

## Quality Education for all: Virtual Global School

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I strongly believe in the power of Education, namely the chance to be free and independent, as well as the opportunity to grow, to reduce inequalities, to reach gender equality and, finally, peace.

I feel very fortunate to be born with the chances that I happen to have every single day of my life. Yet I have not understood why some people got the possibility to have this path in life. Me, You, We all are so fortunate. Every morning I wake up feeling the responsibility of those children who live in a war zone, or in a refugee camp, and they have no voice. They have no responsibility, it is not their fault if they have been growing up in such areas. But it is not time to pity them. It's time to take action.

Education is a Basic Human Right. In some countries though it ended up being a crime, especially for girls. Many children all over the world do not have the access to education because of poverty, war or gender inequalities. What about their dreams? And what about their Rights? We should all speak up to let them have Quality Education. And to stop poverty é the key of success is the end of segregation.

Quality Education is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, through which other Goals could be reached: Decent Work (#8), Reduced Inequalities (#10), Gender Equality (#5), No Poverty (#1), Good Health and well-being (#3) and Peace (#16). Education is a blessing, as well as Technology is.

I also strongly believe in the power of Technology, whether we think of Internet or of computers and tablets. We should all have understood that Internet is not a computer network, but it is an infinite tangle of people.

Moreover, Internet is now a Basic Human Right. Thomas Hughes, the executive director of Article 19, said that Internet is essential to achieving the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, and no state should be seeking to slow this down. It facilitates vast opportunities for affordable and inclusive education globally and it has a great potential to accelerate human progress.

It is convenient for us to look at the synergy of Technology and Education: it could be the best gender-free, affordable, safe and powerful tool in the World.

Let's now think of Democracy, and where it could be. Democracy can (and does) bloom where there is Holding, Listening and Sharing. Holding, Listening and Sharing are the best antidote against Hate, together with Education, of course.

Internet is Freedom and it gives the ingredients for Peace. How can we reach Peace? Through Solidarity. And how can we reach Solidarity? Through Education and through the perception that things could be seen in different ways, thanks to a sort of a window, that is Culture.

So, I'd say, powerful synergy of Education and Technology.

Some quick questions now: how easy is it for an average girl in a Developed Country to take a selfie and post it on Instagram? How easy and cheap is it? Now let's imagine that the whole time spent on Instagram or such would be spent in writing English and Maths lessons for children living in a refugee camp in Syria. How easy would it be? How satisfying? We are all so fortunate, and I will never stop to say it.

I've been volunteering as a virtual teacher for some schools in Ethiopia, Pakistan and Guatemala. I teach children some basic English and Maths through Skype and emails. There are no words that can explain the joy of sharing with them something that I have, which is knowledge. Knowledge can be so powerful, more than a gun will ever be. Maybe for this reason somewhere it is easier to give a gun rather than a book.

Children are the backbone of our Society and every single child in this World deserve a fair chance of getting quality education during his or her life.

My project is to create a sort of a platform, a learning-cloud, where children and teachers may find materials for their lessons. Volunteers may be involved in marking homework, every hour of every day, 24/7, in every part of the World.