



HEAR HOW PROFESSIONAL GROWTH NETWORKS SUPPORT THEIR MEMBERS!





SASKATCHEWAN ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

At the Saskatchewan Art Education Association, our goal is to promote quality art education to art educators. We are the official connection to the Canadian Society for Education through Art. Through them and other valuable connections, we learn about many amazing opportunities to attend conferences, apply for grants, and take part in organizing and attending art exhibitions.

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By becoming a member of the SAEA professional growth network, you will be supported by a network of dedicated art educators. We help facilitate connections to professional artists, provide resources and offer a variety of professional development experiences. This year has taught us that a virtual presence can better support rural educators, and we aim to continue offering a variety of options.

We host a conference in early fall that has a variety of workshops intended to support K to 12 art educators. We invite professional artists to guide us through their practices, and we provide an art-making experience you can take back to your classroom. Our members workshop different lessons by sharing the work they do in their own classrooms. These workshop experiences are archived for our members to access, and we have a collection of amazing art resources to share with our members. "Connection has been the greatest thing I have gained by being a member of the SAEA. Connection to local artists, art teachers at all levels and post-secondary educators. Being a part of the SAEA has given me many opportunities to participate in practical, hands-on learning opportunities. The workshops, both in-person and online, have been excellent and have generated many art projects for my students. We have worked in a variety of different media, styles and genres. I have often gone back to their website for further resources or just as a reminder of one of the presentations I have seen in the past. I appreciate the low cost and short time commitment of these workshops as well as the connection to this art community."

– Bridget Osika

<u>www.saskart.ca</u> @skarteducators



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SASKATCHEWAN BUSINESS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Saskatchewan Business Teachers' Association is a provincial organization that presents a strong, united voice for business education issues in Saskatchewan.

The SBTA is directed by executive members. Members consist of practicing educators, associated members and superannuated teachers. These people are dedicated to preparing, providing and supporting quality business education programs.

Resources are available on our website and Facebook page. SBTA meets annually for a student case competition and teacher conference. "SBTA has offered me the support and confidence to teach the new Financial Literacy 20 and 30."

"The SBTA annual conference provides incredible learning opportunities for my students and quality resources for teachers."

"Belonging to this PGN provides me with regular professional development opportunities as well as incredible friendships."

<u>sbtaonline.ca</u>







SASKATCHEWAN DRAMA ASSOCIATION

At the Saskatchewan Drama Association, membership means more than just belonging to another organization. As a professional growth network, SDA provides the following benefits for you!

- Free, unlimited borrowing of all drama and arts curricular and extracurricular resources and thousands of one-act plays, full-length plays, musicals, monologues, readers theatre, improv and more! Check out the Mary Ellen Burgess Library on our website.
- Member rates for conferences.

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- Access to student programs such as the SDA/ SMFA Spoken Word E-Festival, SDA Playwriting Competition and workshops.
- Free curricular and extracurricular workshops and access programs, i.e., New Initiative Grant and Diversity Grant.
- Free professional development for directors, writers, festival participants, hosts and adjudicators.
- Access to unique programs, i.e., Regional, Middle Years, Provincial and Virtual Theatre Festival. These are uniquely developed for Saskatchewan participants.
- Free access to all SDA publications including Drama Llama Newsletter.
- Email questions to our office to answer your drama-related questions.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Drama mentorship programs.
- Active members have free access to Saskatchewan Playwrights Centre's (SPC) programs and services.

"Membership in the Saskatchewan Drama Association is valuable because it allows us to collaborate with like-minded professionals, assist students in pursuing their passion for drama and promote the cause of the arts in Saskatchewan. The SDA and its festivals and programs are inclusive and accessible to all students and provide valuable learning opportunities for students and teachers alike. The SDA also offers many workshops and grants to help teachers develop their skills in various aspects of theatre. My involvement with the SDA has made me a better director and teacher and allows me to provide greater benefit for my students."

> – Tanith Wallebeck English and Visual Art Teacher, Paradise Hill

www.saskdrama.com



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SASKATCHEWAN HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Saskatchewan Home Economics Teachers' Association professional growth network provides leadership and advocacy to strengthen, enrich and promote quality home economics education in Saskatchewan. Through engagement in professional communication and consultation with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, Ministry of Education and post-secondary institutions, we strive to encourage the development of skills for life at all levels of the educational system.

SHETA supports all home economics teachers in the province through resource sharing, mentorship and professional learning opportunities, and advocates on behalf of our members to prioritize home economics education in Saskatchewan. "The benefits of membership with SHETA are too many to name in this one testimonial. SHETA gives home economics teachers in our province a connection to each other that would not exist otherwise. As a PAA teacher. this is the most valuable resource available to me. The professional growth network is chaired and run by exceptional teachers dedicated to their practice and are always open to expanding their knowledge. Often home economics can be overlooked or mocked in the world of teaching. SHETA members know in their hearts that home economics is the most valuable, fun and accessible knowledge you can share with students. This unique insight alone will carry these valuable courses in our province for years to come, with many teachers to shoulder the workload of advocacy and strengthened practices.

The SHETA PGN is undoubtedly one of the best-run boards in public education in the province. They host an annual conference, share resources and connect with their members on many digital platforms. Any teacher can readily access resources and support through their SHETA membership. I am always excited to tell people I am a home economics teacher and a proud SHETA member."

> – Levay Turner Northern Lights School Division

www.sheta.ca



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SASKATCHEWAN MATHEMATICS TEACHERS' SOCIETY

Who are we?

The Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers' Society professional growth network is a diverse group of people who are passionate about the teaching and learning of mathematics. Our membership includes teachers and administrators, as well as pre-service teachers and post-secondary faculty.

What do we do?

We support the teaching of mathematics in the 21st century. By hosting conferences and online professional development opportunities, supporting research and development, and funding special interest initiatives through monetary grants, we aim to foster growth, communication and exchange of ideas among mathematics teachers in our province.

How do we support teachers?

We offer an annual conference for educators teaching at all levels, virtual professional development workshops and an award-winning journal, *The Variable*, and are looking to expand our range of supports in response to the needs of our members.

Where can I learn more?

Find out more information about our network at www.smts.ca. Follow us on Twitter at @SMTSca.

Why become a member of the SMTS?

To be a part of a growing group of engaged and diverse individuals who are passionate about the teaching and learning of mathematics. We look forward to continuing to support mathematics teachers in various ways and hope you join our fantastic and supportive membership.

How do I become a member?

Choose us as your free professional growth network.

"As an elementary school teacher, I used to feel there was no need to join SMTS or attend their conference. I was finally convinced to try the SUM conference and was blown away. It has become a comfortable place for me to go if I have questions about teaching math or dealing with math concepts. The SUM conference had so much for all levels of teachers with all levels of experience. Membership in the SMTS is much more than a conference; it is a connected group of mathematics educators."

<u>www.smts.ca</u> @SMTSca







SASKATCHEWAN MIDDLE YEARS ASSOCIATION

The Saskatchewan Middle Years Association professional growth network has over 20 years of experience hosting conferences with powerful keynote speakers, diverse trade shows and breakouts/ speed learning sessions across all subject areas. Our dedicated executive plans networking/professional development opportunities and shares resources with educators in the middle.

We are unique in our connection to the Association for Middle Level Education. AMLE has over 35,000 members worldwide who are passionate about adolescent education. It is the go-to source for peer-reviewed research, best practice and professional development.

When you sign up to be a member of SMYA, you will automatically be entered into a bonus draw. In October, 150 lucky SMYA members will be drawn to receive access to AMLE memberships! "The SMYA is a valuable PGN since it's not subject specific but designed for the crazy middle years grades. I have been part of this high energy organization for 20 plus years, attending the annual conference on a regular basis, contributing to and utilizing many ideas in the journal."

– Teresa Cowan

"With 20 years of holding an SMYA membership, I've been able to make meaningful relationships with other like-minded teachers from around the province. Having opportunities to network outside the classroom and learn valuable strategies helps renew the love of our job every year."

– Andrew Longstaff

www.smya.ca

Joining SMYA will give you access to:

SMYA (FOR ALL MEMBERS)	AMLE (FOR 150 LUCKY MEMBERS)
• Digital In the Middle	• Weekly webinars
journals with resources, lesson plans and activities across all subject areas	 21 self-paced, on-demand online courses
• Virtual/in-person events	 Virtual book studies Virtual workshops and conferences Digital resources, articles and <i>Focus on the Middle</i> journals
• Schultz Grant	
 President's Award 	
• Teaching from the Heart	
 Emails regarding professional development opportunities and classroom activities in Saskatchewan 	







SASKATCHEWAN MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Saskatchewan Music Educators Association is a charitable, non-profit cultural association and professional growth network for teachers and province-wide music educators. We provide our members with current news, links to events and high-quality music programs to enhance students' music education.

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Our mission is to promote the development of high standards of music and music education. We do this by exchanging information and ideas with those interested in music. SMEA sponsors conferences, workshops, clinics and other means of music development, information and vision.

We are a volunteer-run organization and professional growth network who believes in community involvement and universal participation through leadership, membership, volunteers and access to organizational program and services. We also sponsor the teacher professional development days at Resonate and support several special projects and member organizations such as Carl Orff - Saskatchewan Chapter, Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers and the Saskatchewan Suzuki Piano Association. We also support Heart of the City Piano and Violin Program in Saskatoon and Regina. SMEA member benefits:

- SMC Discounted access to the annual Saskatchewan Music Conference.
- PGN Proud to be affiliated with the Federation as a professional growth network.
- Resources Access to current music education resources for your classroom.
- Professional Development Funding Provide our members with supplemental funding to attend various professional development opportunities.
- Tell Me Thursdays Provide a free, monthly webinar on current hot topics to increase professional development.
- Workshops Members are able to apply for funding to bring special workshops into your own school!
- Networking Connect with teachers across the province to share ideas and resources.
- Honour Groups/Junior Intermediate Band Enrichment opportunities for band and choral students.

www.saskmea.ca





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SASKATCHEWAN OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

SaskOutdoors is a non-profit organization and professional growth network dedicated to encouraging educators and people who participate in outdoor recreation to practice and teach environmental responsibility. Becoming a member of SaskOutdoors provides multiple benefits including:

- Access to discounted professional development opportunities and funding (Project Wet/Wild/Below Zero).
- Outdoor skill development opportunities (canoeing/ bushcraft/wilderness first aid).
- Lending library of resources and specialized gear (snowshoes/tents/books).
- Grant program to fund outdoor opportunities and events within your community or school.
- Provincial network of supportive and knowledgeable outdoor enthusiasts eager to help you take your students outdoors, across all grades, subject areas, seasons, environments and skill levels.

www.saskoutdoors.org







SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL BASED LEADERS

The Saskatchewan School Based Leaders is the professional growth network designed to support school-based administrators in our province. Our objectives include promotion and awareness of the role of school-based leaders and providing a forum for effective communication between members and the Federation.

We aim to examine issues that impact the role and workload of school-based leaders, while remaining current with research that has implications for leadership in education. This year we have been trying to support and bring recognition to the impacts that COVID has had on schools through Admin Chat via Zoom meetings. These chats have been very effective in having perspectives shared from around the province. In the past couple of years, we held workshops that add value to leadership development. For example, a one-day workshop with a focus on Legal Issues in Education.

Also noteworthy is our affiliation with the Canadian Association of Principals with a designated position on the CAP executive, which brings a Saskatchewan view to the national organization of educational administrators.

We welcome administrators and those seeking administrative roles to be involved in our network.

www.ssbl.ca

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SASKATCHEWAN SPECIAL EDUCATORS NETWORK

The Saskatchewan Special Educators Network, formerly known as the Saskatchewan Council for Exceptional Children, is in the process of creating a new website and logo for our professional growth network. You could win \$200 if we chose the logo you create! Email laraolynick@hotmail.com for further details.

In January 2021, we changed our name and are in the process of getting our network organized. Following is our vision and mission statements. We would love new members to bring new ideas to support our special education networks!

Our Vision:

To ensure teachers of exceptional students have a networking community.

Our Mission:

To educate, recognize and support new and experienced general/special education teachers by sharing and providing resources and/or professional development while valuing and celebrating our exceptional students.

The areas of focus of our network are:

- Networking.
- Access to and sharing Saskatchewan resources.
- Professional growth with a focus on university students, but not limited to that group.
- Supporting our youth with awards, scholarships, camp support, etc.
- Partnership with other agencies with like interests.





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SASKATCHEWAN TEACHERS OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

The Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technology professional growth network provides many different opportunities to our members and the teaching community at large. We provide many opportunities for connection within our network's membership and provide advocacy for all hands-on learning that occurs in the province. We offer opportunities to connect to other members, advocate and promote your craft.

The main benefit to our network is all of the professional development opportunities, from first access to conventions to free virtual professional development and a variety of meet ups occurring around the province. We always have something for you and to help you feel at home, not only as a practical and applied arts teacher, but in education. "After nearly 20 years of teaching senior sciences, I made the switch to teaching practical and applied arts and attended the STAT convention in the fall of my first year for some much-needed professional development. Walking into the sessions that weekend, I'll admit I was feeling a bit intimidated being surrounded by expert PAA teachers and people with trades backgrounds. My experience could not have been a more positive one. The sharing of skills and knowledge, as well as a welcoming, relaxed environment, allowed me to walk out of there that weekend feeling confident in what I had learned, but also knowing that I had started to build a network of contacts that I could turn to for support. Joining STAT is a great decision for any PAA teacher, and the annual convention is amazing professional development, both in terms of quality and value."

> – Dave P. PAA Teacher and Administrator

www.saskstat.ca



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SASKATCHEWAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

SK TEAL is an organization dedicated to the teaching of English as an Additional Language in Saskatchewan. One of the professional growth networks supported by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, its aim is to provide professional development opportunities and promote appropriate training for educators working with EAL learners at the Pre-K to Grade 12 levels, as well as those interested in EAL in the community, and to support the creation of materials and curricula that will effectively support EAL learners. Benefits of SK TEAL membership:

- Networking opportunities and professional support.
- A way to raise awareness and encourage discussion about TEAL in the K-12 sector.
- Access to current research in our field.
- Professional development (inservice, workshops, additional training, staff development).
- Opportunities to play a leadership role in developing policy to enhance the quality of programming in our schools.
- Encouragement for EAL teachers to support research and facilitate projects of benefit to students, the community and teachers.
- A chance to recognize excellence in TEAL in our community.
- Membership in the SK TEAL professional growth network is now free!

www.skteal.com



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SOCIAL STUDIES SASKATCHEWAN

Social Studies Saskatchewan is a professional growth network that supports social studies, history, law and psychology teachers in the province to build cross-curricular competencies. This is done through unique and effective professional development, sharing of successful practices, and celebrating excellent teaching. SSS works with teacher organizations across Canada to advocate for social studies education and to provide multiple supports for humanities teachers.

Another important benefit of membership is taking part in the annual conference which connects teachers to resources, other organizations and leaders in the field.

Membership in SSS provides access to professional development, as well as regular emails providing updates about events and suggestions about resources that can be easily integrated into the classroom. Members can apply for a teacher travel grant to support their professional learning and can have their students apply for a SSS scholarship. Most importantly, Social Studies Saskatchewan provides a network for teachers. Consistently, SSS receives teacher feedback showing appreciation for multiple opportunities to network with other teachers. "I greatly appreciate the support that SSS has provided me over the years. Their conferences are the best."

– Margo Campbell, Regina teacher

"During my career, I benefitted tremendously from my membership with the SSS. Being a member ensures you receive information about many professional development opportunities available to teachers."

I would encourage everyone who teaches social studies, history, psychology, law, etc., to take out their own membership with the SSS."

– Larry Mikulcik, Superannuate

"My own pedagogy evolved and improved because of the opportunities to participate in SSS conferences featuring the likes of Tim Cook, Gwynne Dyer, Valentina Kuryliw, Blake Seward and Bill Waiser. The opportunity to network with other teachers provides us with the chance to discuss challenges and to share the means by which we tackle those challenges."

www.socialstudiessk.ca





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SASKATCHEWAN UNESCO ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS PROJECT NETWORK

The Saskatchewan UNESCO ASPnet professional growth network provides a forum for the promotion of UNESCO ideals, as well as opportunities to work on projects with like-minded teachers and schools.

As a start, the UNESCO Schools Toolkit provides lessons and resources tailored to specific topics and grades. As a member of the Saskatchewan UNESCO ASPnet, teachers have access to a wealth of K-12 resources in both French and English on curricula linked to our four themes of study: Global Citizenship, Peace, Sustainable Development and Intercultural Learning.

UNESCO school members are regularly invited to partake in live-stream video conferences, campaigns and webinars, both national and international in scope. Some examples are TrashHack, Girls and Women in STEM, Big Data Challenge, and World's Largest Lesson.

Should your school decide to pursue membership in the national network, you would join ranks with over 11,000 other institutions around the world. This would provide access to national and international projects, collaboration and competitions. "Many opportunities have been realized for students and staff of Hafford Central School because of our association with the Saskatchewan UNESCO Schools. Students have attended youth conferences in Winnipeg, Olds and even Japan. Teachers have been able to partake in training and conferences as well, in places like Victoria, Ottawa, Toronto and even Rabat, Morocco. While there, both groups were able to share, create networks, collaborate, and exchange ideas related to topics of sustainability, cultural awareness and human rights, among others. Other opportunities with virtual webinars, presentations and contests all build on the UNESCO themes and enhance our learning and teaching."

– Larissa, Hafford Central School

en.ccunesco.ca

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Professional Development Opportunities

- CTF Social Justice Seminar CTF Social Justice Resource Repository. https://drive.google.com/ file/d/1lvA7At1en1Wukhyf5J4sobqlZQ4oHa2r/view
- 2. Futures of Education UNESCO Presentation
- The Global Centre for Pluralism is hoping to identify a few more public high schools to participate in a pilot project on a Reflection Tool for Schools on Pluralism. This is a followup to CCUNESCO's work with them on anti-racism. https://www.pluralism.ca/what-we-do-2/education/ talking-racism/
- 4. Mission: Protect Our Oceans Exhibit Launch and Winners Announcement! Coinciding with the World Oceans Day celebrations and the high-level launch of the Ocean Decade, during the First International Ocean Decade Conference, NSERC, CCUNESCO and Little Inventors hosted a virtual event on June 8, 2021. During this event, the Little Inventors – Mission: Protect Our Oceans online exhibit was launched, and winners of the Little Inventors oceans challenge were announced.
- 5. Taking Action to Address Anti-Black Racism in Canadian Schools (virtual discussion)
- 6. UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)
- 7. One Step Back, Two Steps Forward: Human Dignity Post-COVID Conference
- 60th Anniversary of the Convention Against Discrimination in Education, Call for Participation

 Say no to discrimination in education!
- 9. 50th Anniversary of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme
- 10. Symposium: ReconciliACTION: Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Within the UNESCO Schools Network and Beyond
- 11. Holodomor Education, Middle and Senior Years Educator Workshop
- 12. Every Child Matters: Reconciliation through Education. National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation resources. https://nctr.ca/education/
- 13. Invitation to Spirit Bear and Children Make History virtual film screening

Resources

- 1. Reconciliation
 - Learn about residential schools through Canadian Geographic's Pathways to Reconciliation Project. Download the teachers' guide to help you navigate this hard history.
 - Commemorate National Indigenous History Month in June.
 - Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.
 - Get informed about Indigenous Peoples that live in your region of Canada through the **Wapikoni Teachers Guide**.
 - Seek to build relationships and better understand Indigenous Peoples in your region of Canada by learning a greeting in their **Indigenous language**.
 - Be inspired by the work of the UNESCO school, Bernard Allison High School in Eskasoni, Nova Scotia, by viewing its music and video project, **Gentle Warrior**.
 - Review the **Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action** or be inspired by the work of a UNESCO school, École Laura Secord School in Winnipeg, where Grades 4 to 6 students reviewed and interpreted the **94 calls to action in child-friendly language**.
 - Participate in **Orange Shirt Day** on September 30.
 - Participate in the **Truth and Reconciliation Week** from September 27 to October 1, 2021.
 - Be inspired by what other teachers and classrooms are doing across the country through the website, **Project of Hearts**.
 - Participate in the **Imagine a Canada** Program (more info to follow).
 - Inform yourself on the importance of reconciliation and its link to CCUNESCO's work in global citizenship education by reading our latest Idealab article written by Charlene Bearhead.
 - Ancient and Forever 50+ students sing in four languages in the spirit of reconciliation.
 www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WsTp2PUTEo

- 2. Environment
 - Trash Hack Teacher's Guide: Action Learning for Sustainable Development
- 3. Racism
 - The United Nations General Assembly created the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1966, six years after police killed 69 peaceful apartheid protestors in South Africa. The designation was, and still is, a call-out to the world to mobilize against racism and discrimination. Read more about how to use March 21 as motivation for year-long action in the Canadian Commission for UNESCO's latest blog. en.ccunesco.ca/blog/2021/3/more-than-aday-march-21 Follow CCUNESCO's social media campaign for March 21 on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.
 - Policy Paper on Anti-Black Racism in Canadian Schools.
 - Black history deserves more than just a month in the Canadian Commission for UNESCO's (CCUNESCO) most recent blog.
 en.ccunesco.ca/blog/2021/2/black-history-deserves-more-than-just-a-month
- 4. Human Rights
 - Blog post A call to mobilize against racism and discrimination
 - Reflection paper Open Science: A Step Towards the Decolonization of Knowledge
 - Series of papers Half the Story is Never Enough: Threats Facing Women Journalists
 - Perspectives from Ellen Gabriel Indigenous Languages: A Fundamental Right to Defend
 - Special issue of Canadian **Diversity** magazine on the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent.
 - Training session (with Canada School for Public Service) – Understanding the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent
 - United Nations Human Rights Day is a time to remember our collective responsibility to make sure that human rights are central to the rebuilding of our societies post-pandemic.

Beyond the Universal Declaration, Agenda 2030, UNDRIP and the International Decade for People of African Descent also offer excellent frameworks to guide our collective and individual efforts. We need to take bold actions in solidarity with those whose human rights are not respected or protected in Canada and abroad.

- 5. National Children's Day
 - Children's Rights Activity Guide.
 - Colouring Poster.
 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (child-friendly version).
 - Lesson Plans, Games and Activities.
- 6. Fight disinformation in our latest blog. en.ccunesco.ca/blog/2020/10/fighting-disinformation-during-a-pandemic

Student Opportunities

- CCUNESCO's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) Call for Applications
- 2. Young Canadians' Parliament
- 3. #Agenda 2030: What on earth are the SDGs and why should we care? (TIG online event)
- International Women's Day 2021: #ChooseToChallenge (TIG online event)
- 5. Virtual Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum
- 6. UNESCO and Idries Shah Foundation "World Tales" Short Story Competition
- 7. Conversation with the Little Prince Writing Contest
- 8. Celebrate Media Literacy Week with us! (Online events)
- 9. Journalism, Fake News and Disinformation (Grade 7-12)
- International Arts Education Week from May 24 to 30, 2021. We are pleased to invite our valuable students from ASPnet to showcase the importance of arts education to sustainable development, particularly during this challenging time.



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