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Join the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities!

Applications are open from
15 May to 15 June 2025

Cities are key to transforming education and societies.

UNESCO learning cities across the globe make lifelong learning a reality. Whether they are megacities or smaller urban areas, all of them show how learning opportunities empower citizens of all ages when suitable policies and programmes are put in place.

UNESCO learning cities enhance individual empowerment and social inclusion, economic development and cultural action, as well as sustainable development.

356
UNESCO learning
cities in
79
countries
power
lifelong learning
for their citizens.





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**The UNESCO
Global Network of
Learning Cities is
an international
policy-oriented
network providing
inspiration, know-
how and best
practice.**

**UNESCO GNLC
members benefit
from:**

- sharing of lifelong learning policies and practices;
- production and exchange of knowledge on key challenges and solutions;
- capacity-building and training initiatives;
- joint work on key issues such as education for sustainable development, equity and inclusion or health and well-being;
- participating in global events such as the International Conference on Learning Cities.

UNESCO learning cities promote lifelong learning for all.

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- ✓ effectively mobilize resources in every sector to promote inclusive learning, from basic to higher education;
- ✓ revitalize learning in families and communities;
- ✓ facilitate learning for and in the workplace;
- ✓ extend the use of modern learning technologies;
- ✓ enhance quality and excellence in learning;
- ✓ foster a culture of learning throughout life;

... in the spirit of dialogue and international cooperation.





How to apply!

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Detailed information, including
the application form, can be found
at:
<https://www.uil.unesco.org/en/learning-cities>

Applications must be submitted
to the UNESCO National
Commission in your country for
endorsement and submission to
the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong
Learning.

National Commissions for UNESCO
are invited to submit up to three
city membership applications no
later than 15 July 2025.



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