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iEARN-USA's Impact Update

Enhancing Support for Global Educators

Education Team Expansion

iEARN-USA is pleased to offer additional membership support and professional development opportunities for iEARN educators in the U.S. with the addition of staff members Nicole Weitzner as Manager of Membership Services, and Rachel Manley as Professional Development Manager.



Online Educator Course Impacts

In December 2018, 31 teachers from 13 countries successfully completed the iEARN Online Educator course, led by facilitators from the U.S., Algeria and Brazil. This type of interactive professional

1,000 STUDENTS BEGAN A GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

100% of EDUCATORS WOULD RECOMMEND THIS COURSE TO OTHERS

“The course exceeded all my expectations. I met teachers from around the world and learned about their realities. Everyone helped build ideas and new perspectives.”
-Maressa Carneiro de Melo, Educator, Brazil

development is key to supporting educators in building the skills necessary to engage their students in meaningful, globally-minded learning experiences. These courses were made possible through generous donor support and in partnership with **The American Turkish Society & Partners of the Americas.**



Virtual Education Workshop Pilot

Seeing a need for global education professional development opportunities in his home community, iEARN educator Allen Witten from Orange County, California worked with iEARN-USA's Rachel Manley, and the Orange County Department of Education to pilot a new hybrid workshop model. In October 2018, 10 inspired educators participated in a one-day workshop in which Rachel, an expert facilitator, led the course virtually, while Allen facilitated in person.

In 2019 iEARN-USA is exploring ways to provide more professional development opportunities for K-12 educators through piloting new online course and workshop models, virtual event series, and more.

Pictured (bottom left): Virtual workshop in Orange County, CA.

Partnerships for Global Collaboration



WorldTeach

Through a new partnership, iEARN-USA will provide iEARN memberships to participants of the WorldTeach's Global Educators Exchange (GEE) so they can expand the arc of their exchange experiences and engage their classes in online global projects once they return to the U.S. at the conclusion of the program.

Design Squad Global

iEARN-USA and Design Squad Global (DSG) are teaming up to expand global STEM project offerings and support virtual exchanges by cohosting two DSG projects in the Collaboration Centre, and training and engaging educators in Kenya and Rwanda in partnership with iEARN's Kenya.

STA Travel

In November 2018, iEARN-USA co-hosted a Global Education Happy Hour for K-12 Educators with STA Travel at their Flagship Store in Manhattan. During the event educators in the New York City area networked and participated in dialogue around global education and collaboration.

“What’s great about iEARN is how it inspires youth, it’s not just a classroom focused activity. It is much bigger than that in a sense that its learning circle is so much wider. And so while kids are learning these lessons in school they’re also learning about kids from around the world who are learning something similar.” - Anzee Sherap, iEARN Student Alumna



NSLI-Y Citizen Ambassadorship Virtual Event

In this virtual event hosted by iEARN-USA, students on the NSLI-Y (National Security Language Initiative for Youth) Korea and Taiwan Academic Year programs presented on the theme of Citizen Ambassadorship, drawing from their own experience as international exchange students. The webinar can be viewed on the NSLI-Y interactive site: www.nsl-y-interactive.org



YES Digital Storytelling Workshop

In October 2018, iEARN-USA and iEARN Bangladesh hosted five-day Digital Storytelling Workshop for a select group of 18 alumni of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program. The alumni traveled to Bangladesh and participated in the workshop to hone their communications and media skills in service of building awareness and share the impact of their YES alumni service and activism projects. The final video projects created during the workshop can be viewed on the YES YouTube Channel: youtube.com/YESProgramsTV