



## THE #RIGHTTOEDUCATION CAMPAIGN



As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (link is external) marks its 70th year, UNESCO is launching a digital campaign on the #RightToEducation, a right that is at the core of its global mission to ensure equal access to quality education. Through a series of videos, animations, visuals, interviews and stories, the UNESCO campaign - running from 15 October to 18 December 2018 - will unpack the legal significance of the right to education and the major challenges that are blocking its path. Read more [here](#).

## 7 WAYS TOWNS AND CITIES ARE TURNING FROM GREY TO GREEN



Urbanization is a fact of modern life, but that doesn't necessarily mean city dwellers are abandoning nature. The UN predicts two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities by 2050. As people come to terms with the dramatic increase in urbanized areas and the corresponding loss of wildlife, there is a growing focus on how to improve urban biodiversity.

While the move towards urbanization cannot be reversed, many cities are finding ways to improve the quality of city life and actively bring wildlife back into cities. These are seven stand-out examples of how cities are learning to nurture plants and wildlife. Read more [here](#).

## FORESTS COULD BE THE MOST REALISTIC DEFENSE AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING



A statement signed by 40 prominent environmental scientists argues that the preservation, restoration and sustainable management of forests is the world's best hope for limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The statement, released by the Climate and Land Use Alliance, a coalition that promotes the role of forests and landscapes in climate change mitigation, was published to coincide with the IPCC special report on limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Read more [here](#).

## THE BATTLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE WON IN CITIES



More than ever before in human history, cities increasingly act as catalytic nodes for human development, socio-economic growth and culture. Yet, urbanization reveals two inherently concurrent dimensions vis-à-vis the emergence of cities as engines of socio-economic development - a rising vulnerability to multiple disaster and climate-related risks. We often ask - what should the inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable urban development look like? Read

more [here](#).

## NINETY PER CENT OF SRI LANKAN WOMEN ENDURE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT, UNFPA STUDY SHOWS



Ninety per cent of women in Sri Lanka have endured sexual harassment while taking public transport, a new study commissioned by UNFPA has found. The findings, released last week, offer a stark view into women's vulnerability to violence and discrimination, issues that are poorly understood - both in Sri Lanka and globally - because of underreporting and lack of data. Despite the absence of formal data, these issues are all too familiar to women and girls, the survey confirms. Read more [here](#).

## WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE - TO MEN AND BOYS



At least 62 women have been killed this year from violence, according to the Counting Dead Women project run by the feminist organisation Destroy The Joint. Eight more women have been murdered at this point in 2018 compared with 2017. The people charged with their deaths include their husbands, partners, ex-partners, sons, relatives, acquaintances and strangers. Sometimes their own children and grandchildren were killed with them. These

murders are the tip of the iceberg of men's violence against women. The Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that one in three Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15, and one in five Australia women has experienced sexual violence. Read more [here](#).

## MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE ENDORSES ACTION PLAN TO DRIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Taskforce has endorsed key initiatives to create jobs for young people and prioritise youth in national development plans. The Task Force is a panel of 10 ministers, with two representatives from each Commonwealth region, that provides advice on the design and delivery of youth programmes. Meeting in Malta, members underscored the urgency of mobilising resources to meet the growing ambitions of

young people, who make up more than 60 per cent of the 2.4 billion population of the Commonwealth. Read more [here](#).

## UN PUBLIC SERVICE DAY & AWARDS



Nominations for the 2019 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) are now open. Nominations can only be submitted online on the UNPSA portal . Nominations will close on 30

November 2018 . Submission rules and the online application form are available in the six official languages of the United Nations on the UNPSA portal. Read more [here](#).

## UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON DIGITAL COOPERATION: OPEN CALL FOR INPUT



Cooperation across domains and borders is essential to reaping the benefits of digital technologies and safeguarding against related risks and unintended consequences. That is why UN Secretary-General António Guterres established a High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation. Read more at [here](#).

## SHINE YOUR LIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Leading up to the 10th December 2018 - the actual date of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration - OHCHR is launching a month of activation, across the world's regions, to spotlight the centrality of rights to the daily lives of people everywhere. The aim is to engage diverse audiences around the world, calling on them to #Stand Up for the Declaration's enduring universal principles. Read more [here](#).

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY



International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2018, "Volunteers build Resilient Communities", recognizes volunteers worldwide - with a special focus on local community volunteers - who contribute to making their communities more resilient against natural disasters, economic stresses and political shocks. The campaign theme combines the recognition of volunteers with concrete evidence from the State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2018. #IVD2018 focuses on the values of volunteerism through the appreciation of local volunteers, including the marginalized groups and women, who make up nearly 60 per cent of volunteers worldwide, and their impact on building #ResilientCommunities. Share how you volunteer to build #ResilientCommunities in a video! Tag

@UNVolunteers. Read more [here](#).

## APPLY NOW ! PLANET YOUTH WORKSHOP



During these three days from 6th of March to the 8th of March, participants will get an in-depth knowledge about the Icelandic Evidence-Based Prevention Model from the specialists of ICSRA. At the workshop, participants will also get a chance to meet and have discussions with the people who work in the field of prevention in Iceland. These include the Youth Association, National sports association, the Directorate of health and the National parent's associations. Related optional

study visit included. After the Workshop participants should have adequate information on the feasibility and next steps for implementation of the model in their communities. Apply at [here](#).

## APPLY NOW ! TELANGANA JAGRUTHI INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - 2019

TELANGANA JAGRUTHI



TJIYLC

TJIYLC brings together leaders from different walks of life and serves as a point of confluence for young professionals, students, innovators, and policymakers to come together and build consensus around SDGs and other critical development agenda. Delegates acquire first-hand experience in leadership, join a lasting global leadership network and build a platform to tackle current critical issues. The TJIYLC take place on

the 18th, 19th, and 20th January, 2019 at Hyderabad. The event is hosted by Telangana Jagruthi - one of the largest NGOs in India working on skill development, youth empowerment and women leadership. Apply at [here](#).



## EVENTS

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### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Website: <http://www.iylc.com/prague/>

### 5TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE, THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONFERENCE ON THE HEALTH, RIGHTS, AND WELLBEING OF GIRLS AND WOMEN

Website: <http://wd2019.org/>

### REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

Website: <http://www.unece.org/sustainable-development/rfsd2019.html>

### EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

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