

14th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

COMPETITION

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) ranks among OMEP's highest priorities. Since 2010 World OMEP has sponsored a travel award competition for outstanding ESD projects by OMEP members. They have focused on the different dimensions of ESD and on the UN SDGs and Agenda 2030, to an impressive result. Since 2010, the ESD projects have enrolled 142 491 young children, 15 574 teachers, 13 000 families and 1 000 student teachers in Education for Sustainability.

In this announcement, we are looking for outstanding projects that **focus on play and learning for sustainability**. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability. SDG 4.2 specifically asks for quality education for young children.

We invite all OMEP members to submit their proposals for the 2023 award.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023 ESD AWARD

1. Proposals must be submitted in English.
2. To be considered, the ESD Award Proposal Form (attached) must be complete, including a signature by the current OMEP national president.
3. Proposals must be received via email by **April 15, 2023**. Proposals will not be accepted after the deadline.
4. Proposals may be for projects involving (a) work directly with children between birth and age 8, with preference for children younger than 6 years of age; and/or (b) work in pre-service or in-service teacher education.
5. Proposals must be for recent or ongoing projects that (a) have been implemented since 2021, and (b) will have produced substantial results or be fully completed by June 2023.
6. Project aims, activities, pedagogies, and outcomes must relate specifically to one or more components of sustainability: (a) healthy environments; (b) viable economies; and/or (c) equitable, just, and peaceful societies.
7. Additional criteria for selection
 - (a) have a clear description of how play and communication are at the core of education for sustainability,
 - (b) makes children expressions visible, and
 - (c) is inspiring and of high interest to others in the field of early childhood.

The ESD Leadership Committee will review all proposals. Between 1 and 5 projects will be selected, with geographic representation as one selection criterion.

Winner(s) will be **notified by June 10, 2023**.

THE AWARD

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The award will be recognized by an honorary diploma. OMEP will organise an ESD Webinar in the autumn where the winners will be presenting their projects. Additionally, the winners may be invited to OMEP Regional Conferences during 2023 to present their work. Winning projects will be uploaded on the World OMEP website and ESD Resource Bank.

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2023

Submit your proposal as an email attachment to *both* of the following:

Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson at ingrid.pramling@ped.gu.se
and Glynne Mackey at glynne.mackey@canterbury.ac.nz

Inquiries should also be sent to these email addresses.

Additional information and updates are available on the World OMEP website:
www.omepworld.org

Do you want to know more about play for sustainability?

The call for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) projects this year will be related to play. This may concern education for sustainability in play and through play. An emphasis on play implies being responsive to children's perspectives and actions. To support potential applicants to work with play for sustainability, OMEP will provide a short open access (OA) film about how to learn in play and through playing, including the principles of Play-Responsive Early Childhood Education and Care (PRECEC), available through OMEP's homepage. However, there is no requirement that the principles of PRECEC be followed by applicants. There are many approaches to play and OMEP encourages applicants to be responsive to local (and global) circumstances in their work. Also, many different contents and topics may be worked on, as long as these are made relevant to issues of sustainability.

To support all who want to be part of the 2022-2023 year's ESD award, and in addition to the film, there will be a workshop in November where participants can discuss and ask questions about the OMEP ESD Award application and about PRECEC. Additionally, there will be a webinar where the winners of the 2022 ESD Award present their projects. We hope that many early childhood teachers around the world will share their important work on play and sustainability. The applications will contribute to making children more visible as ESD agents.

The team working with ESD awards

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2022-2023 OMEP ESD AWARD PROPOSAL FORM

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Please read the Call for Proposals carefully before completing this application. For your project to be considered, you must fill out this form completely, including signature by your current National OMEP Committee president. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Use this form for your submission. Complete the form in English

Title of the Project		
Name of project leader		
Email address		
School or institution		
Names of others on the project team (if any)		
National OMEP committee		
Signature of the National OMEP Committee president		
Project participants	Participants	Number
	Children (include age)	
	Teachers	
	Families	
	Teacher education students	
	Others	
ABSTRACT, including project aims and outcomes (max. 250 words)		
Type here:		
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (max. 4 pages). You may attach photos as an appendix. However, please note that photos should be considered supplemental to the written narrative about your project.		
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