

Remembering
Sir Ken Robinson



Web International Democratic Education Conference

Solidarity for Children of Nepal
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Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir
Free Participation

PRESS RELEASE

The **International Democratic Education Conference** (IDEC) is organized every year by schools and organizations in different countries. A few hundred to a thousand people from different backgrounds, including students, come together to discuss, learn, and share their ideas and experiences about Education. The participants' diversity, coming from 30 to 40 countries, is one of the most enjoyed features of the conference.

The first IDEC took place in 1993 in Israel, and since then, it has been in about 15 different countries on various continents.

IDEC 2020 schedule to take place in Kathmandu, Nepal, hosted by Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir. We had geared all our resources into preparing the required infrastructure and making various essential arrangements. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has compelled us to forego all our dreams.

We had to cancel the physical event, but we chose not to give up and turned IDEC 2020 into a Web event: **Web-IDEC 2020 from October 23rd to November 8th.**

This event is dedicated to Sir Ken Robinson,
a British education expert known for his work
in favor of developing creativity and innovation,
who passed away on August 21st, 2020.

The conference program brings together speakers from around the world who have long worked to promote Education that focuses on children and people's development.

The Open Space allows everyone who wishes to do so to offer, in complete autonomy, various activities: workshops, games, forums, round tables, courses, talks, shows, concerts, etc. It is open to all children, young people, parents, trainers, teachers, and professionals.

We welcome you all to share your experience, organize workshops, games, roundtables, talks, and witness educational solutions for a better world.

The event is open to everyone: children, schoolchildren, students, parents, professionals, etc...



35 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, 32 in the English Language, often world-renowned, have confirmed their presence. Each meeting with a keynote-speaker will last 2 hours: conference time plus a question-and-answer period.

Conference in English / Bilingual Conference (English and French)

Kate Robison - United Kingdom - Founder, Nevergrey, daughter of Sir Ken Robinson.
Sir Ken Robinson, through the eyes of Kate Robison.

Peter Gray - USA - Professor of Psychology, Boston University
Mother Nature's Pedagogy: the biology of self-directed Education.

Armelle Six - Belgium - Spiritual Teacher.
Natural learning: practicing a deep listening of life within oneself.

Jerry Mintz - USA - Director of AERO - Alternative Education Resource Organization.
Did the Education Revolution Just Happen? What to do Now!

Jenifer Fox - United Kingdom - Author of « Your Child's Strengths ».
A Child's Search for Meaning: how we can infuse Education with meaning.

Dr. Alok Pandey - India - Physician and Educator.
A New Education for a New Consciousness.

Sandra Meunier - France - Art Therapist.
Let's re-enchant education; let's dare joy!

Dr. Stuart Grauer - USA - Founder, Grauer School.
The Moon In a Jar: How schools find "pockets of democracy" to promote student freedom.

Zoe & Henry Readhead - United Kingdom - Principal & Vice-Principal of Summerhill School.
A Hundred Years of Children's Freedom - A.S Neil's Summerhill School.

Helen E Lees - United Kingdom - Independent Researcher and Editor in Chief.
Where are the Missing Women Leaders of Alternative Education?

Ramchandra Das - Nepal - Founder, Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir.
My Journey of Integral Education: life and work dedicated to the good and joy of the children of Nepal.

Marc Vella - France - Nomadic pianist.

Quinte & Sens : when your self and nature are married, the inner quint leading to your essence is realized.

Yaacov Hecht - Israel - Founder, Democratic School of Hadera.

Democratic Education and the great COVID-19 opportunity.

Joseph Rathinam - India - Expert, Neighbourhood Children.

Holistic Education for Today.

Kageki Asakura - Japan - Founder, Shure University - The first democratic university.

Japanese democratic Education.

Eunice Owino - Kenya - African expert in Education.

QR Codes: A Tool Belt for Teachers.

Mike Weimann - Germany - Child Right Activist.

What can regular schools change to become democratic and more child-friendly?

Katerina Botvinnik - Ukraine - Co-founder of One Crazy School.

Our little free School. To be or not to be?

Derry Hannam - United Kingdom - Author and Educator.

Another Way is Possible: Becoming a Democratic Teacher in a State School.

Dr. Ian Cunningham - United Kingdom - Chair of Governors, SML College.

The need for a New Educational Paradigm and the case of Self Managed Learning as part of this.

Nuwan Dissanayaka - Sri Lanka - Educationist, Most Innovative Teacher awardee.

Disrupt Asia.

Virginie Limousin - France - Psychopractician and children's play therapist.

What model should be offered to children so that they hold the keys for inner happiness?

John Tan - Singapore - Founder, Saturday Kids, CEO of Doyobi.

Learning through creation and play.

Christel Hartkamp - Netherlands - Sudbury School model expert.

Beyond Childism.

Lise Gallois - France - Facilitator of collective intelligence , mediator with NVC.

My body, my vessel to connect me to life - Conference-Workshop

Abel Millot - France - Pedagogue, Writer, Artist

Universal Pedagogy

Thierry Pardo - Quebec, Canada - Author and Researcher

Living an education without School: the ways of educational piracy.

Emmanuelle Araujo Calcada - France - Ecologist

Childhood is political: the key for ecological and Social Change.

Marko Koskinen - Finland - Computer Scientist and Founder of Phoenix School.

The purpose of Democratic Education.

Sheeba Nair & Sanjiv Shah - India - Founder and Trustee, Oasis Movement.

Further Ahead on Democratic Education.

Vedananda Pandeya - Nepal - Principal, Sri Matri Aurobindo Vidyalaya

Integral Education in the Light of Sri Aurobindo.

Amukta Mahapatra - India - Founder, SchoolScape

Connecting Yoga and Learning Process.

Sandesh, Karishma, Sapana, Bima, Sharmila & Tirtha - Nepal - Students, Sri Matri Aurobindo Vidyalaya

Elements of Democratic Education



ABOUT Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir - ORGANIZER of Web-IDEC 2020

We are a community of children, adults and the elderly from Nepal.

We let the Himalayas' majesty lift our spirits, the people's kindness irrigates our hearts, and the mountains strengthen our bodies.

Since 1993, we are gathered around Ramchandra Das - a yogi and the founder of the community. Since 1993, we are gathered around Ramchandra Das - a yogi and the founder of the community. The community has welcomed hundreds of children and offered them free of charge Education, food, shelter, and medicine. More importantly, the community is their big family where they can find dignity, build their future, and create their own life.

Our ideals and everyday life are based on the Integral Yoga - All life is Yoga.

SUPPORT Web IDEC 2020

Web-IDEC is a unique opportunity for all education enthusiasts to come together and share. This is why we are committed to **enabling EVERYONE**, regardless of income, background, and country, **to participate freely in the entire program**.

There are actual, significant, fixed costs in organizing an IDEC, so **we need good donations from all who can afford it**. We also need to supply some financial help to the Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir, which takes care of 200 socially and economically marginalized children. Nobody pays for them. **Because of the pandemic, the organization today finds itself in a very critical economic situation**. Web-IDEC organizer team would like to appeal to **all the participants to support the children** by making a generous contribution to the Web-IDEC.

So if you can send support for the IDEC and the Ashram, please do it HERE:

www.aurnepal.org/web-idec-2020/financial-contribution

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