Educating Cities
TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

IF YOU'RE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO EDUCATION, SIGN UP NOW!
EDUCATION, OUR KEY COMMITMENT

The International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) is a non-profit organisation formed by local governments around the world who are committed to education as a tool for social transformation that fosters the exchange of ideas, reflections and best practices among its members.

OUR ROADMAP, OUR VALUES

The Charter of Educating Cities, made up of a preamble and twenty principles, is our roadmap to build friendly, accessible, dynamic, sustainable, healthy, inclusive, participatory, fair, and creative cities committed to lifelong education.

"In the educating city, education transcends the school walls to permeate the entire city..."
(Preamble to the Charter of Educating Cities, updated in 2020)
EDUCATION IN THE CITY, A SHARED COMMITMENT

Education in the Educating City is a tool for social transformation. We’re talking about lifelong education that spans the many spheres of civic life.

In turn, education is the cornerstone of the city project. It’s a political commitment that seeks to raise awareness about the fact that, whether intentionally or unintentionally, local policies and municipal actions convey knowledge, values and attitudes.

The Educating City also involves shared governance, which is based on mainstreaming actions between municipal areas and on fostering dialogue and collaboration between the municipal government and civil society, with the aim of mobilising and connecting the maximum possible number of educational agents that have an impact on the territory.
OUR MISSION

TO PROMOTE education in the city.

TO RAISE THE VOICE of local governments to international and national bodies on issues of interest to member cities.

TO EMPHASISE the role of local governments as educational agents and to promote their recognition as key players to tackle new challenges.

TO BRING TOGETHER political and technical representatives of the educating cities to foster mutual bonds of solidarity and learning.

TO BOLSTER institutional capacities and improve the governance of member cities.
WHAT WE DO:
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Seminars, congresses and workshops

Training for local technicians and elected officials

Spaces for networking and launching joint actions

Interactive website and bank of best practices

Study visits

International Day of the Educating City

Educating Cities Award for best practices

Publications and materials to underline the educational potential of cities

Advice and personalised attention

Preparation of declarations and manifestos

Collaboration with other organisations with shared goals

Dialogue with national and international bodies

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MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF HISTORY

Our work is endorsed by more than thirty years of exchanges between local governments to develop the educational potential of cities.

1990
First International Congress and proclamation of the Charter of Educating Cities

1994
The IAEC is established as a non-profit association

Today
A firmly established global network with five hundred cities in thirty-five countries
OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

Any local government that wishes to commit to the principles of the Charter of Educating Cities can become an active member of the Association, regardless of their administrative powers in education.

Some reasons to become a member

- **Form part** of a group of cities committed to education as a tool for social transformation.
- **Learn, debate and exchange** knowledge and experiences with other cities.
- **Improve municipal management** in favour of a greater mainstreaming of actions and networking with civil society.
- **Carry out joint projects.**
- **Promote and publicise** municipal policies and initiatives on an international level.
- **Join forces to tackle** new global challenges.

How to proceed

To sign up to the IAEC, **the request must be approved by the municipal decision-making body of elected politicians** (municipal council or others). Final ratification of the request corresponds to the General Assembly.

Members undertake to maintain the IAEC by means of annual membership fee (stipulated according to the number of inhabitants and the Gross National Product per capita — Atlas method).

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