

THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP



BUILDING A CULTURE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN LEBANESE SCHOOLS
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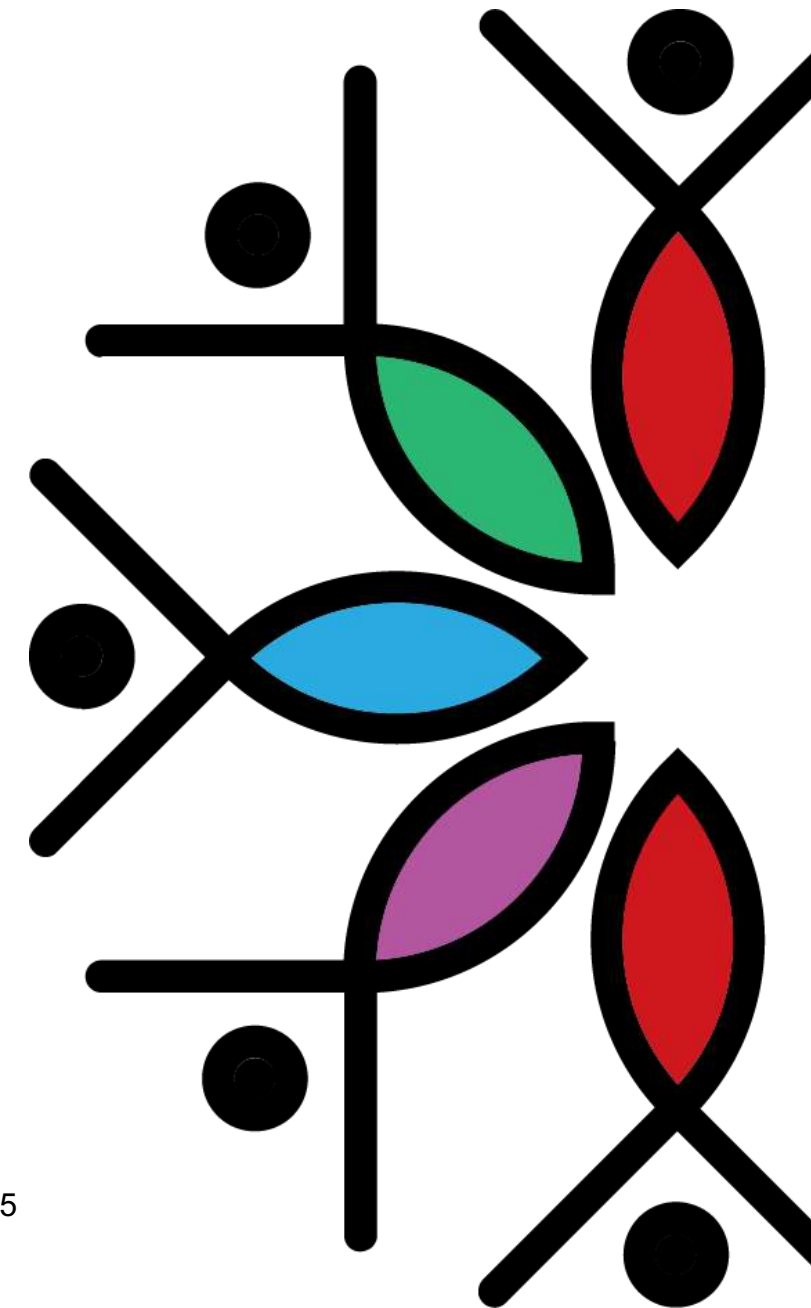


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THE DREAM



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



THE PROJECT



The School of Citizenship initiative is born out of this dream, because schools are the cradle of citizenship — the core of a community, where everything begins.

To reinforce their role in society, the First Lady is building a coalition of international, regional, and local stakeholders to federate and unify the vision on citizenship education.

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



WHAT IS THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP INDEX?

A TOOL BASED ON A UNIFIED SCHOOL FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO



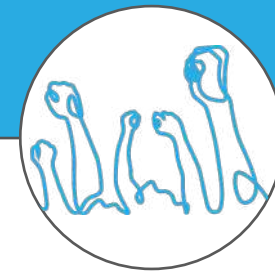
Civic Learning:
The knowledge of an active citizen



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

THE SCHOOL'S PATH

HOW SCHOOLS CAN PARTICIPATE

1. JOIN SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP

Join the project by signing up on the platform
www.schoolofcitizenship.com/joinsoc

2. BUILD YOUR CAPACITIES

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

3. ACTIVATE CIVIC PROJECTS

Implementation of civic engagement projects with your students

4. CELEBRATE AND LEARN

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

**For the year 2025/2026, 150 schools will be selected on a representative basis*

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

**Field visits, communications, and follow up*



STEP 1: REGISTER

REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP

- Join SOC by registering on our platform before December 1st, 2025
- The first 150 schools to register will be selected based on a public-private and regional representativity
- Team will liaise with the selected schools in December for the training schedule
- Most committed and passionate teachers are welcome to join the training

STEP 2: TRAINING OBJECTIVES

A TOOL DEVELOPED WITH THE CENTER FOR
EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT (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



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 “School of Citizenship” index framework

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



STEP 3: IMPLEMENT

A NETWORK OF LOCAL PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS ACCOMPANIES SCHOOLS

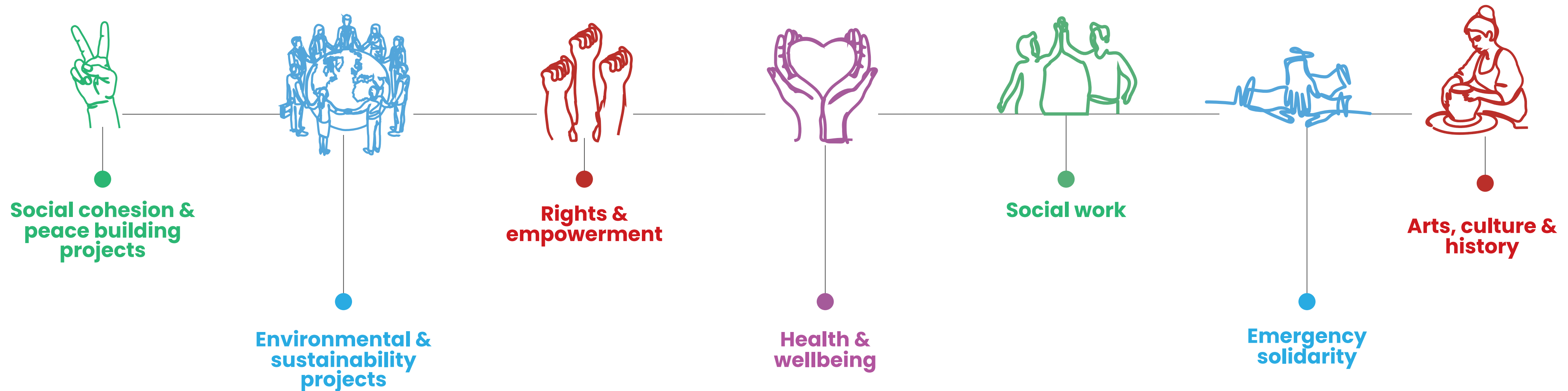
- Access to advanced workshops and follow-up sessions tailored to your school's needs with our local partners network
- Join a national network of schools exchanging best practices, lessons learned, and project ideas; your school can be a mentor school to another
- Our partners and volunteers can accompany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

STEP 4: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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.



CITIZENSHIP APPLIED CIVIC PROJECTS



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

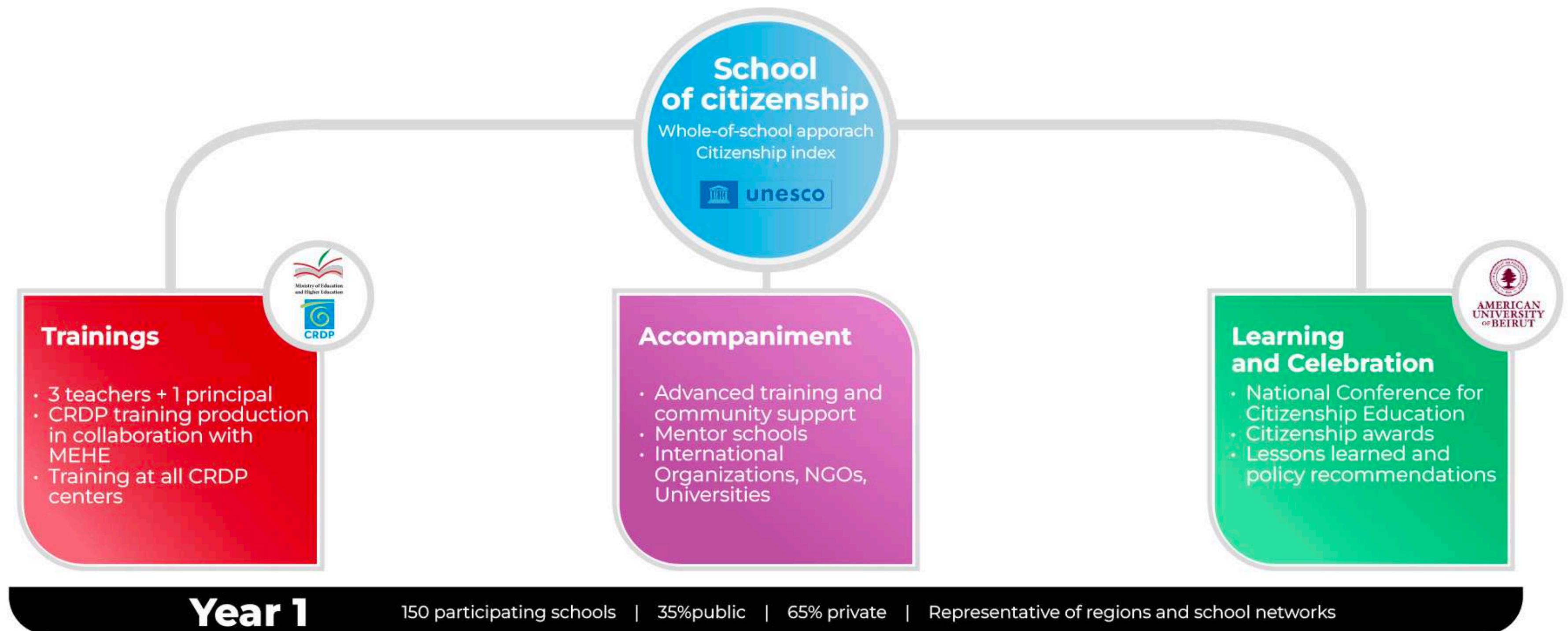


STEP 5: CELEBRATE & LEARN

- Fill in the index survey that shows the work that your school has done throughout the year. 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
- National Citizenship Education Conference at the Presidential Palace
- Schools certified and celebrated

PROJECT FLOW CHART

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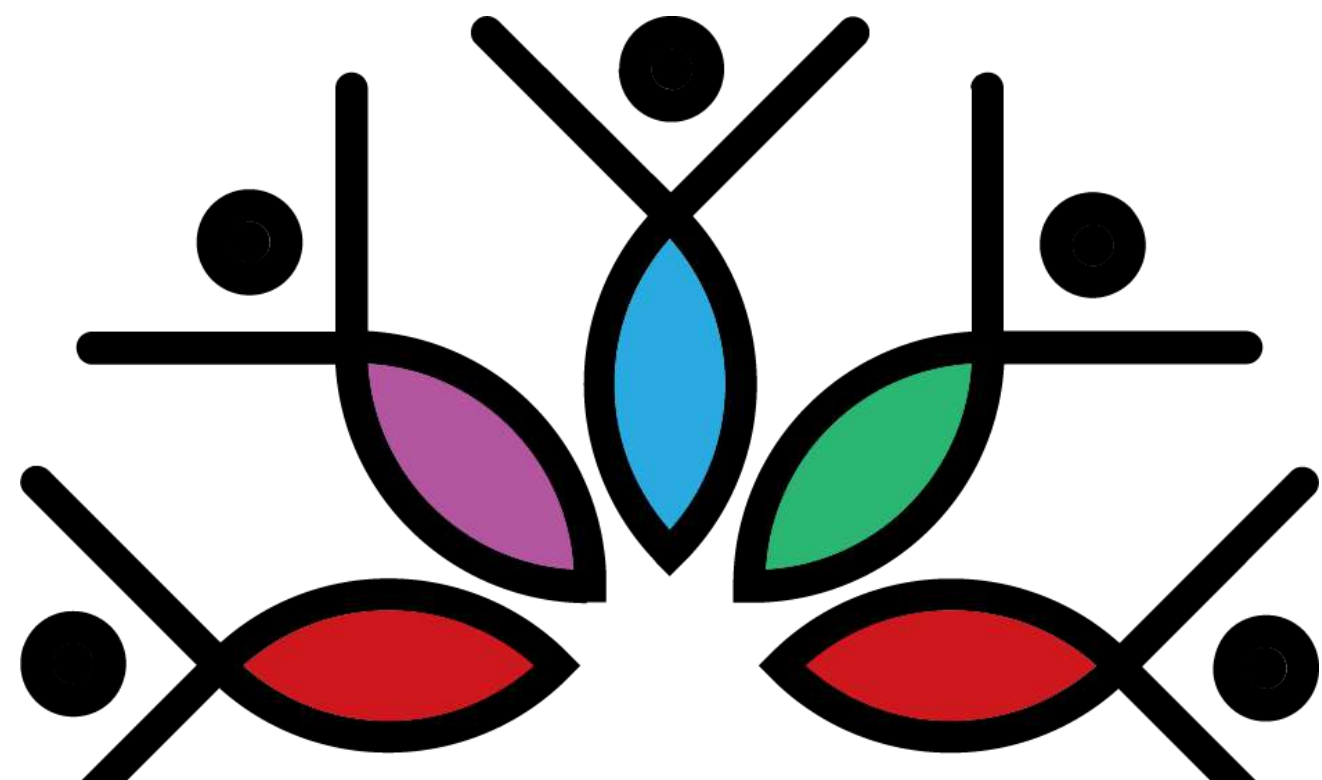
YEARLY CYCLES

**MORE
SCHOOLS**

**LARGER
PROJECTS**

**BIGGER
IMPACT**

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