

## WISE Announces Winners of WISE Award

**Doha, Qatar, July 17, 2018:** The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), has revealed the six winners of the 2018 WISE Awards. Each year, the WISE Awards recognize and promote innovative projects from across the world that are addressing global educational challenges.

The projects tackle a number of pressing educational issues including girls' education, early childhood education, the refugee crisis, cultural exchange, citizenship values, youth employment, entrepreneurship in disadvantaged communities, deaf education, enhancing teacher motivation, and stimulating critical and creative thinking.

Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO of WISE congratulated the winners: "This year we received 413 applications for the WISE AWARDS. Following a rigorous, independent selection process we are happy to once again recognise six innovative education projects from around the world with the WISE Awards. In addition to their excellence and innovation the 2019 Award winning projects vary in terms of project focus, geographical distribution and reach. The WISE Awards demonstrate once again that there exist global organizations and individuals who are as passionate about tackling education challenges with innovative solutions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Awards jury and pre-jury members who did a thorough job in evaluating the projects."

The 2018 WISE Awards winners are Safe Spaces Clubs for Girls, One Village One Pre-School, Generation, Technology-Based Deaf Education Pakistan, Partners for Possibility, and 1001 Nights Life Skills and Citizenship Education Program.

The six awards winners were selected from a pool of 413 projects, and evaluated according to strict criteria. They must be established, innovative educational projects that have already demonstrated a transformative impact on individuals, communities, and society of their context. They also need to be financially stable, have a clear development plan, and be scalable and replicable.

The projects will be celebrated on September 22 at WISE@NY in New York, USA. In addition to publicity and networking opportunities, each will receive \$20,000 (US).

### About the WISE Awards:

Each year, the WISE Awards recognize and promote six successful innovative projects that are addressing global educational challenges. Since 2009, WISE has received more than 3,200 applications from over 150 countries. Up until now, 54 projects have won the WISE Awards, from a wide variety of sectors and locations for their innovative character, their positive contribution and their potential for scalability and adaptability. These projects represent a growing resource of expertise and sound educational practice. Year by year, WISE is building a community of educational innovators which offers a fertile environment for groundbreaking collaborations. Today the WISE Awards network comprises pioneering projects that are helping bring real change to societies and communities.

For further information, visit [www.wise-qatar.org/wise-awards](http://www.wise-qatar.org/wise-awards)

### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):**

The World Innovation Summit for Education was established by Qatar Foundation in 2009 under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative, evidence-based thinking, debate, and purposeful action in education. Through the biennial summit, collaborative research and a range of on-going programs, WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education.

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