

Development Education and Public Awareness Programme





What is global education?

“Global education is education that opens people’s eyes and minds to more comprehensive reality of the world and awakes the need to contribute to greater justice, equity and human rights for all. Global education encompasses development education, human rights education, education for sustainable development, education for peace and conflict prevention and intercultural and multicultural education leading to global dimensions of education for citizenship.” Definition of North South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Global education (GE)

is considered as a part of the official development cooperation and is included among the basic forms of the aid delivery. GE emphasizes on the global context in the learning process. It leads to increased awareness of the global issues, to the development of critical thinking on these issues and deeper understanding of areas and topics related to the whole world. GE motivates people towards the responsibility and

educates towards the acquirement of the values of active global citizenship. Global development education is an educational approach that leads to a deeper understanding of diversity and inequality in the world, to the cause of their existence and possibilities of solving problems associated with them. It encourages all the people that are interested in this kind of issues, regardless of age, to analyze issues such as poverty and their connection to everyday life. By disrupting stereotypes and by promoting independent thinking, global education tries to help to develop the practical skills and contribute to positive changes at local and global level.

International documents

- Agenda 21
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- European Consensus on Development (2005)
- European Consensus on Development: the contribution to global education and awareness raising (2007)
- Maastricht Global Education Declaration (2002)

National actors in the implementation of the National Strategy for Global Education

- Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic www.mzv.sk [1]
- Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic www.minedu.sk [2]
- Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation www.slovakaid.sk [3]
- National Institute for Education www.statpedu.sk [4]
- Methodology and Pedagogy Centre www.mpc-edu.sk [5]
- State Institute for Vocational Education www.siov.sk [6]
- State School Inspectorate www.ssiba.sk [7]
- School and school facilities
- Centre for Continuing Education
- Slovak Non-Governmental Development Organisations Platform www.mvro.sk [8]
- Youth Council of Slovakia www.mladez.sk [9]
- IUVENTA www.iuventu.sk [10]

International institutions:

- UN www.un.org [11]
- UNESCO www.unesco.org [12]
- EU www.europa.eu [13]
- Council of Europe – North South Centre www.coe.int [14]
- GENE www.gene.eu [15]

Main topics of global education

Globalization and Interdependence

is a fundamental topic and also the principle of global education. It is an awareness of the interconnection of developed and developing countries and their mutual influence. Topics:

- Aspects of globalization
- Economic globalization – world trade
- Sustainable development
- Migration

Global issues and Development cooperation

fundamental topics relating to the development education as an important part of global education. Topics:

- Development cooperation and humanitarian assistance of SR and EU
- Volunteering in development cooperation and humanitarian assistance
- Fair trade and ethical business
- Development, development concept, principles
- Millennium Development Goals
- Poverty and inequality
- Health: HIV/AIDS, malnutrition
- Conflicts in the world: forms and methods of conflict resolution

Multiculturalism

thematic unit that is a basis for multicultural/intercultural education as a part of the global education. Topics:

- Stereotypes and prejudices
- Xenophobia, racism, intolerance
- Cultural identity, cultural differences, religious differences

Environment with regard to global aspects

This thematic unit is part of the environmental education which

constitutes one of the units of the global education. Topics:

- Climate changes
- Waste
- Environmental migration
- Air, water, soil
- Use of natural resources
- Alternative sources of energy

Human Rights

thematic unit which is a basis for human rights education in order to its protection and respect. Topics:

- Human rights and civil rights
- Rights of child
- Gender equality
- Democracy and good governance

The Public Awareness Programme is intended to increase awareness of Slovak general and professional public, media and relevant stakeholders concerning the meaning and importance of development cooperation, as well as to increase their involvement in development activities. The aim of the programme will be to approach selected target groups through print and electronic media, internet and thematic events, etc. to form their opinions and provide information about the Slovak development cooperation.

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