

## The Peace Post



Dear Friends,

As we gather this month to reflect with gratitude and celebrate the power of connection, we are reminded of the many ways your support has propelled the Peace Innovation Initiative's mission forward. This Thanksgiving, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of people who have supported our work, contributed to our programs, and engaged with The Peace Post each month. Your dedication inspires us to continue striving for a world where peace is not just a goal, but a shared practice built on collaboration, innovation, and impact.

This month also marks a special milestone at PII: the one-year anniversary of The Peace Post! What began as a newsletter has grown into a powerful platform for connection, dialogue, and meaningful action. It is your engagement—your belief in this mission—that has made this possible.

Education remains a core pillar of our vision, and this month, we shine a light on the transformative role of Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education. As climate change disrupts educational systems, particularly for women and girls, and as global conflicts persist, we are called to action. Education must evolve to address contextual country-specific needs, integrate technology to build climate-resilient systems, and ensure that all voices, including youth, are heard in shaping the future for community and global development.

Of course, at PII, we believe that peace education must be an integral part of all learning experiences and viewed as a lifelong process. As conflicts escalate globally, the need to embed peacebuilding skills at all levels of education has never been greater, and teaching principles of nonviolence, collaboration, and critical thinking is one of our most powerful means of equipping future generations to create their own peace innovations. As healthcare systems face new challenges linked to climate change, health education must also adapt—empowering medical professionals to address these evolving realities inventively while strengthening resilience in the communities they serve. The articles we've selected this month speak to these critical topics and explore possible avenues for and real-life examples of peace innovation.

This week and in the month ahead, we come together in celebration of what we hold in common and the unique offerings we have to bring to our collective efforts for peace. With reflection on what inspires gratitude in your life, we invite you to join us as a member of our Cooperative for Humanity, shaping a brighter future through education, innovation, and partnership. Together, let's build a world where knowledge uplifts, resilience empowers, and peace remains the foundation of every endeavor.

In the spirit of peace and unity,

Barbara Winston, President and Founder  
Gordon Winston, Co-Founder

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### 7 ways countries are transforming education

Countries worldwide are revolutionizing education to meet evolving societal needs. In a report published ahead of the Global Education Meeting in Brazil earlier this month, UNESCO cited critical strides for education around the world, including efforts to promote equity and inclusion and ensure no learner is left behind, strengthen teacher training for modern methodologies, and integrate technology to bridge learning gaps. Nations are also fostering lifelong learning opportunities to adapt to dynamic global demands, and they are prioritizing sustainable financing for robust educational reforms. By building resilient systems capable of weathering crises, such as pandemics and natural disasters, these initiatives aim to transform education and accelerate progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4). Together, these actions pave the way for accessible, quality education for all.

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### COP29 and the intersection of climate, gender equality, and education

At COP29, the intersection of climate change, gender equality, and education was a focal point, highlighting the disproportionate impact of climate change on girls' education. Extreme weather events disrupt schooling, particularly for girls, exacerbating existing inequalities. However, education, especially for girls, is pivotal in enhancing resilience and adaptive capacity to climate challenges. The Echidna Global Scholars Alumni Network shared insights from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kenya, Pakistan, Uganda, and Zimbabwe, emphasizing the need for context-specific solutions. Integrating gender-responsive education into climate strategies is essential for effective adaptation and mitigation efforts, ensuring that educational systems equip all learners to navigate and address the complexities of a changing climate.

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### Why we need peace education - especially in times of war

In times of conflict, integrating peace education into curricula is crucial for fostering more peaceful societies. Historically, education's role in building lasting peace has been undervalued. However, as wars persist globally, ensuring all children have access to quality education becomes imperative. This approach not only addresses immediate educational needs but also contributes to long-term societal stability and prosperity. By emphasizing peace-building skills and critical thinking, education can serve as a powerful tool against the perpetuation of violence, laying the foundation for a more harmonious future.

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### Medical Schools Around the World Are Expanding Their 'Climate Change Curriculums'

Medical schools are increasingly integrating climate change into their curricula, recognizing its profound impact on public health. Harvard Medical School recently approved a climate change theme, embedding content throughout all four years of medical education. Similarly, institutions like Stanford Medical School and the University of Colorado School of Medicine have launched initiatives to train students on health threats from rising temperatures, wildfire smoke, and hurricanes. These efforts aim to equip future healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills to address climate-related health challenges effectively, ensuring the medical community is prepared for the evolving demands of climate-resilient healthcare.

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## Celebrating 1 Year of the Peace Post

**Learning** benefits every human being and **Peace** allows for learning.

Your support and engagement drive us to continue our mission of fostering innovation for a more harmonious world. Whether you're reading, sharing, or contributing, you're playing a vital role in this journey toward global peace. If you have stories, insights, or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we're making a difference.

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