



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire
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EXCO-COMMUNICATION: April 28, 2022

OMEP'S ACTIONS REGARDING THE WAR

OMEP continues working to **DEMAND URGENT PEACE, DISARMAMENT AND DIALOGUE**. We have recently signed an important joint statement (which we hope you have disseminated and shared) in alliance with the following organizations: the Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN), the Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC), Moving Minds Alliance, the International Step by Step Association (ISSA), the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC), the Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN) and the Arab Network for Early Childhood Development (ANECD). **For more information, click on this link:**

<https://omepworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Ukraine-Joint-Statement-ENG.pdf>

Apart from this, the World Presidency has been in permanent communication with the National Committee of OMEP Ukraine, and various committees around the world are collaborating with the Ukrainian people and children by sending money donations. In this regard, Tatiana and her team have opened a new bank account:

(Назва підприємства/company Name): OMEP UA, account USD

IBANCode: UA393052990000026003000803627

(Назва банку/Name of the bank): JSC CB "PRIVATBANK", 1D HRUSHEVSKOHO STR., KYIV, 01001, UKRAINE

(SWIFT code банку/Bank SWIFT Code): PBANUA2X

Bulgaria and Japan have already made their donations.



The colleagues from OMEP Slovakia informed that they have spent time in a humanitarian refugee camp near the border as volunteers just after the outbreak of the war. Kindergartens have also welcomed many children, creating new and peaceful environments for all children to receive education and grow up in a healthy psychosocial environment, with excellent, caring and kind teachers. OMEP Slovakia has created a

design for T-shirts that they are selling to help OMEP Ukraine. A student created a second design that will be available for free to any country that sells T-shirts to support children in Ukraine.

Safeguarding young children impacted by the current crisis and prioritizing their survival, development, and protection is not only necessary to alleviate suffering and uphold their rights, but will also drive economic recovery and build a strong foundation for peace and security, resilience, social justice, and social cohesion.

Joint Statement on Early Childhood Development and the Ukraine Crisis

Lovingly,

Mercedes

News of the month

1. 74TH OMEP WORLD CONGRESS AND ASSEMBLY IN ATHENS

On behalf of the EXCO and the Committee of OMEP Greece, we enthusiastically reiterate our invitation to participate **in person**. The deadline for **EARLY REGISTRATION** containing benefits and discounts has been extended until **April 30, 2022**. An opportunity to seize! **Please stay tuned for NEWS** on www.omep2022.org

2. WORLD CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION (WCECCE)

OMEP is participating in the Consultative Council of this important event organized by UNESCO. This is a category III conference, that is to say, high-ranking representatives of the States will participate. The Conference will bring together approximately 1,500 participants and will be based on four objectives and five themes:

- a. Creating a balance between Member States' progress towards achieving target 4.2 and other SDG targets related to early childhood.
- b. Exchanging knowledge on key enablers, emerging research results, good practices, and innovations to implement and improve quality ECCE policies and programs.
- c. Reaffirm quality ECCE as a right of all children and as the essential foundation for lifelong learning and socio-cognitive development.
- d. Identify opportunities, develop and agree on a set of priorities and strategies to accelerate progress on SDG 4.2 and increase investment in ECCE by governments and their partners.

To read more: <https://events.unesco.org/event?id=3323535829&lang=3082>

3. 2022 REGIONAL VIRTUAL CAFÉS CONTINUE

In March, the virtual cafés were carried out in order to present the new annual report platform, discuss the current situation of each committee and establish some work and communication agreements for 2022.

- **Virtual Café North America and the Caribbean:** It was held on March 2, 2022, with the presence of the 3 committees that make up this region. It was in charge of the Regional Vice President **Christiane Bourdages Simpson**. It was also attended by Mercedes Mayol Lassalle, World President.



→ **Asia-Pacific Virtual Cafe:** It was held on March 31, 2022, with the presence of 10 committees. It was in charge of the Regional Vice President **Udomluck Kulapichitr**. It was also attended by the World President.



4. EXCO MEETING

→ **World Executive Committee Meeting (EXCO).** It was held on March 9 and the following topics were discussed:

- OMEP WAC 2022
- Reports of the Vice Presidents for the 2021 annual report
- Committees Reports for the 2021 annual report
- World Congress of ECCE together with UNESCO in the month of November in Uzbekistan
- Conflict in Ukraine and Campaign for Education in an Emergency Context

5. EXCO ACTIVITIES AND OMEP COMMUNITY

→ **Conference on peace and humanitarian values. Organized by EdHeroes Movement.** It was held on March 28 with the special participation of **Mercedes Mayol Lassalle**, World President, **Jessica Essary**, OMEP Representative at the United Nations, and **Mie Oba**, representative of the OMEP Japan committee. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkihyrLkOfg>

- **Award for recognition of work for the care, education and rights of young children** through OMEP projects and activities, for **Tokunbo Doherty** and **Oyindamola Sonola**, from OMEP Nigeria.
Link: <https://omepworld.org/recognition-of-the-work-of-omep-nigeria/>
- **Presentation of projects for financing:** Two projects on the Right to Play will be presented to the LEGO Foundation. OMEP is registered as a parent organization for one of them and as a partner organization of the University of Gothenburg for another. Active collaborators: **Odet Noa Comans**, from OMEP Cuba, **Adrijana Visnjic**, Regional Vice President of Europe, **Ingrid Engdahl** and **Ingrid Pramling Suemmuelson**, former presidents and current OMEP consultants.
- **Launch of a survey for the global WASH from the Start project** to collect information on current situations of WASH from the Start in ECCE Programs in OMEP member countries, by **Udomluck Kulapichitr**, Vice President of Asia-Pacific.
- **Launch of a survey to map trends in privatization in ECCE** and analyze the challenges it poses in protecting the rights of young children to early childhood care and education, by **OMEP and RTE**. To complete **before May 15** and **SHARE WITH INTERESTED PEOPLE!**
Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LF3LHM7>

6. ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

- **Meeting with EdHeroes Movement** for the organization of the events of the month. March 2.
- **Meeting with the World Treasurer.** March 3.
- **Meeting with AFEA and the Greek committee for WAC 2022.** March 8.
- **“Secret” meeting PEHRC (Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium).** March 8.
- **Meeting with representatives of UNESCO and OMEP about the ECCE World Congress and other activities that we will develop together.** March 11.
- **Meeting with Ali Kemal Tekin, editor of IJEC journal.** March 14.
- **Meeting with Arcor Foundation for “Mi patio, mi mundo” [“My backyard, my world”] award, 2022 edition.** March 15.
- **Discussion meeting with the Right to Education Initiative (RTE)** for the development of a global survey on ECE and privatization. March 18.
- **Conference at the “EdHeroes: Malaysian chapter” event.** March, 19.
Link: <https://youtu.be/-6KgiMKkDAA>
- **Global Campaign for Education (GCE) Webinar – EOL: Perspectives on the UNESCO GMR on Non-State Actors in Education.** March 21.
- **Meeting for the start of CAP (Children in All Policies) activities.** March 22.
- **Meeting for T20 with Mathias Urban.** March 23.
- **EdHeroes Movement Advisory Board Meeting: Theory of Change.** March 24.
- **Seminar at the Argentine Ministry of Education.** March 29.
- **Global Campaign for Education (GCE) Seminar: Inclusive Education & Early Childhood Community of Practice.** March 30.

7. SIGNED DECLARATIONS

- Demand from the **Committee on the Rights of the Child of the United Nations** for Ukraine. Read more here:
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28204&LangID=E>

- Declaration of **Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations (CoNGO)**: stop the war against Ukraine and resolve the conflict peacefully and diplomatically.

Read more here: <http://ngocongo.org/>

8. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

- **March 3: A call for peace.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2203405976478443>

- **March 4: Let's protect education in emergency contexts NOW.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2203651116453929>

- **March 7: GCE global movement for countries in crisis.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/499228908359827/>

- **March 8: Commemoration of female educators and activists.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2207426696076371>

- **March 9: GCE Global Movement for Education in Emergency Contexts.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2208086356010405>

- **March 11: GCE Global Movement for Resilient Education Systems.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2209538802531827>

- **March 14: 4th Annual Competition for the ESD Student Award.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2211917142293993>

- **March 15: GCE Global Movement for Education Financing.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2212840528868321>

- **March 16: Civil society groups celebrate IFC's divestiture of for-profit school chain Bridge International Academies.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2213639478788426>

- **March 17: Graciela Rodriguez Poveda, OMEP Colombia. Rest in peace.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2214460298706344>

- **March 18: Mercedes Mayol Lassalle at EdHeroes: Malaysia chapter.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2215355765283464>

- **March 22: Invitation to present Projects at Children's Solution Lab.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2218281474990893>

- **March 22: UNESCO announces the World Conference on ECCE with OMEP as a member of the Consultative Council.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2218412401644467>

- **March 23: WAC 2022 Early Registration Benefits.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2219157014903339>

- **March 25: Award to representatives of OMEP Nigeria.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2220392068113167>

- **March 26: Conference on peace and humanitarian values. EdHeroes with the presence of OMEP.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2221415241344183>

- **March 28: Grace Alele Williams, OMEP Nigeria. Rest in peace.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2223265161159191>

OMEP BLOG "Rights from the start"

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

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→ **Difficult times for children's rights, by Michèle Olivain, France.** "On November 20, 32 years after the signing of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child in the UN, the 2020/2021 balance regarding the respect and progress of the rights of children under 18 years of age is very pessimistic."

Read more here:

<https://omepworld.org/difficult-times-for-childrens-rights-michele-olivain-%ef%bf%bc/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE OMEP WORLD CONGRESS AND ASSEMBLY IN ATHENS:

Deadline EXTENDED to APRIL 30, 2022

Benefits and discounts on tickets!

Information and registration: <https://www.omep2022.org/en/>

PAULO FREIRE ESSAY COMPETITION

Deadline: June 9, 2022

From the essays received, a winner and a second and third place will be selected, who will receive **USD 1000, USD 750 and USD 500** respectively.

The jury may award up to 5 special mentions.

More information: https://bit.ly/convocatoria_FREIRE_IIN

SURVEY TO MAP TRENDS IN PRIVATIZATION IN ECCE

by OMEP and RTE.

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OMEP INTERNAL CALL: World Team of Volunteer Translators

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social networks we are creating a group of volunteers to help with translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the World Team of Volunteer Translators, sign up in the following form:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>

