

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD



EDUCATION, OUR KEY COMMITMENT

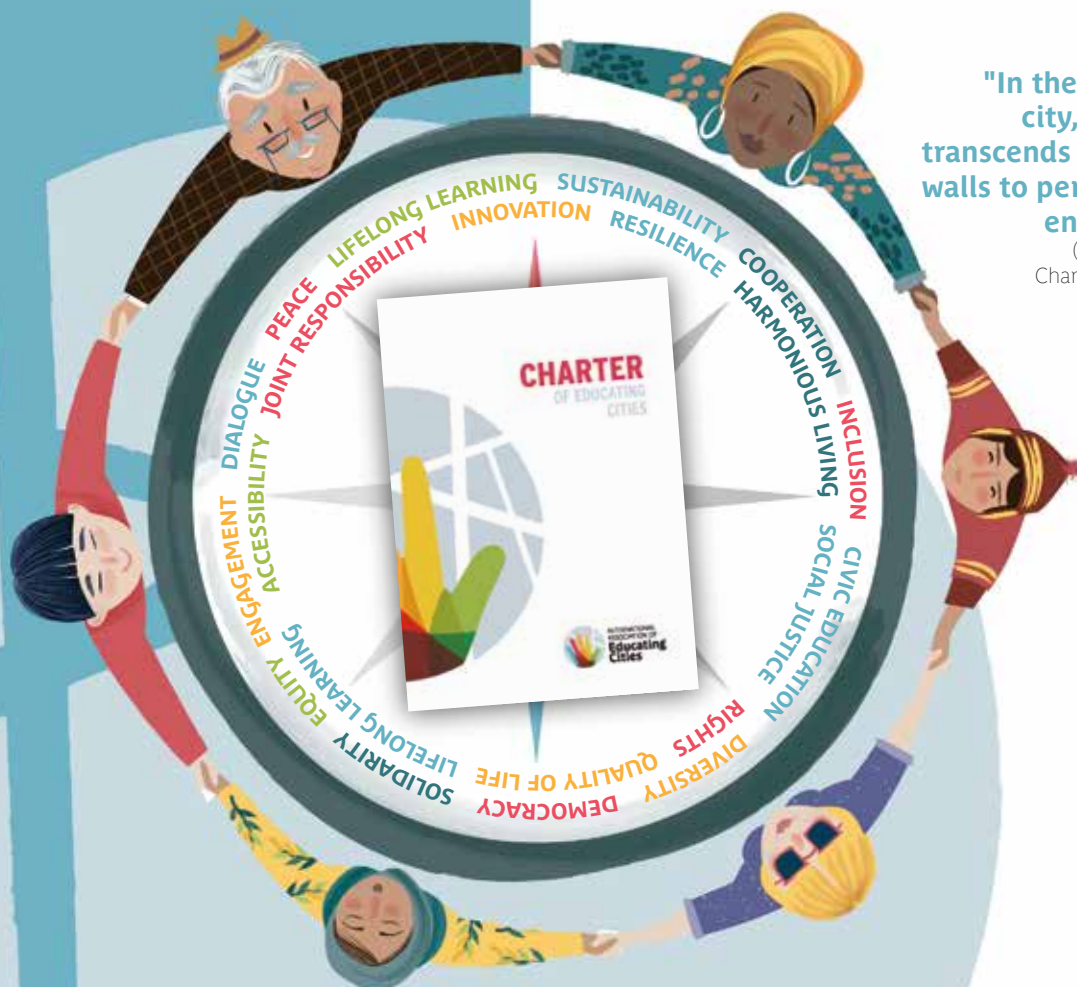
The **International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC)** is a non-profit organisation formed by local governments around the world who are committed to education as a tool for social transformation that fosters the exchange of ideas, reflections and best practices among its members.

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

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

● **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



Study
visits



Educating Cities
Award for best
practices

Publications and
materials to
underline the
educational
potential of cities



Training for local
technicians and
elected officials



International
Day of the
Educating
City



Advice and
personalised
attention



Spaces for
networking and
launching joint
actions



Collaboration
with other
organisations
with shared
goals

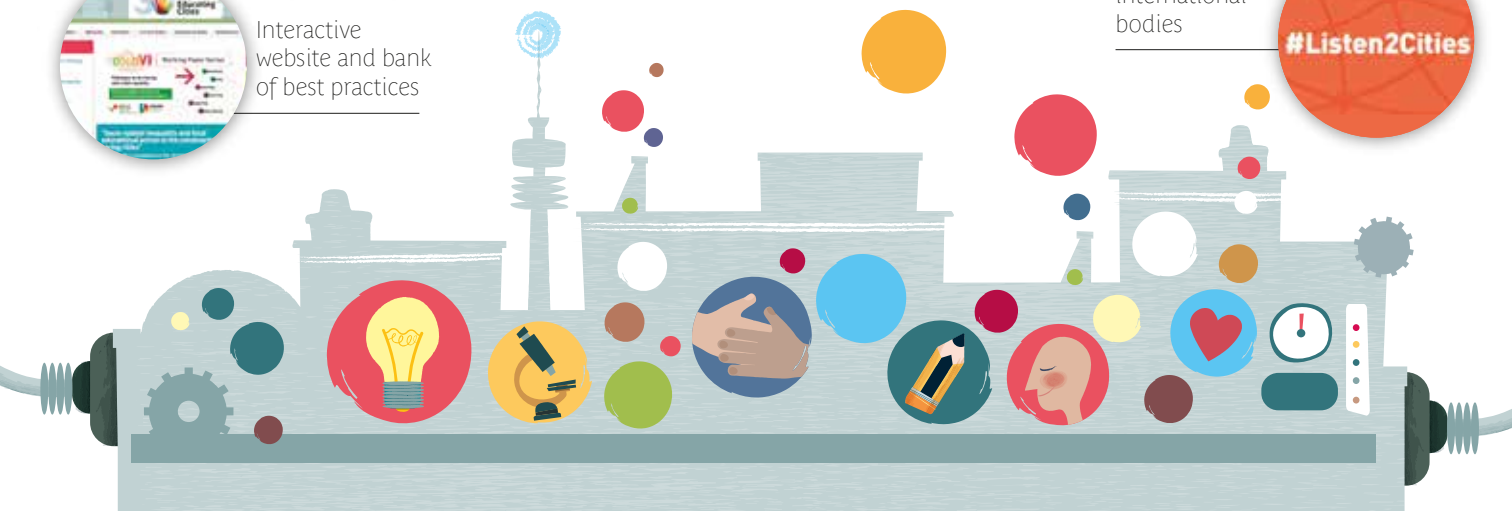


Preparation of
declarations and
manifestos

Dialogue with
national and
international
bodies



Interactive
website and bank
of best practices



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).

More information on:
www.edcities.org



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