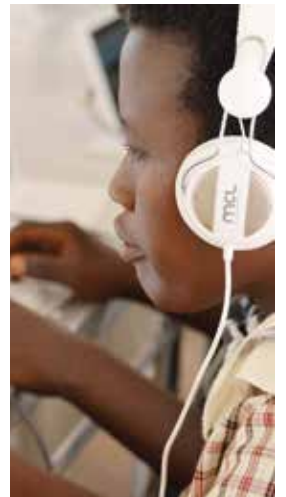


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WISE GLOBAL SUMMIT

Fostering debate and action among global education leaders

Since 2009 WISE has brought together decision makers, thought leaders and practitioners from around the world at the Summit in Qatar, to explore ground-breaking innovations and take concrete steps toward improving education.

Attendees have the opportunity to network, collaborate, share effective practices and discover new ideas through interactive sessions, keynote speeches and debates.

A major feature of the Summit is the WISE Majlis, based on the traditional Arabic 'majlis' a gathering space for meeting, sitting talking, and eating. It is where informal interactions happen alongside participatory chats, learning labs, and kiosks from the WISE community.

The 2019 Summit will take place on November 19-21, 2019 in Doha under the theme of

UnLearn, ReLearn:
What it means to be Human

Over
200
speakers
and contributors

—
2,000
international
attendees from over

—
150
countries

—
More than
150
sessions

FORMER WISE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:



Ms Michelle Obama

Former First Lady, USA



The Hon Ms Julia Gillard

Former Australian Prime Minister,
Board Chair of the Global
Partnership for Education (GPE),
Australia



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Director General of UNESCO, France



HE Lakhdar Brahimi

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CNN Host, USA



Prof. Sebastian Thrun

Founder and CEO of Kitty Hawk,
Founder and President of Udacity,
USA



Mr Jimmy Wales

Co-founder of Wikipedia, USA



WISE@

Shaping local education conversations

The WISE@ are a series of local and regional education forums that take place between the WISE biennial global summit. The forums allow for:

- A dedicated event, at the heart of different cities around the world.
- A focus on regional education challenges and the exchange of knowledge with local and regional partners.
- An inspiring mix of global and local experiences blended to give participants relevant and useful knowledge of best educational practices and ideas for collaboration and action.

Every city has brought its own unique character to the WISE formula.

Since 2016 WISE@ has been to: Tunis, Beijing, Madrid, Accra, New York City, and most recently Paris.



WISE@Tunis

MAY 26th 2016

Dialogue for Education and Peace



WISE@Beijing

NOV 5th 2016

Innovating for Equity and Empowerment



WISE@Madrid

FEB 28th 2017

Imagining the Future of Education



WISE@Accra

MAY 11th 2018

Unlocking the World's Potential: Leading and Innovating for Quality Education in Africa



WISE@NY

SEP 22nd 2018

Learning Revolutions: Creating Educational Environments for Empowerment and Inclusion



WISE@Paris

FEB 20th - 21st 2019

Education Futures: Fostering Learning Societies



WISE PRIZE FOR EDUCATION

Honoring education pioneers

“ *It is our aim that this Prize should raise global awareness of the crucial role of education in all societies, and create a platform for innovative and practical solutions that might help alleviate some of the challenges which education faces around the world.* ”

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser
Chairperson, Qatar Foundation

Established in 2011 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, the WISE Prize for Education is the first distinction of its kind to recognize an individual or a team of up to six people for an outstanding, world-class contribution to education.

The Laureate receives a gold medal and a \$500,000 (USD) cash fund dedicated to grow their initiatives.

The 2019 WISE Prize for Education laureate was announced on November 20, 2019 at the 2019 WISE Summit.



2019
Mr Larry Rosenstock,
The United States
of America

Larry Rosenstock is the CEO and founding principal of High Tech

High. Mr Rosenstock has dedicated his life to rethinking K-12 learning and tackling inequality through education. Pioneering the concept of project-based education, he founded High Tech High in 2000. HTH, which started as a small public charter school has now evolved into an integrated network of sixteen charter schools, serving 5,780 students across four campuses.

Today, HTH is shaping the present and future of education by serving as a proof point for the concepts of project-based education, re-imagining the role of teachers and teaching 21st century skills.

www.hightechhigh.org/

2019 WISE PRIZE FOR EDUCATION JURY



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Founder and
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Nueva Foundation,
Colombia



Dr Jörg Dräger
Member of the
Executive Board,
Bertelsmann
Foundation,
Germany



Mr. Alan Chow
Executive Director,
D.H. Chen
Foundation, China

The WISE Prize for Education Laureates are inspiring role models for all those building the future of education as the foundation for a more secure, prosperous, and sustainable world.



**2011
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed,
Bangladesh**

Sir Abed is the Founder and Chairman of the Bangladesh-based BRAC (Building Resources Across Communities). For over 40 years BRAC has contributed directly to the education of more than ten million students, from pre-primary to secondary levels, by providing access to learning to the disadvantaged students left behind by formal education systems. Now active in 13 other countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, BRAC is one of the largest non-governmental organizations in the world.

www.brac.net



**2012
Dr Madhav Chavan, India**

Dr Chavan is the Co-founder and CEO of Pratham, the largest education NGO in India. Dr Chavan devised a simple formula to bring mass literacy and numeracy learning to Mumbai's slum children. Now active in most of the country's 29 states, Pratham's initiatives address pre-school education to both in-school and out-of-school children, computer literacy, vocational training, and special programs for vulnerable and working children.

www.pratham.org



**2013
Ms Vicky Colbert, Colombia**

Ms Colbert is the Founder and Director of the Escuela Nueva Foundation. She co-created the Escuela Nueva education model which places children at the heart of the learning process. By transforming the conventional, teacher-centered schools, the model has helped achieve higher quality education in disadvantaged communities in rural schools in Colombia and beyond. To date, Escuela Nueva has been implemented throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, including Brazil, Mexico, East Timor, and Vietnam; reaching over five million young people around the world.

www.escuelanueva.org



**2014
Ms Ann Cotton,
The United Kingdom**

Ms Cotton is the Founder and President of Camfed. For more than two decades she has led efforts to improve education opportunities for girls and young women living in marginalized communities. Ms Cotton spearheaded an internationally acclaimed model for girls' education, which has placed education at the heart of development in Africa. Camfed's innovative education programs have already benefited over three million young people in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania, and Malawi.

www.camfed.org



**2015
Dr Sakena Yacoobi,
Afghanistan**

Dr Yacoobi, Founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), has worked for over twenty years to bring education to the most vulnerable people under extreme conditions of war, displacement, and oppression during the Taliban rule in Afghanistan. Dr Yacoobi and the AIL have received international recognition for bringing health and education services to at least 12 million beneficiaries living in rural and marginalized areas of Afghanistan. Dr Yacoobi has championed the cause of education, healthcare, and empowerment for Afghan women.

www.afghaninstituteoflearning.org



**2017
Dr Patrick Awuah, Ghana**

Dr Awuah is the Founder and President of Ashesi University. Grounded in ethical leadership and community, Dr Awuah became a passionate advocate for empowerment and transformation through education by establishing Ashesi University in his native country Ghana. Ashesi (Fante for 'beginning') had a humble start in 2002 in a converted rented house for 30 students. Today, Ashesi University is firmly established as one of Ghana's premier universities. Overlooking Accra, Ashesi is home to nearly 900 students who are poised for leadership in growing entrepreneurial sectors across Africa.

www.ashesi.edu.gh



WISE AWARDS

Promoting innovative education projects around the world

Each year the WISE Awards identify and promote six outstanding innovative projects representing some of the most creative and effective approaches to key global education challenges.

WISE recognizes these educational models for their creative approach, their positive contribution, and their potential for scalability and adaptability. The WISE Awardees gain global visibility through the Summit and WISE@ conferences, in WISE publications, and through the online platform, along with a prize of US \$20,000 (USD).

These projects represent a growing resource of expertise and sound educational practice that is bringing positive change to communities and inspiring others around the globe.

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Launched in
2009
—

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Over
3,700
applications
or nominations from over
150
countries
since 2009
—

—
66
winning projects
—

The 2019 WISE Awards winners:



Akilah Institute

Origin: US / Reach: Rwanda

an award-winning women's college that prepares students to solve the world's most pressing challenges through a curriculum based on 21st century skills, personalized learning, ethical leadership and sustainability.



Micro: bit Educational Foundation

Origin: UK / Reach: Global

a not-for-profit organization with the vision of inspiring every child to create their best digital future through the use of the micro: bit, a pocket-sized computer that makes learning coding easy, fun and enables students to express their creativity.



United World Schools: Teaching the Unreached

Origin: US / Reach: Myanmar, Cambodia and Nepal

an educational charity that partners with local communities and supporters around the world to establish primary schools and help children access education in remote communities and regions.



Arpan's Personal Safety Education Programme

Origin & Reach: India

a life-skills education program that empowers children and provides them with support, as well as knowledge and skills to participate in their safety in an unsafe situation.



Programa Criança Feliz

Origin & Reach: Brazil

an integrative early childhood development program that offers and optimizes a network of protection and care services for mothers and children in poverty.



Family Business for Education

Origin: UK / Reach: Sierra Leone

an initiative that works to sustainably remove economic and social barriers to education for out of school and at-risk children through a tailored support package for the child and their family.



THE WISE ACCELERATOR

Supporting the development of innovative projects

Launched in 2014, the WISE Accelerator program is designed to support the growth of young, innovative projects developing solutions in education technology with high potential for scalability and positive impact in the field of education.

Selected projects benefit from a year-long mentorship program tailored to address their priority needs. In addition, the WISE Accelerator serves as an intermediary to connect these projects with an international network that creates opportunities to share knowledge and find support among potential partners, donors and investors.

Since its inauguration, the program has been dedicated to supporting education projects from various regions and sectors that are using or designing technology to address education challenges.

At the WISE Summit selected projects are invited to take part in selected workshops and are offered unique networking opportunities.

Testimonies

“

The WISE Accelerator is not only about accelerating your business; it's about accelerating your mind. You will never think in the same way after a few sessions with your mentor. The WISE mentorship process is a tailor-made solution.

”

Nayla Fahed Zreik, Co-founder, Lebanese Alternative Learning

“

As a result of WISE Accelerator, we were successful in raising our seed funding round, and were able to identify and appoint a key business advisor. We also had the opportunity to explore crucial international markets and receive advice of how to refine our international scale-up strategy.

”

Chibeza Agley, Co-founder and CEO, CamBioScience

The 2019-2020 WISE Accelerator Cohort



AskMyClass (USA)

a platform that uses voice assistants to help teachers add social-emotional learning to their classrooms.



OXED (Argentina)

a learning through play tool that also ensures personalized learning experiences by adapting its solutions to each student's needs.



Teacherly (UK)

a collaborative lesson planning and peer to peer coaching platform for teachers, that focused on flexible teaching and interactive curriculum.



Wiloki (France)

an online learning platform that provides adaptive learning for K-12 students' individual learning needs through the leverage of artificial intelligence.



KamKalima (Lebanon)

a K-12 school platform that supports the teaching and learning of Arabic, in alignment with national and international curricula.



Botter (Ethiopia)

an AI powered chatbot that allows organizations and teachers to connect to social media messaging platforms and teach classes created on their Botter web app.



Livox (Brazil/USA)

an alternative and adaptive communication software that enables people with disabilities to communicate and teachers to help students with learning impairments.



Medics.Academy (UK)

high quality, technology enhanced learning content and education programs that integrate into healthcare systems worldwide, delivering scalable solutions.



WISE RESEARCH SERIES

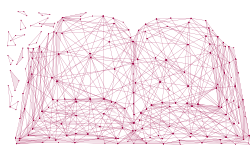
Building education through evidence-based knowledge

WISE is committed to creating and facilitating access to knowledge and contributing to the global conversation on a range of education challenges.

THE WISE RESEARCH REPORTS

Launched in 2014, the WISE Research Reports present timely and comprehensive analysis, produced in collaboration with recognized experts, researchers and thought leaders. The publications include examples of improved practice from around the world, as well as recommendations for policymakers, educators, and change-makers. Complete information on the authors of the WISE Reports will be available on our website: wise-qatar.org

8 WISE Research Reports will be released this year



Global Sport Development Systems and Athletes' Access to Education

From Ohio University



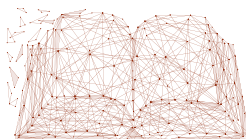
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From the Innovation Unit



Global Competition for Talent: A Comparative Analysis of National Strategies for Attracting International Students

From the Institute of International Education (IIE)



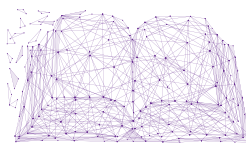
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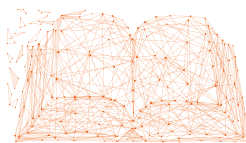
Promoting Youth Well-being Through Health and Education: Insights and Opportunities

From the RAND Corporation



Pursuit of Institutional Excellence in Higher Education

From the University of Pennsylvania



Language Policy in Globalized Contexts

From Carnegie Mellon University-Qatar



THE AGILE LEADERS OF LEARNING INNOVATION NETWORK (ALL-IN)

Co-designing sustainable school leadership development programs

ALL-IN is an initiative that draws together policymakers, leadership development providers, academics and education experts to share innovative approaches and accelerate the design of new, high-quality scalable models.

The network has gathered 89 researchers, practitioners, policy makers and program providers from over 30 countries in three working sessions during WISE@ events in Accra, New York and Paris. With these workshops, ALL-IN aims to:

1. Curate discussions with school leadership development providers by creating a community of practice;
2. Discuss impact evaluation and scale up leadership programs;
3. Serve as a springboard for research that captures and designs coherent school leadership policies and high impact practices in the network and beyond;
4. Research global best practices and share key building blocks of school leadership development;
5. Positively impact student achievement and well-being outcomes through innovative school leadership approaches.



EMPOWERING LEADERS OF LEARNING (ELL)

Capacity building of school leaders to improve students' learning

Empowering Leaders of Learning (ELL) is a local school initiative by WISE that builds the capacity of K-12 school leaders nation-wide to lead sustainable improvement processes in their schools. Designed and implemented in partnership with Dr. Simon Breakspear, Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales, the program seeks to equip Qatar's school leaders with the tools and capabilities to form Leadership Communities of Practice to continually develop, inform and disseminate best practices that reach all educators to support system-wide improvement and impact.

Through ELL, WISE aims to:

- Provide quality, blended professional learning and opportunities for Qatari school leaders to share expertise and learn together;
- Deepen collective capacity for system-wide school improvement in Qatar;
- Create opportunities for purposeful school leader collaboration in productive cycles of design, action, and feedback; and
- Create Leadership Communities of Practice where school leaders can continue to learn, create impact and disseminate best practices.

This year's ELL program will be divided into two cohorts – one cohort in partnership with Qatar Foundation's (QF) Education Development Institute (EDI) for QF schools, and one cohort in partnership with Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) for Qatar's government schools. WISE has worked in close partnership with each stakeholder institution, EDI and MOEHE, to design ELL programs that meet the needs of their educators and address the challenges in their schools.

ELL is part of WISE's commitment to support QF schools and MOEHE in achieving their goals for an efficient and improved system. It is also part of WISE's commitment to build the capacity of educators to lead sustainable change processes in schools to improve student outcomes globally.



WISE EMERGING LEADERS

Fostering a new kind of education leadership

Launched in 2019, this yearlong fellowship program is built on the conviction that empowering and mentoring young talent in education is integral to supporting and elevating innovation in education.

Each year, WISE will collaborate with high impact organizations within the WISE community to nominate young education practitioners from their organizations or networks to participate in the fellowship.

Selected fellows aged 24-32 will participate in a series of collaborative and interactive modules on topics ranging from ethical leadership to social innovation delivered by WISE and Ashoka to increase the impact of their work and collaborate on pressing challenges. Through the fellowship, WISE aims to support and elevate the work of promising initiatives in education by developing young talent within such organizations. In addition to completing a residential training and online modules, fellows will contribute to their organizations by applying their new skills on a project identified by their organization and WISE. The first cohort consists of 14 outstanding

fellows, from 11 countries, who have strongly demonstrated their commitment to the field of education and are actively engaged in delivering or designing education initiatives within their organization or networks.

The 2019-2020 WISE Emerging Leaders:

- Doreen Bateyunga** - Tanzania
- Samantha Butters** - United Kingdom
- Gilda Colin** - Mexico
- Sarah Grant** - United Kingdom
- Amy Tran-Calhoun** - United States of America
- Neagheen Homaifar** - United States of America
- Danielle Kercher** - United States of America
- Muneeb Khan** - Pakistan
- Ermias Nagatu** - Canada
- Preeti Verma** - India
- Sereverien Ngarukiye** - Rwanda
- Pukhraj Ranjan** - India
- Tamara Steen** - The Netherlands
- Soukaina Tazi** - Morocco



WISE LEARNERS' VOICE

Enabling youth to join the global education debate

Since 2010 the WISE Learners' Voice program has welcomed the views and creative energies of young people in rethinking education and preparing them to take leading roles in their fields and in the world of education. The revised 2019 Learners' Voice Program aims to give students, aged 16 to 21, a platform to voice their views, equips them to take on active roles in education and creates a youth community interested in shaping the future of learning.

The program focuses on building education knowledge as well as communication, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills. The selected group participates in the global biennial summit and residential sessions with expert faculty. Through interactive workshops, experiential sessions and creative exercises, Learners will gain the skills and mindsets required to forge their place in designing the future of education. The current Learners' Voice community comprises more than 180 Learners from over 60 countries and diverse backgrounds and disciplines. Together they represent a unique perspective within the WISE community.



ABOUT QATAR FOUNDATION

Unlocking Human Potential



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Qatar Foundation - Investing in Qatar's future, developing human capital

Qatar has long recognized the need to diversify its economy in preparation for a post-hydrocarbon world, and that the only guarantee of prosperity for any nation is the ability of its people to develop, adapt, and innovate.

Qatar Foundation was established in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. They shared the visionary idea that the future of Qatar lies in unlocking the most precious resource of all: human potential.

Today, Qatar Foundation supports Qatar's implementation of Qatar National Vision 2030 and its unique national journey from a carbon-based economy to a knowledge economy. Initiatives in education, science and research, and community development reflect QF's commitment to providing opportunities for all and unlocking people's human potential, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to support the development of Qatar and make their mark on the world.

Establishing a cycle of education and research for the benefit of the community

The transformation of Qatar starts with individual journeys of achievement, and the catalyst for these is quality education. Qatar Foundation has created a unique, integrated learning environment that spans a comprehensive educational spectrum. From the age of six months, QF students are immersed in a culture of learning that nurtures their creativity and innovation, and cultivates a love of science and research. Through primary and senior schools as well as leading universities, QF prepares students to become future leaders.

Through partnerships with universities from around the world, QF has created a dynamic and innovative model comprised of exceptional universities providing students with a world-class higher learning experience. QF has also established Hamad Bin Khalifa University, which has focused its research on national priorities and initiated degree programs that serve the needs of Qatar. Through these and many other initiatives, students are guided towards fulfilling their aspirations, contributing to their community and competing at a global level.

Education is the first step to empowering people and shaping Qatar's future. Qatar Foundation's emphasis on science and research means students receive the training and expertise that will allow them to make significant contributions in fields of priority for Qatar.

From energy and the environment to computing and biomedical research, Qatar Foundation is making exciting breakthroughs in areas that promise to transform Qatar, the Gulf region, and the wider world.

Community Development

Community development is at the core of everything Qatar Foundation does. With initiatives in art, cultural heritage, health and wellbeing, literary development, sustainability, and promoting dialogue and critical thinking, Qatar Foundation fosters the growth of a strong, vibrant and caring society defined by active citizenship, in which Qatar's cultural heritage is preserved and the resilience of the nation strengthened.

www.qf.org.qa

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or a member of the WISE Community,
please submit your request to
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WISE also invites you to visit the WISE press room
for regular news on education, photos and videos:
<http://www.wise-qatar.org/press-room>

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