# My Voice, Our Action, A Common Future



# Global Education Week 2026

***From 16 to 22 November***



## Info pack



iLEGEND III - Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking & Dialogue

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# The Global Education Week

## What?

The Global Education Week (GEW) is an international awareness-rising initiative that inspires people to take action for a more sustainable and inclusive world. Through local initiatives and learning activities, it promotes civic engagement, global solidarity, and active citizenship for sustainable development.

The GEW is organised within the framework of iLEGEND III – Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue, a joint project co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

## Who ?

The GEW is implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, who coordinates it at the international level. The Global Education Network, composed of civil society organisations, academia and public authorities, coordinates the campaign at the national and regional level.

Everyone is invited to take part or organise activities, including:

- Policymakers
- Teachers and educators
- Students and learners
- Civil society organisations
- Local authorities
- Anyone interested in creating positive change!



## When ?

Held every year since 1999, the Global Education Week takes place during the third week of November.
This year's edition will run from 16 to 22 November.

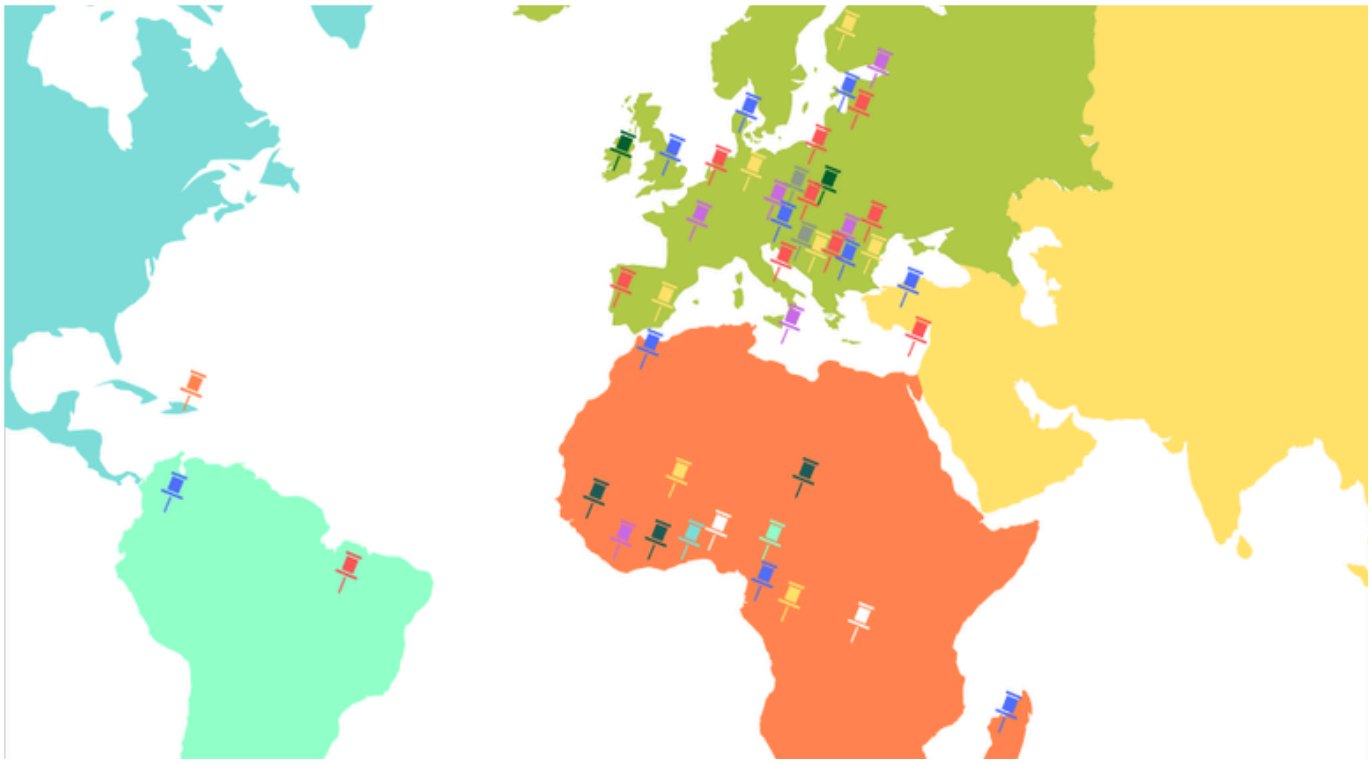
## Where ?

Initiatives can take place in any country, anywhere: in schools, universities, community centres, workplaces, public spaces, or online.

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# GEW outreach

Last year, the Global Education Week 2025 took place in 45 countries across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America:



**45 countries**

**+ 1500 entities**

**+ 430,000 participants**

## Global Education Week 2026

This year, the Global Education Week focuses on how critical thinking and engaging with different perspectives can reshape the narratives we live by, turning awareness into collective action and contributing to a stronger democracy.

To know more about this edition and its motto, we invite you to read the Concept Note.

## The motto

# My Voice,
# Our Action,
# A Common Future







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# Why is GEW important ?

**It puts global education on the map**
When hundreds of thousands of people act together, something powerful happens. Collective mobilisation raises awareness, shifts narratives, and shows that Global Education is a powerful tool for sustainable development, justice and inclusion.

**It turns participants into changemakers**
People don't just attend, they grow. Every activity builds the critical thinking, confidence, and know-how to keep driving change long after the GEW ends.

**It builds solidarity, one action at a time**
GEW fosters a sense of solidarity across borders and cultures, essential to advancing together towards a common, sustainable future.

# By participating, you can ...

**Learn**
Discover fresh perspectives on the world's most pressing challenges, and the people working to address them.

**Connect**
Build bridges with people and organisations across borders, cultures, and disciplines.

**Act**
Move beyond awareness and take concrete steps toward a more sustainable and inclusive future, starting right where you are.

**Inspire!**
Empower the people around you to step up as global citizens and act for the change they want to see.

# How can you participate?

You can take part in the Global Education Week in two ways: Take part in an existing initiative or organise your own activity.
But before joining the GEW, don't forget to read the Code of conduct carefully.

## 1) Take part in an existing initiative

**1. Find Your National Coordinator**
Discover what's happening near you by finding your country's National Coordinator through the link below and exploring local initiatives.

Global Education Network

**2. Explore the registered initiatives**
Browse your National Coordinator's GEW webpage, and other Network members' sites for online activities. Follow GEN members and the North-South Centre on social media so you never miss an update.

**3. Register for activities**
If you have you found an opportunity that matches you interests, register and secure your place.

**4. Get ready to learn, engage and take action**
Show up ready to exchange ideas and take action for a more inclusive and sustainable world. Share your experience on social media, using the hashtags in this info pack, and inspire others to join!



# How can you participate?

## 2) Organise your own initiative

**1. Define your initiative**
Start by deciding what type of initiative you would like to organise and ensure that you have the necessary resources to implement it. If you do not yet have a specific idea in mind, you will find a selection of activity ideas at the end of this information pack to help inspire you and get started.

**2. Contact your National Coordinator**
Once you have decided on your initiative, get in touch with your National Coordinator to register it as part of Global Education Week.

The full list of National Coordinators is available here:

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If there is no National Coordinator in your country, you can still take part in Global Education Week by sharing your initiative directly with the North-South Centre. Simply contact us at NSCinfo@coe.int.

**3. Promote your event**
Read and follow the guidelines below and use the visual materials available in this information pack to promote your initiative.

**4. Document your initiative**
During the event, if possible, take photos and videos to showcase your activity.
Please ensure that participants have signed the media consent form, which is available in this infopack.

**5. Share your results**
After the GEW, your National Coordinator will send you an online form to share information and feedback on your initiative.

**6. Receive your certificate!**
Once you have submitted your form, you may receive an official Certificate of Participation in Global Education Week 2026, subject to agreement with your National Coordinator.

# Guidelines to promote your initiative

The following guidelines cover everything you need to know about running events and initiatives under the Global Education Week banner.

## 1) Use the official visuals of the campaign

A wide range of free, customisable templates are available for GEW 2026 on Canva.

Whether you are promoting your initiative online or on the ground, you will visuals to communicate your event with impact, such as:

**Online materials:**
- Website banners
- Social media visuals

**Printable materials:**
- GEW 2026 Poster
- Leaflet

And more!
Simply download, personalise if necessary, and share. Before using them, don't forget to read the instructions below.

Global Education Week 2026 - visual materials



## 2) Use the appropriate acknowledgement

All communication material should display the following acknowledgment:

*"The event is organised in the context of the Global Education Week campaign of the iLEGEND III Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe: co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe".*

And, when relevant:

*The activity "**name of the activity**" is organised and funded by "**name of your organisation**".*

## 3) Use the appropriate disclaimer

The following disclaimer should be added on communication material about events organised as part of the Global Education Week:

*"This activity organised in the framework of the Global Education Week are the sole responsibility of the "**name of your organisation**" and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union or the Council of Europe."*

And, when relevant:

*"The translation of the original material is not official".*

## 4) Use the following tags on social media

When you promote your event on social media, use the following hashtags on all platforms:




For X and Facebook, don't forget to use these handles:

@NSCENTRE @capacity4dev.eu

## 5) Use pictures taken during your initiative

Capture your event with high-quality images, as they bring your initiative to life and help amplify GEW's reach.

To enable the North-South Centre to share your photos and give your initiative international visibility, ensure all participants have signed the media consent form. If collecting signed forms is not feasible, opt for group shots where individuals are not individually identifiable.

**Check out the Global Education Week webpage !**



# Some ideas of initiatives

The following ideas are just the starting point. Pick one, mix and match, or come up with something entirely your own!

## Debates and discussions



**Simulated school assembly**
Students debate and vote on proposals for a sustainable future, regarding climate justice, gender equality, digital citizenship, economic stability for youth.

**Cine Forum**
Screen a film, then debate its vision of the future through the lens of peace, human rights, or sustainability.

**Rights on trial**
A mock trial format where participants argue for and against a human rights dilemma, such as freedom of speech vs. hate speech, privacy vs. security.

**Human Rights Today panel**
Invite local lawyers, activists, or NGO workers to discuss the state of human rights in your region and globally.

**Intergenerational dialogue panel**
Bring together young people, educators, and older community members to exchange visions of the future and reflect on how different generations experience justice, peace, and sustainability.

**Ethics café**
An informal, open discussion format where participants explore ethical dilemmas related to climate, technology, migration, or inequality over coffee.

**TED-Style talks**
Young people research and present on a GEW theme of their choice in short, engaging talks open to their school or community.

**Digital rights debate**
Are algorithms discriminatory? Does everyone have a right to internet access? Who owns your data? Spark debate on the rights and risks of the digital age.

**Asylum seeker simulation**
A structured roleplay where participants experience the asylum-seeking process and reflect on systemic barriers to protection and dignity.

**World café**
Participants rotate between tables, each tackling a different GEW question. Ideas build across rounds, creating a rich collective conversation.

**Mock United Nations**
Students represent different countries and negotiate resolutions on global challenges such as food security, climate finance, or digital governance.

**Philosophical debate**
Facilitate open-ended philosophical questions with young people: What is justice? Can peace exist without equality? What do we owe future generations?

**Podcast series**
Young people record short episodes interviewing peers, educators, or activists on GEW themes.

## Workshops and trainings



**Digital literacy**
Lectures or workshops on how digital technologies are reshaping society: human rights in digital spaces, online safety, and digital citizenship.

**Advocacy and democratic participation**
Equip people with tools to express their values as active citizens, know and defend their rights, and act safely for a better future.

**Fact-checking & media literacy**
Teach participants how to identify misinformation, evaluate sources, and navigate the digital information landscape critically.

**Climate action planning workshop**
Groups map out concrete local actions they can take to address climate change in their school, neighbourhood, or city.

**Human rights in practice**
Interactive workshop exploring real-world human rights cases and how international frameworks apply to everyday life.

**Social entrepreneurship bootcamp**
Teams pitch solutions to a local sustainability or social challenge, developing entrepreneurial thinking alongside global awareness.

**Online open lecture**
Partner with a university or think tank to deliver a free, publicly accessible lecture on a GEW-related issue.

## Community-based actions



**Community clean-up & reflection**
Combine local environmental action with a structured discussion on the links between everyday behaviour and global sustainability.

**Solidarity market**
A fair showcasing local ethical, sustainable, or social enterprises, paired with awareness-raising about fair trade and conscious consumption.

**Letter-writing campaign**
Young people write letters to local or national decision-makers advocating policy changes on issues they care about.

**Volunteer fair**
Connect students and community members with local NGOs, social enterprises, and civic initiatives they can join beyond GEW.

**Repair café**
A community event where people bring broken items to fix together, sparking conversations about consumption, waste, and sustainability.

**Seed Swap & Urban Gardening Session**
Combine hands-on environmental action with reflection on food sovereignty, biodiversity, and community resilience.

**Intercultural Potluck**
Share food, stories, and traditions from different cultures as a starting point for dialogue on identity, belonging, and global citizenship.

**Neighbourhood Mapping**
Groups map their local area through the lens of sustainability, equity, or accessibility, identifying strengths and gaps.

## Online initiatives



**Live Instagram or YouTube Q&A**
Host a live session with an activist, expert, or changemaker answering questions from people in real time.

**Online Quiz or Trivia challenge**
A fun, competitive quiz on global development, human rights, climate facts, and sustainable development goals.

**Open webinar for all**
A publicly accessible online session on a GEW theme, designed to be engaging and accessible regardless of background or expertise.

**Digital storytelling challenge**
Participants create and share short videos, reels, or photo essays on a GEW theme using a dedicated hashtag.

**Virtual reality experience**
Use accessible VR tools or 360° videos to immerse participants in realities different from their own: refugee camps, climate-affected regions, or inspiring communities.

**Webinar with activists**
Invite inspiring speakers from NGOs, grassroots movements, or international organisations to share their work and answer questions live.

## Art and exhibitions



**Photo exhibition**
A curated collection of images exploring GEW themes, exposed in a public space.

**Mural Project**
Co-create a physical or digital mural representing the community's vision for a just and sustainable future.

**Poetry slam**
An open mic event where participants perform original poetry on justice, identity, the environment, or human rights.

**Photography Walk**
Participants explore their neighbourhood with a camera, then gather to reflect on what they captured and why.

**Music & activism**
Explore how music has historically driven social change, then invite participants to write or perform their own protest songs or anthems.

**Future newspaper**
Groups design a fictional front page from 2050 imagining a world that achieved or failed the Sustainable Development Goals.

## If you need more inspiration, check initiatives from previous editions!



Edition 2025

Edition 2024

Edition 2023

Edition 2022

Edition 2021

## Follow us on social media

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# Other useful links and ressources

## Ressources for the Global Education Week

- Code of conduct
- Visual materials
- Media consent
- Global Education Week 2026
- Global Education Network

## Ressources on Global Education

- What is Global Education?
- Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC)
- Global Education guidelines
- Media Literacy for Global Education

## Our websites

- North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- Council of Europe

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