



## Learning Circles 2018 - February 12 to June 03

*Learn with the world, not just about it!*

### **Students and teachers meet in a global classroom.**

A Learning Circle is a virtual global classroom where students and teachers can work and learn together with their peers around the world. By sharing experiences and knowledge in a wiki, they develop insight into each others' lives. Using the Internet, email and social media, students share results of their work and questions, answers and stories.

In challenges students are invited to wonder and explore, to look further than their own perspective and contribute to the creative learning process in this global classroom.

A meaningful and fun way to practice many skills they will need in a rapidly changing world.

Since 1998 the Global Teenager Project (GTP) connects students and teachers from over 40 countries in Learning Circles. It has become a vibrant learning community and global education network, helping to connect teachers and students around the world to explore new ways to learn, collaborate and share.

### **Global connection and feedback**

To increase ownership of learning, students will set their own learning goals, success criteria and give and receive feedback. A focus on peer learning and Future Skills in the Learning Circles leads to visible learning outcomes and pleasure in learning in a global connection.

### **This is how it works:**

- In each Circle, students and teachers of +/- 8 classes or groups work together.
- In a secure online environment, all kinds of contributions are shared: stories, pictures, videos, cartoons, drawings, music, research etc.
- All Learning Circles are inclusive: students from regular and special schools work and learn together.
- For students aged 10 - 18 years old, in English.



## A choice of 4 themes in 2018

1. **Children's Rights:**, With challenging assignments and critical questions, designed by students for students. To increase awareness and get insight in each others' lives.
2. **Saving Our Planet:** Students share research about Sustainable Development Goals. Connect and learn together to make the world a better place.
3. **Me becomes We:** In this Circle each class plans social activities that are meaningful for someone else. Share your achievements to make a difference in the world.
4. **English Literature:** Reading and writing in this global classroom will lead to a greater vocabulary. Most of all: it's fun to share tips about English books, poetry and movies!

## Timeline 2018 - February 12 to June 03:

- Introduction - 3 weeks in February: To get to know each other.
- *Challenges* - 4 weeks in March: Students work on new assignments and share their results, with a focus on their own goals and criteria for good achievement. To increase connection and reflection in the learning process, students will give and receive feedback..
- *Questions and answers* - 4 weeks in April: All classes think of one good question about Children's Rights in the first week. After dividing the class into groups, each question can be answered in the wiki. In addition, we ask all students to organize meeting the other groups in Skype and social media. It makes ideas and conversations about children's rights more interesting and fun!
- *Completion* - 3 weeks in May: All participants share their 'eye openers' and reflections in a letter, on their school page or in an individual peer learning assignment. With constructive feedback from other classmates in the Circle, each student can improve their letter.

*Each Learning Circle is a unique learning experience for students and teachers.*



*Schools from all over the world are invited to join!*

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