



EDUCATION AS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT

Global Citizenship Education, a communal act

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Magis Americas

Sustainable and Impactful
Responses

Who we are

Magis Americas is a Washington, D.C.-based Jesuit 501c(3) development NGO committed to global development.

Informed by the Sustainable Development Goals and the Universal Apostolic Preferences, we have been working with local Jesuit partner organizations in the Global South, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean, since 2005.

Together, we ensure access to quality and inclusive public education, protect the rights of migrants along their journey, and promote practices that encourage the wellbeing of our Common Home.



Our Approach

Education, Migration and Ecology...

represent a holistic approach to our vision of a world in which all people have their rights upheld, their dignity protected, and their capacity to act as protagonists in their individual and communal development recognized.



Why Education?

For a future with just and
equitable societies



Education as a Human Right

- Education is **the fundamental human right**, key to enjoying all other human rights and essential for the creation of more just and equitable societies.
- Through education, individuals become agents of their **personal and communal development**.
- Education is an **essential building block for any society's human capital**, as it gives individuals the opportunity of growth, in turn driving the community's growth and economic development.
- If we want to have inclusive and fair societies, **all participants in society must be prepared to be successful citizens**, contributing to the communal development.

Education...

- is not a commodity, it is a **human right**, key to enjoying all other rights.
- is a **tool for individuals to escape poverty**, live with dignity, and recognize their full potential.
- Quality inclusive public education is the **best foundation for improving lives** and ensuring sustainable human development.



Global Citizenship Education:
Preparing learners for the challenges of the 21st
century
UNESCO

Your Role as a Global Citizen

A communal act



Are you a Global Citizen?

Do you continuously seek a **deepened awareness of our place and responsibility** in the increasingly interconnected world in which we live, both locally and globally?

Do you **stand in solidarity with others** in the pursuit of a **sustainable earth** and a more **humane world** as true companions in the mission of reconciliation and justice?

Become a leader for justice

In your campus...

In your community...

In your surroundings...



What Can You Do?

Take action

Take Action

Learn and stay informed:

- Being informed is one of the most important, if not the most important piece, in working towards generating awareness on any given issue. You need to ensure you know what you will be talking about.
- Here are some resources you can use to learn more about what is happening in education today:
 - [COVID and School Closures](#) - UNICEF
 - [Education in times of COVID-19: Recovery and Revitalization](#) - Magis Americas
 - [Sustainable Development Goal 4](#) - United Nations
 - [Progress in achieving SDG4](#) - United Nations
 - [Education in Emergency: Where Do We Go From Here?](#) - Global Campaign for Education Blogs
- Follow Magis Americas on [social media](#) and sign up for our [newsletters](#) to stay informed on the state of access to education, specifically in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Take Action

Share your new knowledge:

- Quick facts with family and friends:

Choose the facts that impact you the most from our [quick education factsheet](#) and share them with your family.

- Write a letter to your school newspaper:

Individuals are moved to action by hearing other's experiences and thoughts. Think of what caused you to want to open up this awareness kit and write an article or blog post for your school newspaper, calling attention to what moved you to realize education is an important issue that needs to be spoken about. Share your experience with your fellow classmates!

- Amplify others' voices

Today, social media is one of the most powerful tools we have to spread our messages and ideas. Let's take advantage of it. Share your story and invite your friends to do the same. You can create a TikTok, share reels or regular stories on Instagram, or post on Twitter. The most important thing is that you speak up for education!

Take Action

Share your new knowledge:

- Write with your friends:

Gather a group of friends or classmates and write to your representatives in Congress. Call on them to take action and defend the right to education, both at home and abroad.

- You can use [this video](#) from the Global Campaign for Education - US to learn more about how to write these letters to your members of congress. If you have any questions you can also reach out to us at m.palacios@magisamericas.org.



Keep these
Dates in Mind

Key Dates to Take Action

January 24th

International Day of Education

February 20th

World Day of Social Justice

April 21st

World Creativity and Innovation Day

June 12th

World Day Against Child Labor

July 15th

World Youth Skills Day

August 12th

World Youth Day

September 8th

International Literacy Day

September 9th

Protect Education from Attack

October 5th

World Teachers' Day

November 20th

Children's Rights Day

December 10th

Human Rights Day

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