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NEWS ON THE POLITICAL WORK IN FAVOR OF ECCE

As I have informed, **UNESCO**, together with other organizations and several CSOs, is carrying out a process to define the Agenda for Early Childhood Care and Education, called “**Inclusive and Innovative Dialogue towards a Global Coalition Strategy**”.

OMEPE has been actively participating in this process since it began.

This journey started with the webinar “**Ensuring quality of learning and well-being for young children in the context of the COVID-19**”, held on July 15, 2020. Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, Special Envoy for Literacy and Development at UNESCO, suggested that UNESCO organize this Dialogue in order to develop joint work for an ECCE Global Strategy. This initiative is related to the **Global Education Coalition** launched by UNESCO, which brings together more than 140 associated institutions. The webinar gathered more than 1200 participants representing national authorities, ECCE professionals and partners. OMEPE's World Presidency made a presentation during this event.

From that point, a roadmap was drawn to create engagement and a global advocacy strategy for ECCE. In the last months of 2020, UNESCO, in collaboration with its partners, has given some key steps:

UNESCO organized a drafting group for the strategy to write a document on the Global Partnership Strategy (GPS) for ECCE. UNICEF was invited to participate, since it is the leader organization monitoring goal 4.2 of SDG 4. Its role is to co-direct the consultation process and mobilize partners as well as other important organizations, universities and NGOs.

The tasks of the drafting group were: a) to identify and document the main challenges, actions and good practices; b) to mobilize member states, partners and key actors to defend ECCE; and c) to make a draft of the GPS and select its components.

OMEPE is a member of the drafting group for the strategy, represented by me, as World President, Lisbeth Gouin and Danièle Perruchon, as permanent representatives of OMEPE at UNESCO, Ingrid Engdhal, as Regional Vicepresident of Europe, and Ingrid Pramling, as OMEPE's Past-president and Professor of Early Childhood Education and Sustainable Development at Gothenburg University.

We have participated in the drafting process and in several technical meetings, where discussions were held and OMEPE has not always agreed on views regarding ECCE. Nevertheless, we have been able to include OMEPE's initiative on the **DECADE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND CARE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD** in the work of the group and in the document. A great achievement!!!

On January 28, 2021, UNESCO called a **High Level Session**, where ministers, policymakers and international agency chiefs participated and interacted in an open dialogue about strategic priorities for ECCE.



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This event included virtual workshops, presentations and online discussions, where OMEP's Presidency had the opportunity to present our ideas.

At the moment, this work is still under way and, during the following months, we need to strengthen our proposal and action plan in order to achieve real and effective progress to guarantee human rights in early childhood.

We will remain in touch.

Keep safe and healthy!

Best regards for each of you.

Mercedes

- **UNESCO meeting:** "Advancing the Early Childhood Agenda: Inclusive Innovative Global Partnership Strategy". December 16th, 2020.
Youtube: <https://youtu.be/CDrt5xzOHvU>
- **UNESCO meeting:** "Advancing the early childhood agenda: inclusive innovative dialogue". January 28th, 2021.
Youtube: <https://youtu.be/Y9g7Ix9NMbg>

We share some news for the months of December 2020 and January 2021

1. **DECLARATION from the Virtual OMEP World Assembly on November 28, 2020. THE ROLE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DURING THE PANDEMIC**
<https://www.facebook.com/300436806775379/posts/1893770557441988/>
2. **END OF YEAR MESSAGE: THE YEAR 2020, COVID-19 AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS VACCINE**
Youtube: <https://youtu.be/EL6D65UHR2E>
3. **PARTICIPATIONS OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT**
 - **VI International Good *Buen Comienzo* "Early Childhood and World Citizenship"**. Conference "Keys to think about the future of early childhood education". Medellín, Colombia. December 9, 2020.
Facebook: <https://fb.watch/2gSPTYBYn5/>
 - **10th International Conference "Early Childhood Care and Education" (ECCE 2020 Digital)**. Moscow, Russia. December 10, 2020.
Youtube: https://youtu.be/PQPQV_K05oA
 - **The International Education and Skills Summit (TIESS)**. Session title : Where should we start when developing social and emotional learning? How might we bring technology and social and emotional learning together and find a helpful balance between them? Organised by: India Didactics Association and Education World ForumBESA, Cellcove Ltd. January 29, 2021
Link: <https://virtual.tiess.online/community/#/session-stream/35867>
4. **ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**



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- **UN - NGO Committee on Migration.** Maria Pia Belloni subscribed on behalf of OMEP to the Charter for the United States Mission on Climate Displacement.
Link: <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=8093208e6abb2fb927fe1267f&id=635363765e>
- **Side session co-organized by OMEP, to be held in the framework of the 59th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD59).** United Nations Headquarters, New York. February 17, 2021. Coordination: María Pía Belloni. The event will be virtual, in English and requires prior registration:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgf-iupjwH9xNsrDVm6OdNtfAuRR7u8SD>
- **UNESCO - 2020 Report NGOs in solidarity with the pandemic.** OMEP participated in this important report through its representatives Lisbeth Gouin and Danièle Perruchon.
<http://blog.ngo-unesco.net/index.php/2020/12/15/projet-dun-reseau-de-solidarite-dong-parternaires-de-lunesco-face-au-covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR0PZ8gbA1X6ljFkvGmctpYG4baN5j1EGGHfCvR3dYLORwNRIYtQuBMhNBc>
Document in French:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cTFBI6lswRFynaUhYEG9JG1CUB2Onp9g/view?usp=sharing>

5. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKING

- **States' Human Rights Obligations Regarding Public Services: The United Nations Normative Framework.** December 2020.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/300436806775379/posts/1838637602955284/>
The documents are available in several languages:
https://www.gi-escr.org/publications/states-human-rights-obligations-regarding-public-services-the-united-nations-normative-framework?fbclid=IwAR3qOBrBlpDufZNAiUI0JxLNvXatFDGa5juKfPP_P-Dfw49OsUbmKA6Ycwg
- **Project "Sowing life, cultivating hope for Ñuke Mapu: Mother Earth",** award for Education for Sustainable Development in Early Childhood "My Backyard is the World" organized by OMEP LATIN AMERICA and Fundación Arcor. December 2020.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/411217386753610>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CJbmTXgn7ye/>
- **Call for applications for the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the use of ICTs in education.** December 2020.
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/photos/a.303438693141857/1850460095106368/>
- **January 24: International Education Day. "Rights from the beginning".** For quality early childhood education and care without discrimination. Education is a human right, a public good and a collective responsibility. January 2021.
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/photos/a.303438693141857/1881335968685447/>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CKaYs3fHP5J/>
- **"The One Billion Voices Campaign" of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE).** January 2021.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/511948163109851>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CKeGx-uMlqi/>
Info: <https://campaignforeducation.org/en/one-billion-voices/>
- **ABIDJAN PRINCIPLES AND OMEP "RIGHTS FROM THE START" (video 1).** January 2021.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/516502675994897>
www.omepworld.org - Mail: worldpresidency@worldomep.org - worldsecretaryv@worldomep.org



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→ **The Alternatives Project (TAP)**. Adherence to the Declaration. January 2021.

Link: <https://www.thealternativesproject.org/spanish?lang=es>

6. WEB

The OMEP website www.worldomep.org is reported to have some operational problems. We are currently working hard on the development of a new and user-friendly website for computers, tablets and cellphones. By the end of February we hope to have it online.

OMEP BLOG “Rights from the star ”

Space for the reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great specialists around the world. **SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!**

→ **“The Toy Library”** - Lilian Oloo

<https://omepworld.org/the-toy-library-lilian-ooloo/>

→ **“Pedagogy of the Puppet: animation theater as a significant tool for early childhood education- Matteo Corbucci”**- Matteo Corbucci

<https://omepworld.org/pedagogy-of-the-puppet-animation-theater-as-a-significant-tool-for-early-childhood-education-matteo-corbucci/>

→ **“The year 2020, covid-19 and the human rights vaccine”**- Mercedes Mayol Lassalle

<https://omepworld.org/the-year-2020-covid-19-and-the-human-rights-vaccine-mercedes-mayol-lassalle/>

→ **“Diversity, fragmentation and inequality: an analysis of care and education in early childhood”** – Adrián Rozengardt

<https://omepworld.org/diversity-fragmentation-and-inequality-an-analysis-of-care-and-education-in-early-childhood-adrian-rozengardt/>

NEW PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

We welcome the new Presidents:

- ★ Japón: Nobuko Kamigaichi (2020)
- ★ Corea: Soonhwan Kim (2020)
- ★ USA: Ebony Cray (2020)
- ★ Ucrania: Tatiana Kovaleva (2020)
- ★ Irlanda: Mary Moloney (2020)
- ★ Hong Kong-China: Amelia Lee (2020)
- ★ Bulgaria: Rozalina Engels- Kritidis (2021)

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Important Dates

AWARD COMPETITION OMEP-ESD

The OMEP ESD leadership team kindly reminds you that **March 8** is the deadline for applying for the OMEP ESD Awards.

We are interested in what ESD initiatives that are going on around the world related to early childhood education for sustainability.

However, because of the ongoing pandemic, we don't know if there will be any travelling in 2021.

In 2020, we arranged OMEP ESD Webinars around the awarded projects, and there are more ways to spread good projects.

12th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD COMPETITION

Deadline: **8 March 2021**

Send your proposal as an attachment to the email address of:

Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson: ingrid.pramling@ped.gu.se and Glynne Mackey:

glynne.mackey@canterbury.ac.nz

Queries must be sent to both email addresses.

ANNOUNCING THE 3rd EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) STUDENT AWARD COMPETITION -

Deadline: **8 March 2021**

Send your proposal as an attachment to the email address of: Judith Wagner: jwagner@whittier.edu and Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic: adrijana.vjevtic@ufzg.hr Inquiries must be sent to both email addresses.

COLOR YOUR RIGHTS

Project Call: COLOR YOUR RIGHTS

until **April 30, 2021**

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INTERNAL CONVOCATORY OMEP- Global Team of Volunteer Translators

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP ideas and actions on our website, blog and social media we are creating a group of volunteers to support with post translations, short articles, statements and videos.

If you would like to be part of the Global Team of Volunteer Translators, please register on the form: <https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST



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- ❑ UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development
<https://en.unesco.org/events/ESDfor2030>