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Universities and organisations in Europe, the Mediterranean region of Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas are involved in the Chair.

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Connecting knowledge, committing to children’s health

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Why a UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education?

Health and education are inalienable rights for children. Improving their health and well-being and reducing health inequalities are a joint responsibility. Education has a key role, since people’s health depends for 80% on environmental factors and lifestyle. Now is the time to create new synergies in order to improve children and young people’s health.

The UNESCO Chair and WHO Collaborating Centre “Global Health & Education” aim to promote intersectoral policies and practices.

The Chair encourages a strategy of social change by introducing an innovative way of practicing health promotion, prevention and health education. It combines the knowledge of health determinants with social-cultural practices. This leads to a balanced approach between environmental changes and capacity building.

Our vision is to create the conditions for children and young people to take charge of their lives and develop as individuals, as members of their community and as global citizens for all matters related to health.

What is the UNESCO Chair?

To tackle the new challenges of health promotion, prevention and health education, all sectors and stakeholders need to work together. Therefore, co-creation and active participation are key components of the Chair’s actions.

The objectives of the UNESCO Chair are framed within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

Building a global community
The Chair is building a global community, connecting universities, public and private organisations and individuals.

Producing knowledge
The Chair connects, shares and produces action-oriented knowledge to support changes in practices and policies.

Training
The UNESCO Chair helps to develop competencies of all stakeholders to professionalise and strengthen health promotion, prevention and health education.

Sharing knowledge
The UNESCO Chair offers a platform for communication and knowledge-sharing.

Join the community

The UNESCO Chair operates as an open community. Organisations and people from different backgrounds, countries and cultures with a common interest in health and education are actively involved in different activities at a global level.

As a member of the community you:

- become inspired through exchanging ideas, knowledge and experiences;
- collaborate with other members;
- contribute to one or more of the activities and projects;
- receive regular news updates;
- are visible and recognised as a community member.

Five activities

1. Mapping: A map of key players around the globe
2. Creation of a new framework: A global participative process
3. Knowledge production: Contributing to innovative research programmes
4. Capacity building: Training, tools and consultancy
5. Knowledge sharing: Up-to-date information via an interactive website, social media, fact sheets