WE DEFEND
EDUCATION
WE SUSTAIN THE
WORLD

Global action week for education. April 1-7

#GAWED2019
WE ARE REACHING THE LIMIT

CLIMATE CHANGES IS ALREADY A TANGIBLE REALITY AROUND THE WORLD

Throughout the year, the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) will be highlighting the urgent need to act on climate change at local and international levels.

Each year, 3.2 billion tonnes of food are thrown away, nearly 60% of the total production, food waste. One out of the annual total of greenhouse gas emissions.

Our planet is not able to regenerate resources at the rate we are consuming them. Despite the most developed countries being the biggest contributors to climate change, as a result of their production and consumption models, the poorest countries and people are those that suffer the most consequences, as these are the most vulnerable regions, and the survival of the populations depends more directly on access to natural resources.

For example, if everyone enjoyed the same quality of life as the people of Spain, we would need 3.7 times Earth to sustain us. We need a different kind of sustainability or a change.

In the effects of climate change could lead to a further 222 million people into poverty over the coming decade, as well as an increase in natural disasters and the consumption of natural resources, so that we are able to secure the wellbeing of people without destroying our planet.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you belong to the EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY, we suggest the following:

- Work with us “If we defend education we save the world” teaching units in the classroom, which you can download from the Campaign website.
- Take action during the GAWE in your nearest city. You can check out the activities planned on the Campaign websites.
- Encourage your educational community, teaching staff, children and parents to take action for the right to education.

If you are a student, we suggest the following:

- Share our calls for the right to education by following us and sharing the publications on our social networks and Twitter pages.
- Join the demonstrations during the GAWE: you can find more information about the activities planned in your local area on the website.

If you are a POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE, we suggest the following:

- Join forces to ask Governments and international institutions to meet the demands of the GCE.
- Make a commitment with your political party to support the Education 2030 Agenda.
- Support the construction of a global citizenship culture for the Right to Education, coordinating and harmonising strategies and actions with other players, both to support funding as well as to achieve the right to education targets.

Participate in the GAWE 2019, call for the right to education and join the demonstrations.

THE SOLUTION IS IN OUR HANDS: HOW EDUCATION CAN SAVE THE WORLD

To ensure that everyone can exercise their right to a quality education. The GCE is an international coalition comprising very diverse organisations, and it is present in over 120 countries. For more information, check our website: www.campaign4education.org

For the future of our planet depends on our ability to urgently change the way our economic models work, as well as current production and consumption systems, particularly those that make the greatest contribution to environmental degradation and social inequalities.

Governments around the world have committed to this fight, with both the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), which applies to all countries, regardless of their level of development.

In this respect, it is worth noting that education is a key tool to mobilize many of the SDGs especially those related to environmental and social sustainability:

SDG11: Sustainable cities and communities
SDG12: Responsible consumption and production
SDG13: Climate action
SDG15: Life below water
SDG16: Life on land

SDG16: Climate action

Specifically, this year we are calling on our political representatives to take action in the following fields:

1. Investing in education. Spain must recover its commitment to the Official Development Assistance (ODA), until it achieves 0.4% of the Gross National Product, especially that targeting the entire educational community.
2. Incorporating education for social and environmental sustainability into the educational curriculum in a relevant way and with specific impact, both in Spain and in developing countries, through policies and cooperation budgets.
3. Training educational communities for preparing and funding the implementation of training projects in environmental and social sustainability, and supporting the entire educational community.
4. Green schools. Funding and striving toward the “green management” of educational centres in Spain and in developing countries alike through our policies.