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Global Education Conference To Arrive in Winchester, VA

In July 2018, nearly 500 educators and students from more than 40 countries will gather in Winchester, Virginia, for **iEARN's 2018 International Conference and Youth Summit**, a week of inspiring events, sessions, keynotes, and celebrations related to global, virtual education and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through, collaborative project work.

The conference is hosted by **iEARN-USA**, the U.S organization of iEARN (International Education and Resource Network) the world's largest, most experienced, and diverse K-12 online network that enables young people worldwide to use the internet and digital media to collaborate on educational projects. The conference will take place at John Handley High School and Shenandoah University.

"We are thrilled to hold our 30th Anniversary Conference at an iEARN partner high school in Winchester, and look forward to sharing this incredible city with our global community of youth and educators," says Tonya Muro, iEARN-USA's Executive Director.

The theme for the the 2018 iEARN International Conference and Youth Summit is "Global Collaboration for Sustainable Development," and will celebrate iEARN's 30-year history of people and projects that have changed the world while also envisioning a future where educators and youth work together to build a more peaceful and sustainable planet. Previous conferences have been hosted by a different country each year since 1994, most recently in Morocco, Brazil, Argentina, and Qatar.

Winchester and John Handley High School were chosen as the conference site because of the robust community of educators that have been participating and promoting global education through iEARN. The high school was voted the "most beautiful public high school" in Virginia by Architectural Digest. The school grounds include a school theater, a full-sized football field and track, and classrooms equipped with internet connections and projectors. "

The iEARN Conference and Youth Summit features a Cultural Night, often the highlight for many attendees, where attendees from each country share a presentation or cultural performance, which will also include a "**Taste of Winchester**," featuring fare from local businesses. Additional cultural events include a Gala Dinner on the closing night, and an optional cultural excursion day with a variety of options including a day-long sightseeing tour to D.C.

Local youth and young people from around the world are also invited to attend and join the **2018 Youth Summit**. At this year's Youth Summit, students from around the world will take on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and show how young people can take action and help make our world more sustainable through exchange and collaboration. Youth Summit activities include youth-led presentations and workshops, hands-on activities, service projects, games, performances, and much more.

iEARN-USA encourages U.S. educators and youth new to iEARN and global education to attend the conference and youth summit and learn more about engaging with an incredible network of global citizens. Information about the conference and how to attend are available on the conference website at <http://iearn2018.org>.

About iEARN-USA

iEARN-USA works with educational, youth service, relief and development organizations to facilitate programs where young people can work together to make a meaningful difference in the world. In partnership, we are proud to provide educators and youth with virtual and physical exchange, language, and multimedia opportunities. <http://us.iearn.org>.

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