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Dear Partners and Participants of the 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities,

Welcome to the third UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) newsletter of 2015, in which we warmly invite you/your city to become a member of the UNESCO GNLC. We hope that your city will join us in working towards ensuring that 'lifelong learning for all is our city's future'. In this newsletter, we will introduce the concept behind the network and explain how to apply for membership. In addition, we will explain how to enter your city for the UNESCO Learning City Award, the first award of its kind in the world. We

are looking forward to welcoming members to the network and hearing about inspiring practices from our members and Award applicants.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the twelve recipients of the UNESCO Learning City Award 2015. Melton (Australia), Sorocaba (Brazil), Beijing (China), Bahir Dar (Ethiopia), Espoo (Finland), Cork (Ireland), Amman (Jordan), Mexico City (Mexico), Ybycuí (Paraguay), Balanga (Philippines), Namyangju (Republic of Korea) and Swansea (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) have shown outstanding commitment and progress in implementing the *Beijing Declaration on Building Learning Cities* and the *Key Features of Learning Cities*.

We would like to thank all participants and partners for their contribution to the 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities. With more than 650 participants from 95 countries, the Conference culminated in the adoption of the *Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities*. We are pleased to share this important document with you in this newsletter, and we hope you enjoy reflecting with us on the resounding success of the Conference.

Finally, it is time for feedback. We would be very grateful if Conference participants could take a few minutes to tell us about their experience of the Conference. This feedback will help us plan future events and activities.

Yours faithfully,

The UNESCO GNLC Coordination Team

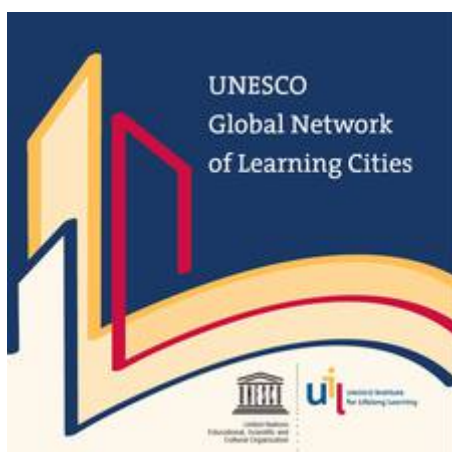
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Insights into the 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities



In a nutshell: The 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities

The 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities brought together more than 650 ministers, vice-ministers, mayors, vice-mayors, education executives and civil society representatives from more than 95 countries. [more](#)



The UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities opens to membership

During the 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities, which was held from 28 to 30 September 2015 in Mexico City, UNESCO opened the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities to membership. [more](#)



3 x 3 x 3 Youth Statement on Learning Cities

The 3 x 3 x 3 Youth Statement on Learning Cities was developed by youth delegates of the 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities. The Statement consists of three recognitions of the importance of building learning cities and the involvement of youth in this regard; three calls for action directed at UNESCO; three expressions of encouragement directed at local and national governments; and three commitments from youth to contribute to the building of learning cities. [more](#)



The Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities

The 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities, which was held from 28 to 30 September 2015 in Mexico City, culminated in the adoption of the Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities. This statement will shape the development of learning cities in the coming years. [more](#)

Cities in Action



The 2015 UNESCO Learning City Award

Twelve cities representing all UNESCO regions received the 2015 UNESCO Learning City Award during the 2nd International Conference on

Learning Cities, which took place in Mexico City from 28 to 30 September 2015. The award recognizes the twelve cities' strong commitment to building learning cities and the outstanding progress they have made since the 1st International Conference on Learning Cities, which took place in Beijing in 2013. [more](#)

Feedback



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