THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP

Building a culture of active citizenship in Lebanese schools

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THE DREAM

WE DREAM OF STRONG CITIZENSHIP
where youth practice civic engagement, feel a sense of belonging to their nation, and embrace the collective responsibility of taking action.”

Mrs. Nehmat Aoun, First Lady of the Lebanese Republic



WHY SCHOOLS?

WE ARE PROPOSING A WHOLE-OF-SCHOOL APPROACH TO CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

UNIFY

The approach with a national framework for citizenship education

SUPPORT

Schools with the training they need

CELEBRATE

Their achievements through communication campaigns and frequent visits

SHARE

Learning experiences and celebrate participating schools in a National Citizenship Education conference

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WHAT IS THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP INDEX?

A practical assessment tool that measures how schools promote civic values, student participation, community connection, and active engagement.



Civic Learning:

The knowledge of an active citizen



Civic & Social Skills:

The toolkit to be an active citizen



Democratic Participation & School Life:

The governance to be an active citizen



Community Engagement & Social Responsibility:

Active citizenship practiced and applied

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THE SCHOOL'S PATH

How schools can participate

1. JOIN
SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP

Join the project by signing up on the platform schoolofcitizenship.com

For the year 2026/2027, **300 schools will be selected on a representative basis*

2. BUILD
YOUR CAPACITIES

At CRDP training centers after which implementation can be assisted until the end of the school year

**Support available (advanced trainings, mentor schools, volunteer support)*

3. ACTIVATE
CIVIC PROJECTS

Implementation of civic engagement projects with your students

**Field visits, communications, and follow up*

4. CELEBRATE
AND LEARN

Fill in the index questionnaire, get recognized and celebrated at the National Conference for Citizenship Education

STEP 1
Registration

Selection of a representative national cohort for the academic year

- Join SOC by registering on our platform
- Selection of schools is based on public, private, social, and regional representativity
- The SoC team will inform selected schools of their invitation to the trainings.
- Most committed and passionate teachers are welcome to join the training

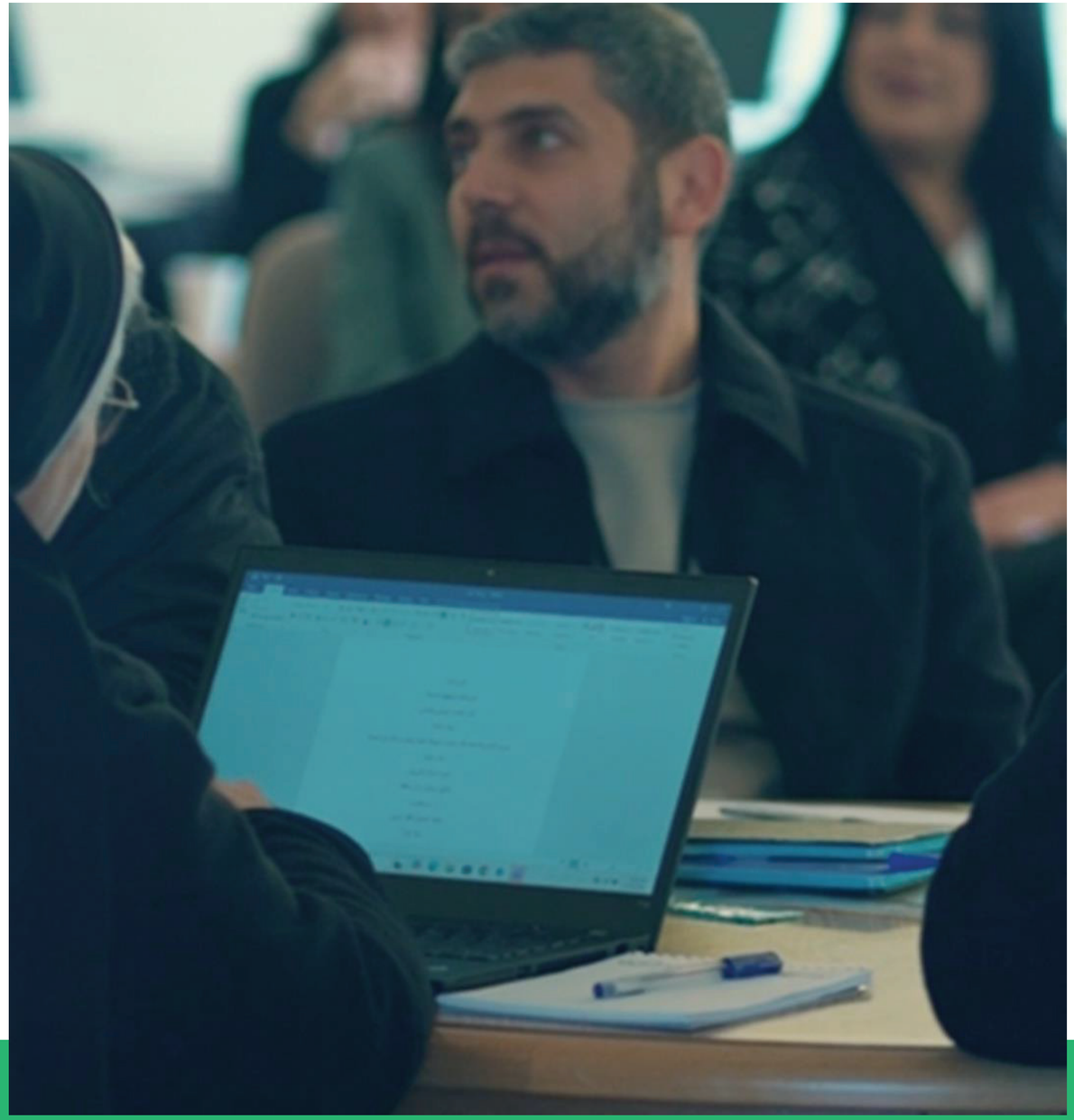


STEP 2

National Trainings

Professional capacity building in partnership with the CRDP

- Train the principals and the teachers to transform their school into an institution that builds strong and active citizens
- Develop policies that reinforce initiative, commitment to the common good, justice, and accountability
- Activate student councils as democratic tools and integrate community projects into annual school plans
- Train teachers to apply civic competencies so they can transmit positive citizenship values to learners
- Develop leadership, participation, teamwork, problem-solving, resource and time management skills, and the capacity for continuous evaluation and improvement



THE TRAINING: FORMAT

1

DYNAMIC

and collaborative

Based on applied examples and sharing experiences; pedagogical strategies and digital tools at the disposal of schools

2

4-DAY

Immersive training

For teachers and 2-day training for principals of all subscribed schools in partnership with the Center for Educational Research and Development (CRDP)

3

CRDP

Operated training

In all regions of the country in partnership with the School of Citizenship initiative. The training is free of charge for the school

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THE TRAINING: OUTCOMES

1

NATIONAL

Approach to citizenship education in line with the new National Curriculum

2

PRACTICAL

Out-of-curriculum approach focused on engagement, belonging, and national identity

3

EXPOSURE

To the latest knowledge, tools, and strategies for teaching and fostering active citizenship at school

4

OPPORTUNITIES

For collaboration with other schools, lessons learned and mentorship; building bridges between schools and building networks of collaboration

THE TRAINING: PLAN

1

DEFINING
active citizenship

Responsibility, belonging, engagement, social justice, good governance, respect, etc.

2

PRESENTING
the framework

i.e., The "School of Citizenship" Index

3

SHARING
of experiences

In active citizenship globally and locally; the importance of working on it

4

HIGHLIGHTING
school governance

Role of principals, teachers, parents and students in school life

5

DEFINING
life skills

Critical thinking, debating, public speaking, group work, active listening, etc.

6

IMPLEMENTING
guide

From strategic planning to project management, to monitoring and evaluation

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STEP 3
Implementation

Continuous technical support and mentorship through local partner networks

- Access to advanced workshops and follow-up sessions tailored to your school's needs with the Alliance for Citizenship Education partners
- Join a national network of schools exchanging best practices, lessons learned, and project ideas; your school can be a mentor school to another
- Our partners and volunteers can accompany you throughout your first year, to guide and support your efforts at implementing training



STEP 4

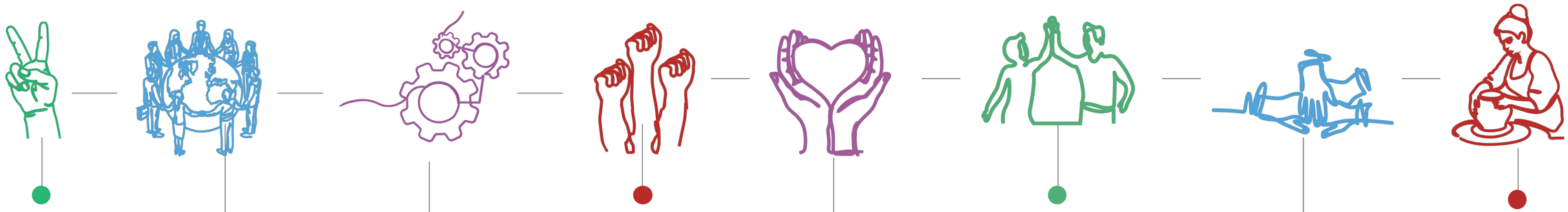
Civic Activities

Practical application of civic tools and student-led initiatives

- Most schools already implement civic projects; we want to showcase them and shed light on the process that brought each project to life.
- Students will use tools such as SWOT analysis and strategic planning, action planning, monitoring and evaluation, and project reporting.
- Schools can foster citizenship education through a wide range of initiatives, policies, and projects that promote participation, responsibility, and community engagement.
- The activities outlined below represent examples of practical approaches schools may adopt.
- They are not exhaustive, institutions are encouraged to design additional actions aligned with their context, needs, and values to build active, engaged, and socially responsible students.



CITIZENSHIP APPLIED: CIVIC PROJECTS



Social cohesion & peace building projects

Environmental & sustainability projects

Governance

Rights & empowerment

Health & wellbeing

Social work

Emergency solidarity

Arts, culture & history

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WHAT DOES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROMISE?

ENGAGEMENT CHANGES EVERYTHING

OPENNESS

Through engagement, students discover the world differently

BELONGING

They develop deeper ties to their school, their community, their country

EMPOWERMENT

They gain confidence, feel useful, grow stronger

SUCCESS

Engaged youth do better because they have purpose, motivation, and direction

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STEP 5
Celebration and Learning

National recognition and evidence-based policy recommendations

- Schools fill in the index
- Index results show the progress of the school
- Publication of Annual Citizenship Education Report with lessons learned and policy recommendations in collaboration with the American University of Beirut
- Schools certified and celebrated at the National Conference for Citizenship Education



STRATEGIC PARTNERS

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(Legal Partner)

SoC Strategic Partners are the guiding body behind the initiative's strategic vision. They define and oversee the mission and vision of the initiative, ensuring long term direction and national alignment. They also help fine tune the core mechanisms implemented during each cycle, including school participation, training frameworks, and the Citizenship Index.

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Sponsors play a vital role in supporting the School of Citizenship through three contribution tiers: Legacy, Supporter, and Friend. Through long term commitment and strategic investment, they help sustain the initiative year after year, contributing to a five year cycle focused on systemic impact, national alignment, and the development of future generations of engaged citizens.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Technical Partners form the School of Citizenship Alliance, a multi-stakeholder network that empowers 150 schools across Lebanon through a range of core mechanisms, including specialized training, on-site accompaniment, and a demand-driven matching approach. Through this approach, partners respond directly to each school's specific needs, delivering tailored interventions that strengthen institutional capacity, reinforce civic education practices, and ensure sustainable impact across communities.

Partnerships established until September 2026

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YEARLY CYCLES

MORE SCHOOLS

LARGER PROJECTS

BIGGER IMPACT

YEAR TWO ROADMAP

OCTOBER 2026
Sign Up & Registration

01

NOVEMBER 2026
School Selection

02

DECEMBER 2026
Training

03

JANUARY TO APRIL 2027
Implementation

04

- Oversight Visits
- Advanced Support
- Index Filling

MAY 2027
Index Submission

05

JUNE 2027
Monitoring & Evaluation

06

OCTOBER 2027
National Summit

07

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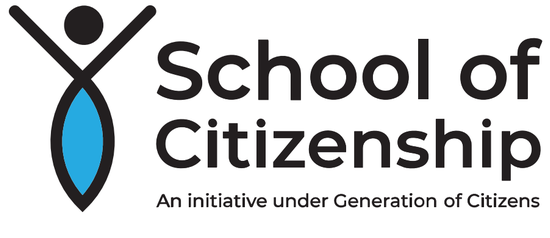
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