Learning Cities:
Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies through education

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UNESCO defines a learning city as a city that effectively mobilizes its resources in every sector to promote

- inclusive learning from basic to higher education;
- revitalizes learning in families and communities;
- facilitates learning for and in the workplace;
- extends the use of modern learning technologies;
- enhances quality and excellence in learning;
- fosters a culture of learning throughout life.

In doing so, it will enhance **individual empowerment** and **social cohesion, economic and cultural prosperity, sustainable living.**
Key Features of Learning cities

3 broad categories • 12 areas with 42 features

Building a learning city is a continuous process.

- The concept of learning city is not an abstract theory. If a city has the political will and commitment to build a learning city, it needs a set of indicators by which it can measure and monitor its performance and progress.

- There is no magic line over which a city will pass in order to become known as a learning city.
Lifelong learning is at the centre of SDG 4 stressing the relevance of inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning for all.

Lifelong Learning is a motor for social transformation, it can give people the skills to participate in shaping more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities.

Ensuring that no-one is left behind is a core message of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
Learning Cities and the SDGs

Guide to Action for mainstreaming lifelong learning strategies that promote:

- **green and healthy** learning and living environments
- **equitable and inclusive** learning and living environments
- Opportunities for **decent work** and entrepreneurship
Learning Cities and the SDGs

- Good Health and Well-Being
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Climate Action
- Life below Water
- Life on Land

- Gender Equality
- Reduced Inequalities
- Peace, Justice and strong Institutions

- No Poverty
- Zero Hunger
- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Responsible consumption and production

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To create an international global platform to mobilise cities and demonstrate how to effectively use their resources in every sector to develop and enrich all their human potential.

- facilitating and disseminating research that refines the learning city concept;
- developing **tools and instruments** for building learning cities;
- serving as a **clearing house for best practice** in establishing learning cities;
- developing and providing **capacity-development programmes** for members and partners;
- promoting **policy dialogue** and **peer learning** among member cities;
- advocating the **importance of lifelong learning** for all as an organizing principle of education policies.
Members of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities from all five UNESCO regions

207 members from 50 countries

Members of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities as of 15 April 2018
Guidelines for Building Learning Cities

**Aim**

- To provide cities with strategic approaches for building dynamic and sustainable learning cities.
- It contains a set of actionable recommendations that can be referred to at every stage of the process of becoming a learning city.

**Six Areas**

- Planning
- Involvement
- Celebration
- Accessibility
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Funding
Membership – Application Process

1. Complete an application form
   - Either electronically or in handwritten
   - Include mayor’s stamp and signature

2. Sent the application form to the responsible National Commission for UNESCO for endorsement
   - Forward copy to the Coordination Team of the UNESCO GNLC at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

3. The application will be endorsed by the National Commission for UNESCO
   - And send to the Coordination Team of the UNESCO GNLC at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning.
Lifelong learning for all is our city’s future!
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