Who is Teach For All?

Teach For All is a global network of 46 independent, locally led and governed partner organizations that work to develop collective leadership to ensure all children can fulfill their potential. Each network partner recruits and develops promising future leaders to teach in their nations’ under-resourced schools and communities and, with this foundation, to work with others, inside and outside of education, to ensure all children are able to fulfill their potential.

Teach For All’s global organization works to increase the network’s impact by capturing and spreading learning, facilitating connections among partners, accessing global resources, and fostering the leadership development of partner staff, teachers, and alumni.

Today, Teach For All network partners work to support over 14,000 current teachers. Of the more than 55,000 Teach For All network alumni, over 65% are working in education with disadvantaged communities.

Who is UWC?

UWC (United World Colleges) is a global education movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. It comprises a network of 17 international schools and colleges on four continents, short courses and a system of volunteer-run national committees in more than 155 countries and territories in charge of selecting UWC’s students.

UWC offers a challenging educational experience to a deliberately diverse group of students and places a high value on experiential learning, community service and outdoor activities, which complement high academic standards delivered through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

Today, over 9,500 students from more than 155 countries are studying on one of the UWC campuses. Over 65% of UWC students in the final two years receive a full or partial scholarship, enabling admission to a UWC school to be independent of socio-economic means.

Since the foundation of the first UWC college in 1962, UWC has inspired a network of more than 60,000 alumni worldwide, who remain engaged with the UWC movement and committed to contribute to a more equitable and peaceful world.
What is the UWC - Teach For All partnership all about?

UWC and Teach For All are aligned in their mission to increase excellent educational opportunities for young people independent of socio-economic factors.

In light of this shared vision we aim to use both organisations’ global networks of national committees and partner organisations to strengthen our outreach and impact both locally and regionally.

Going forward, we would like to build on the input and engagement of members from across the Teach For All and UWC community to further foster and build this partnership with a view to bringing more people worldwide in touch with UWC’s and Teach For All’s work.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR TEACH FOR ALL’S PARTNER PROGRAMMES?

Teach For All network partners believe that all children deserve an excellent education. The reality is, millions of kids around the world aren’t getting one. In rich and poor countries alike, where children are born often determines the quality of their education, and, ultimately, their future opportunities. This reality limits the potential of not only disadvantaged children, but entire communities, and even nations. Teach For All network partners are recruiting diverse leaders from a range of experiences and academic disciplines to commit two years to teach in high need classrooms and to work throughout their lives to expand opportunity for children in their countries. If you are interested in teaching, find the program in your country on the Teach For All website and apply to join our global effort to expand educational opportunity.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR UWC?

UWC is looking for passionate and curious young people aged 16-18 who want to make the world a better place. Access to a UWC school or college for young people aged 16-18 selected through UWC’s national committee system is independent of socio-economic means and based on demonstrated promise and potential only. UWC wants to reach young people who would otherwise never have access to a world-class international education.

A list of all UWC national committees can be found here: www.uwc.org/nationalcommittees
Priyanka Patil
STUDENT, TEACH FOR INDIA / UWC ADRIATIC (ITALY) 2015-2017

Priyanka participated in Teach For India’s “Maya, The Musical” before being selected to join UWC Adriatic in Italy where she obtained her International Baccalaureate in 2017.

In Priyanka’s own words:

“It all started when I ‘accidentally’ auditioned for a musical that Teach For India (TFI) were putting together with 30 kids from TFI classrooms across my city. I was selected to be one of them. We spent 18 months on the creation of a musical called Maya in collaboration with Broadway artists from a non-profit called ASTEP (Artists Striving to End Poverty). While we worked on portraying the story of Princess Maya embarking on a journey to lift 3 curses and to bring back light to her kingdom, we ourselves embarked on a similar journey. The journey of finding our light, our truest potential. Maya and Teach For India instilled in me the belief to spread my light, in other words make this world a better place. New pathways opened up. Someone from the UWC community in India had come to see the musical and initiated the connection between Teach For India and UWC. After two years at UWC Adriatic, learning that two of my favourite worlds, Teach For All and UWC, are blending together, my heart strikes two beats:

Beat one - for the creation of a better world where no potential is left unfulfilled.

Beat two - for the establishment of a common purpose and a commitment to it.

And a closing beat to welcome the initiation of thousands of journeys around the world of finding and spreading the light, developing potential and channeling it to make this world a better place.”

FUN FACT
Remember the narrator in Teach For All’s animation video? That voice is Priyanka’s!
Dzameer Dzulkifli
CEO, TEACH FOR MALAYSIA / UWCSEA (SINGAPORE) 2001-2003

Dzameer graduated from UWC SEA in 2003, unsure of where his future lie. In 2010 came, as he calls it, his ‘lightning bolt’ moment when he gained clarity and reflection on his UWC experience. He saw that it was critical to empower students to solve some of his generation’s most challenging problems. He wanted to take the UWC experience across Malaysia and the Teach For All approach resonated deeply with him. Launching Teach For Malaysia was his answer and since 2012 the organisation has impacted a total of 73,000 students through 300 of Malaysia’s most promising teachers and future leaders. In 2015, they were recognised as the Best Graduate Programme and were a finalist of the Prime Minister’s Innovation Award. As a proud member of both UWC and Teach For All’s global communities, he is excited to see what comes of the partnership and hopes it will contribute to his long term vision of empowering students to be leaders of their own learning, their future and perhaps the future of Malaysia.

Rebecca Warren
ALUM, TEACH FIRST (UK) / HEAD OF PRIMARY, UWC MAASTRICHT (THE NETHERLANDS) / UWC ATLANTIC COLLEGE (UK) 1995-1997

Rebecca’s life has been dominated by both Teach For All and UWC. Graduating from UWC Atlantic College and subsequently university, Rebecca joined the Teach First (Teach for All’s partner in the UK) programme. She later worked for Teach for All, supporting the development of Teach for the Philippines as Partner Engagement Director before moving into her current role as Director of Primary at UWC Maastricht. Rebecca is thrilled to hear of the formal partnership between Teach For All and UWC and believes both organisations can benefit, not only by working on similar, mission-aligned initiatives but also by learning from one another.
Organise joint events
EXAMPLE: NEW YORK EVENT
PANEL DISCUSSION – EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

In June 2017, UWC and Teach For All held their first joint event - a panel discussion hosted in the NY office of Teach For America. The event brought together the stories of different individuals whose lives have been changed through their educational paths. It examined how education can equip changemakers who make concrete contributions towards a more peaceful and sustainable future and how their work can inspire us and be transposed into our daily work and realities. The event was attended by over 100 alumni and friends from the UWC and Teach For All networks and created lively and thought-provoking discussion.

Supporting students in country
EXAMPLE: INDIA

Several Teach For All national partners and UWC national committees are currently working together with a view to strengthening each other’s programmes and enabling more educational opportunities to young people in their country. One example is the partnership between UWC India, UWC’s national committee in India, and Teach For India, which has been running for a number of years. Teach For India fellows support students in applying for UWC and UWC runs workshops and events for students in the Teach For India programme.

As Gauri Bhure, Head of UWC India, explains ‘Teach For India have been a fantastic partner and we’re a big advocate of theirs. They have clear lines of communication throughout their network and their fellows are fantastic. We’ve also had enormous success with Teach for India students. They’re extremely well-prepared, well-supported and have been given a lot of exposure leading to a very well-considered approach.’
How can you get involved?

TEACH FOR ALL FELLOWS
Do you have curious, bright and passionate young people in your classroom? If they are 15-16, consider recommending that they apply to UWC and support them in the process. Each student needs to apply with the UWC national committee in their home country. For more information go to www.uwc.org/admissions

UWC NATIONAL COMMITTEES
Form partnerships with local Teach For All partner organizations to reach more potential students from across the schools the Teach For All partners are working with. A list of Teach For All partners can be found here: https://teachforall.org/network-partners

UWC COMMUNITY
Make the Teach For All partner programmes known among your community! Many UWC alumni have taught and worked for Teach For All partner organisations - and we hope many more will follow.

TEACH FOR ALL COMMUNITY
There are many job opportunities across the UWC movement - from teaching, to pastoral care, outdoor activity and volunteer opportunities. Make sure to monitor the Job Opportunities section on uwc.org and have a look at the websites of the 17 UWC schools and colleges.

EVERYONE
Join forces for events about the power of education and to reach out to diverse local communities. Share job opportunities, major successes and celebrate milestones and specific events together on social media channels.