



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire
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EXCO-COMMUNICATION: 15 October, 2022

Dear colleagues,

1. Transforming Education Summit (TES)

During the month of September, together with our representatives at the United Nations, María Pia Belloni and Jessica Essary, I participated in the **Transforming Education Summit (TES)** summoned by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr. Antonio Guterres, in the framework of the global initiative “Our Common Agenda.”

The Transforming Education Summit was organized in response to a global crisis in education in terms of equality, inclusion, quality and relevance, with the intention of offering an opportunity to elevate education to the top of the global political agenda and mobilize the action and solutions needed to recover from pandemic-related learning losses and sow the seeds of education transformation in a rapidly changing world. During the Summit, we were able to participate in the following activities:

On September 16, we took part in the **Mobilization Day**, which had a strong role for young people, who made an important declaration that I share with you:

https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/2022/09/tes_youthdeclaration_es.pdf.



Writing our motto ***"Rights from the Start. ECCE for all"*** in the United Nations entry forum

On September 17, we took part in the **Solutions Day**, dedicated to discussions with education ministers, Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, current and former UN Special Rapporteurs, the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and others leading experts, as well as members of United Nations agencies (UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, ILO, WHO) and other partners from the civil society, foundations and the private sector. During this day, a side event was held, which was dedicated to the central theme of the World Conference on ECCE (WCECCE 2022) to be held in Uzbekistan in November. The event was called “Transforming education

starts early: laying the foundations from the earliest years” and was led by the Minister of Early Childhood Education of Uzbekistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Gabon, UNICEF and UNESCO. To read more: <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1b/k1b4hduk3a>



On September 19, we took part in the **Leaders' Day**, which was a very exclusive event with many limitations for access since heads of state were expected. However, I was able to participate as World President of OMEP. Much political content was discussed, and the financing of education was the central issue that was most relevant due to its renewed perspective.

Finally, I share with you the **Vision Statement of the Secretary General Transformative Education:**

An urgent political imperative for our collective future:

<https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/sg-vision-statement#:~:text=Transforming%20Education%3A,world%2C%20and%20for%20good%20reason.>

2. International Day of Peace

On September 21, we celebrated a new **International Day of Peace**. This value is central and foundational in the life of OMEP. For this reason, it has been an opportunity to disseminate our **2022 World Declaration**. The materials for the permanent communication of this central theme are available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid0ks5gkWG2ffqn9kLFq6Fg9tBzW88iNHaghtTD67E6P4xg865QXT8ULVpQXeWXEUgl>

A **video** summarizing the OMEP 2022 Declaration can be found at the following link:

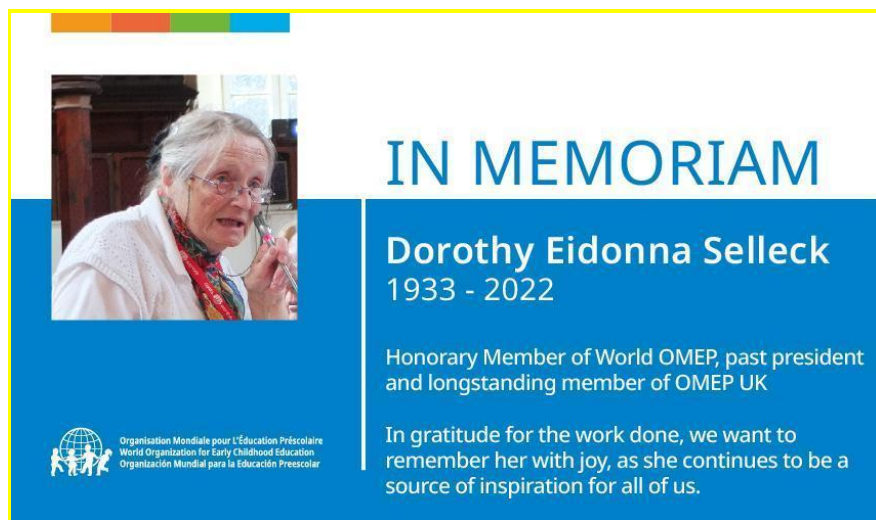
<https://youtu.be/y2Mjca1saDo>

In addition, countless actions, participation in events and publications have been shared on social media and webpages of the different committees around the world.

In Tolosa, Spain, three wonderful advocates for peace have met, they have delivered a report and there are photos that document it. **Lisbeth Gouin (OMEP France)**, **Odet Noa Comans (OMEP Cuba)** and **Mie Oba (OMEP Japan)**. Thanks for all the work you do! To know more:

<https://omepworld.org/es/celebracion-del-dia-internacional-de-la-paz-2022-en-tolosa-espana/>

3. In memoriam of Dorothy Selleck



In this month of September, our dear colleague Dorothy Selleck, a Welsh educator and member of OMEP Great Britain, has passed away. She was distinguished as an **Honorary Member** in 2010.

Dorothy stood out for her permanent commitment and dedication to OMEP and to the cause of children, contributing all her wisdom and experience with generosity, warmth and great humanity.

In the OMEP journal "Theory into Practice" N3, an autobiographical article was published that gives an account of her life and her work for children and educators through the years, called "Memories of a teacher bilingual and multicultural." **To read more:** <https://omepworld.org/omep-theory-into-practice-tip/>

Dorothy always made time to write to me and encourage me in the work of the World Presidency, providing ideas and useful suggestions. I will miss you dearly Eidonna (Welsh name for her).

Warm hugs,
Mercedes

MONTHLY NEWS

1. WORLD PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES

- September 1. Participation in the **Arcor Group** Early Childhood Panel.
- September 2. Meeting with African countries by **UNESCO Participation Programme** (funding granted).
- September 5: WCECCE Thematic report and side event discussion with the **Right to Education Initiative (RTE)**.
- September 12. **UNESCO**: 3rd meeting of the WCECCE Programme Committee. Event link: <https://www.unesco.org/en/education/early-childhood/2022-world-conference>
- September 13-22. Trip to New York. Meeting with OMEP Representatives to the United Nations and participation in activities of the **Transforming Education Summit (TES)**. Link: <https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit>

- September 27 and 29. Meeting with the coordinating team and African countries for the **UNESCO Participation Programme** (funding granted).

2. OMEP COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- September 3. **15th International Meeting of Early Childhood Education**. OMEP Argentina. Mercedes Mayol Lassalle participated as the main speaker. Link: <https://www.omep.org.ar/encuentro>
- September 23. **New Zealand-China Early Childhood Education Symposium 2022**. OMEP China and OMEP Aoteara New Zealand have played an active role in promoting and organizing the symposium. Link: <https://educationnewzealand.mailchimpsites.com/>
- September 17. **Celebration of the International Day of Peace** in Tolosa, Spain. OMEP was represented by Lisbeth Gouin (OMEP France), Odet Noa Comans (OMEP Cuba) and Mie Oba (OMEP Japan). More information: <https://omepworld.org/celebration-of-the-international-day-of-peace-2022-in-tolosa-spain/>



- September 26. **If you want peace, start education from birth**. Message from OMEP Israel for the International Day of Peace 2022. To read it in full: <https://omepworld.org/if-you-want-peace-start-education-from-birth/>

3. SUPPORTED STATEMENTS

- "A call to invest in integrated child protection systems that meet the needs of children in migration."
Link: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e60f6d23a934b793314f68d/t/63341d596862b478e3132d8c/1664359771521/Joint+civil+society+statement_migration.pdf

4. EXCO MEETING

- The **EXCO meeting** was held on September 5. The following topics were discussed:
- OMEP WAC 2022 - Closing Process
 - OMEP World Projects
 - OMEP Seminar Series
 - 2022 Annual fee and financing

- Changes to the administrative guide

5. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

→ September 1. 2022 New Zealand – China Symposium on Early Childhood Education (ECE):

“Together for a Shared Future: Sustainable Development in Early Childhood Education and Care”.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid02GEGsJT6EtKWTrGQPyFkzfZ3ydSQwZoowbTvjaPG39yX1hR697wg7LwCRxndh4f3WQI>

→ September 7. URGENT HELP FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OMEP PAKISTAN.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid0XwnqL12K86MvmThWH6bJMHhQsRMTbe1eyHAWzmXR2LGBWrk4dcCUd2pXu4i49WqcI>

→ September 9. OMEP Nigeria - 31st ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OMEP.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid02YxYZopAu9toXwwF56xWPz5KFiAKUmweGJY8ZpgpbE5KsobERsLZcKPTUzqPUzWPI>

→ September 12. Video of the Declaration of the OMEP World Assembly 2022.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/1427272307682831/>

→ September 16. The Summit begins!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid038FvehzfBNLGUUV6U8jyezE5WiGTFshp5vVasoFGYXvYAsi7VBoUBX9kZzrCNHx7dl>

→ September 17. Second day of the Summit.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid032QHJkTnzJRfG2Jahrd4yu7X4nE3WeQND4tgRDZWbypHjVBCfHPYGAgnW7QwF85Wii>

→ September 17. Mercedes Mayol Lassalle and Maria Pia Belloni at the Transforming Education Summit (TES).

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<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid032xptprhpxL9Eh5UyAA3sfmsax6jf1V7bJ9E9KaiWUo8XXF3VZSmP6pkqEweYrqEfl>

→ September 17. Message from Amina J. Mohammed the Deputy Secretary General of #UnitedNations.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid026YYaPZ7L9PXqVKnjvdH2sJfns7zyyQUswH5cSUq2o1kn9zsq5MDexvqmrjmum66Nl>

→ September 17. New Declaration of Youth in the TES.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid035JFJwQDTyLqSrcfhoRayKLCPTgzDpKRUYBVUxgej5cLEW511eLuvR6R2uen5zVsLl>

→ September 19. Third day of the Summit.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid0KGB4rQWRVohqqu4VZMF3Q5nJVThDpyurzM7FHAnVw2HoEcDEWotpg6h2PjpYLPWBI>

→ **September 20. Announcement for the International Day of Peace.**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid0UqvQQyLQFwagEWNpb3DttHoMJswib4Uwsm1ZRZG4CCZgE3msL9hZS6dM2VjKNRfJl>

→ **September 21. International Day of Peace.**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid021gGtC14q9e6y6Q4uufyHBpcTc4VRdojh7NZZYH9ANw3Rwuv9QbX5FrzUSsm6XPl>

→ **September 27. In memory of Dorothy Eidonna Seleck.**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid0RZ2FGi4MU8Tq8sNLbooNx7sj9oqRhHSi6fJUq7yEpDSBj3WYurHAWehYDrcGU44Uj>

→ **September 28. Announcement of the participation of Mercedes Mayol Lassale in the UNESCO round table: "The transformation of education begins with the teachers: a journey of lifelong learning."**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/pfbid022XpT4uQhdV7ujgfPDGz8fS7hYuCaDbApLkShrpMi5EeAEzLUjwcvgN8g89eBgEAl>

OMEP BLOG "Rights from the Start"

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!

- **Responsive conversations with children during the COVID 19 pandemic - their perceptions and supportive behaviors for their well-being, by Melissa Rodríguez-Meehan y Jessica N. Essary (USA).** "Positive and empathic pedagogical conversations have the potential to improve the mental health of boys and girls (Edelkott, et. al., 2016). When boys and girls talk with adults who show them to have attentive and responsive reactions, they are presented with the opportunity to participate in a mutual discovery of learning and exploration of their thoughts."

To read more:

<https://omepworld.org/responsive-conversations-with-young-children-during-covid-child-perception-s-and-supportive-reactions-for-childrens-wellbeing-jessica-n-essary-and-melissa-rodriguez-meehan%ef%bf%bc/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

CALL FOR ARTICLES

IJEC - INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

The call is open for articles that contribute to the development of knowledge and the improvement of policies and practices in early childhood education and care.

For more information and submission of proposals: <https://bit.ly/3r8u66B>

SURVEY FOR OMEP WORLDWIDE PROJECT “WASH from the START”

The purpose of this survey is to **collect information on the current situations of WASH from the Start in ECCE Programs in OMEP member countries.**

It was sent via email to all committees.

PLEASE complete and submit in WORD or PDF file format by **October 30, 2022**, to Wanyada Budhtranon, Ph.D. (Project coordination assistant) at omepthailand@yahoo.com

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