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Global Citizenship Education (GCED)

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION (GCED)

• GCED builds on HRE, Peace Ed, ESD, LTLT, Health Ed, etc. taking the agenda one step further by encapsulating within one model the aspirations of all these efforts, emphasizing how they interconnect and support one another

• Focus on the role, relevance and content of education

• Emphasis on non-cognitive aspects of learning
  - Values + attitudes, well-being of learners
  - Increasing attention to ‘Learning-to-be’ & ‘Learning-to-live together’ to complement ‘Learning-to-do’ & ‘Learning-to know’
GCED TOPICS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES (UNESCO)

• Responds to need for clear guidance for and supports the integration of GCED in education systems

• Distils the conceptual aspects of GCED into age-specific topics and learning objectives

• Can be readily available and easily adaptable to different regional or national contexts

• Intended for policy makers, planners, curriculum developers but also other education stakeholders such as educators and the learners themselves

• Developed through a consultative approach and reviewed by the Experts Advisory Group (EAG)

• Builds on UNESCO landmark events and publications:
  - Technical Consultation on Global Citizenship Education (Seoul, September 2013)
  - First UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship Education (Bangkok, December 2013)
Areas of Focus

• Develop an understanding of the world we live in
• Recognize and appreciate multiple identities
• Develop and apply critical civic literacy skills
• Recognize and examine beliefs and values
• Develop attitudes of care and empathy for others
• Develop value of fairness and social justice
• Participate in issues of global importance in multiple contexts
SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING

• Attention to inclusion in the learning environment
• Supporting the educator’s critical role
• Different approaches to delivery
• Transformative pedagogies
KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

COGNITIVE
• Learners acquire knowledge and understanding of global issues and the interconnectedness and interdependency of different countries and populations
• Learners develop skills for critical thinking and analysis

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL
• Learners experience a sense of belonging to a common humanity, sharing values and responsibilities
• Learners develop attitudes of empathy, solidarity and respect for differences and diversity

BEHAVIOURAL
• Learners act effectively and responsibly at local, national and global levels for a more peaceful and sustainable world
• Learners develop motivation and willingness to take necessary actions
GCED TOPICS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES (UNESCO)

Key learner attributes:

• Informed and critically literate

• Connected and respectful of diversity

• Ethically responsible and engaged
TOPICS

- Local, national and global systems and structures
- Issues affecting interaction and connectedness of communities at local, national and global levels
- Underlying assumptions and power dynamics
- Different levels of identity
- Different communities people belong to and how these are connected
- Difference and respect for diversity
- Actions that can be taken individually and collectively
- Getting engaged and taking action
- Ethically responsible behaviour
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<td>1.1 Local, national and global systems and structures</td>
<td>Describe how the world is organised and introduce the concept of citizenship</td>
<td>Identify governance structures, decision-making processes and dimensions of citizenship</td>
<td>Explain how global governance structures interact with national and local structures and explore global citizenship</td>
<td>Critically analyse global governance systems, structures and processes and identify implications for global citizenship</td>
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<td>1.2 Issues affecting interaction and connectedness at local, national and global levels</td>
<td>Describe key local, national and global issues and explore how these may be connected</td>
<td>Identify the reasons behind major common global concerns and their impact at national and local levels</td>
<td>Assess the root causes of major global issues and the interconnectedness of local and global factors</td>
<td>Critically examine global issues, responsibilities and consequences of decision-making and identify appropriate responses</td>
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<td>1.3 Underlying assumptions and power dynamics</td>
<td>Describe different sources of information and develop basic skills for inquiry</td>
<td>Distinguish between fact/option, reality/fiction and different viewpoints/perspectives</td>
<td>Identify underlying assumptions and describe inequalities and power dynamics</td>
<td>Critically assess the ways in which power dynamics affect voice, influence, access to resources, decision-making and governance</td>
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<td>2.1 Different levels of identity</td>
<td>Describe how we fit into and interact with the world around us</td>
<td>Define different levels of identity and their implications for managing relationships with others</td>
<td>Distinguish between personal and collective identity and various social groups, and cultivate a sense of belonging to a common humanity</td>
<td>Identify ways in which different levels of identity interact and live peacefully with different social groups</td>
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<td>2.2 Different communities people belong to and how these are connected</td>
<td>Describe differences and connections between different social groups</td>
<td>Distinguish between shared and different social, cultural and legal norms</td>
<td>Demonstrate appreciation and respect for difference and diversity, cultivate empathy and solidarity towards other individuals and social groups</td>
<td>Critically assess connectedness between different groups, communities and countries</td>
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<td>Distinguish between sameness and difference, and recognize that everyone has rights and responsibilities</td>
<td>Cultivate good relationships with diverse individuals and groups</td>
<td>Identify benefits and challenges of difference and diversity</td>
<td>Develop values, attitudes and skills required to engage with diverse groups and perspectives</td>
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<td>3.1 Actions that can be taken individually and collectively</td>
<td>Describe how we can take action to improve the world we live in</td>
<td>Explore the importance of individual and collective action and engage in community work</td>
<td>Identify how individuals and groups have taken action on issues of global importance and get engaged in responses to global issues</td>
<td>Apply skills for effective civic engagement</td>
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<td>3.2: Getting engaged and taking action</td>
<td>Describe the importance and benefits of civic engagement</td>
<td>Identify opportunities for engagement and initiate action</td>
<td>Develop and apply skills for active engagement and take action to promote common good</td>
<td>Become agents of positive change</td>
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<td>Describe how our choices and actions affect other people and the planet and adopt responsible behaviour</td>
<td>Understand the concepts of social justice and ethical responsibility and learn how to apply them in everyday life</td>
<td>Analyse the challenges and dilemmas associated with social justice and ethical responsibility and consider the implications for individual and collective action</td>
<td>Critically assess issues of social justice and ethical responsibility and take action to challenge discrimination and inequality</td>
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**BEHAVIOURAL**
- Learners act effectively and responsibly, ethically and globally, and lead lives that demonstrate a sense of purpose and social justice.
- Learners develop motivation and willingness to take necessary actions.

**KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**KEY LEARNER ATTRIBUTES**

- **Informed and critically literate**
  - Know about local, national and global issues, governance, systems and dynamics.
  - Understand the interconnectedness and interdependence of global and local concerns.
  - Develop skills for critical thinking and analysis.

- **Socially connected and respectful of diversity**
  - Celebrate and encourage diversity, relationships and feeling of belongingness.
  - Share values and responsibilities.
  - Develop attitudes to appreciate and respect differences and diversity.

- **Ethically responsible and engaged**
  - Demonstrate skills, values, beliefs and attitudes.
  - Demonstrate an awareness and responsibility for a peaceful and sustainable world.
  - Develop motivations and willingness to care for the common good.

**TOPICS**

1. Local, national and global systems and structures.
2. Issues affecting interaction and connectedness of communities at local, national and global levels.
3. Underlying assumptions and power dynamics.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES BY AGE/LEVEL OF EDUCATION**

- **Pre-primary/ lower primary** (ages 3-8)
- **Upper primary** (ages 9-12)
- **Lower secondary** (ages 12-15)
- **Upper secondary** (ages 16-18)
Thank you!