities, ensuring their sustainability over a period of time.
- B. Please provide detailed information on joined networks and alliances your city has established with other cities (i.e. through national and/or international partnership, mentorship and/or peer to peer learning).

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3. **Mobilizing and utilizing resources (max. 250 words)**

- A. How is your city increasing the mobilization and utilization of monetary and non-monetary resources to build a learning city, particularly through partnerships involving the public and private sectors and civil society?
- B. Please provide concrete examples, including your city's innovative approaches in mobilizing these resources.

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4. **Ensuring that learning is accessible to all citizens (max. 400 words)**

- A. Describe the distinctive and major initiatives, policies, strategies, partnerships and/or projects and approaches your city has initiated that (1) improved access to lifelong learning, (2) responded to the learning needs of various groups, especially marginalized and underprivileged groups, and (3) addressed the local barriers to participate in learning.
- B. How does your city keep citizens informed about the learning opportunities taking place (e.g. through community-based learning spaces, with maps of learning provision in the city, with digital technologies, mobile learning apps)?

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5. Celebratory events to promote and maintain the process of building a learning city (max. 250 words)

- A. How is your city organizing and supporting distinct public events and initiatives that encourage and celebrate learning? Please provide detailed information on innovative celebratory events that promoted active engagement of organizations and people, particularly of vulnerable groups and individuals, including women and youth.
- B. Outline the changes the events have made in your city's process of becoming a learning city (please provide concrete numbers).

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6. Mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the development of the learning city (max. 250 words)

- A. How is your city monitoring and evaluating the progress of becoming a learning city (evaluation team, qualitative reporting, quantitative reporting, consultative meetings, external evaluation, etc.)?
- B. What are the key performance indicators/mechanisms of your city and how are they related to the *Key Features of Learning Cities* and/or the UN Sustainable Development Goals?
- C. Please provide detailed information on major initiatives that effectively contributed to improving your key performance indicators.

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7. Learning city best practice (max. 250 words)

- A. Please provide detailed information on your city's best and/or innovative practices in the scope of the learning city project.
- B. What are the main impacts of these best practices on your city's social, cultural, environmental and economic development?

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Date received:

To: The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)

On behalf of my city, I agree as follows:

- I. The reports and photos I have submitted may be shared with others and presented on the internet and in publications and other materials, on the understanding that they will be fully acknowledged and credited to my city.
- II. UIL has my city's permission to use any statements and quotes my city makes in its entry for the award, during the award ceremony or in any other materials related to the award and the promotion of lifelong learning.
- III. UIL will not be liable to my city for any distorting or misleading effect resulting from the publication of my city's name, picture, report or likeness.
- IV. No fees or revenues are payable by UIL to my city or any third party in connection with the above granting of rights.
- V. Any materials submitted will not be returned.
- VI. This agreement does not oblige UIL to use any of the materials I have submitted.

In my capacity as mayor/ municipal representative, I warrant to UIL that:

- I. The report submitted is original and reflects the real situation of my city.
- II. The statements made in the submission, interview, filming or other recording pursuant to this agreement are expressions of my city's current experience and belief. I agree to notify UIL of any changes in this regard.
- III. To the best of my knowledge, the materials and ancillary materials of my city's entry will not violate any right of, or duty owed to, any third party.
- IV. I am under no legal or contractual disability to grant the rights above on behalf of my city.
- V. I accept that the jury's decision is final.

I hereby release UIL and UNESCO subsidiaries, affiliates, licensees and assignees of all liability to my city of any nature arising out of any use or uses of the material.

Date:

Signature of city's mayor or official representative:
