global citizenship education fund

The Global Citizenship Education Fund (GCEF)is a non-profit organization created by ideaborn to conceive, promote and monitor its Human Rights Education Program.

The goal of the program is to promote both awareness and understanding of the content of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the international conventions that have come since to develop articles into binding legislation. Among them, our primary focus is on those related to citizenship rights, duties and responsibilities.

In line with contemporary challenges, citizenship education should contribute to developing abilities, attitudes and values. This entails acquiring knowledge and a comprehensive understanding of, and respect for, differences. It is about tolerance, dialogue and debate, peaceful coexistence, equality and active participation through the ability to think critically, reflect actively and imagine sympathetically the predicament of another person. Learning these skills is a daily challenge in which society as a whole participates.

Our education projects are aimed at public servants and graduate and undergraduate teachers. We also provide support to other Human Rights and Citizenship awareness initiatives, conceived and implemented by public organisations and Civil Society alike.

The GCEF has a board of directors that is the governing and administrative body that represents and manages the Foundation and assumes all the powers and functions necessary for the achievement of the Foundation's aims.
For each new aim, it is foreseen the creation of its correspondent Technical Committee. So far, the first Technical Committee constituted is the "Secondary Education Technical working group".

The Global Citizenship Education Fund current initiatives are those under the supervision of the Secondary Education Technical Working Group.

They are envisaged to be used simultaneously, however they can also be used individually.

- Forming Responsible Citizens - Aims to strengthen secondary school citizenship education, combining existing programs with the development of new materials. It is currently being implemented in Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan.

One School one year - A project to support practical citizenship education across one academic year. It is currently being prepared for implementation in Tunisia.

- Diploma in participatory education - Addressed to enhance teaching techniques among secondary education teachers, using the exercise of freedom, rights, duties and gender equality as a driving tool for the education of any and every subject.