

iEARN-USA is looking for U.S. partners (high schools) to join an exciting new international virtual exchange program. Your students will have the opportunity to collaborate with peers around the world and develop global competencies and 21st century skills.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

iEARN-USA's Storytelling for Social Change builds global leaders by engaging Algerian, Tunisian, and American high school-aged youth in global collaboration to tell stories about real world issues in their local communities. The virtual exchange draws on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to explore the transformative power of storytelling. Throughout the program, participants learn how to use several techniques and tools to develop, record, edit, and publish their stories.



## **Program Features**

- Program orientation and training for educators
- 7-week facilitated virtual exchange for students including:
  - Six 30 45 min video conference sessions
  - Weekly asynchronous exchange activities
- Closing festival to showcase projects
- Alumni opportunities for continued exchange
- Teachers may be eligible for a stipend\*

## PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

- Each teacher, educator, and/or school leader will commit to the following:
  - <sub>o</sub> Engage a minimum of 25 high school youth (ages 15-18) during: Fall 2024 September 30 November 15
  - ° Dedicate up to 1.5 hours of class time with students per week
    - ° 30 45 min synchronous live session, with international partners
    - ° ~30 min asynchronous with students in the classroom
- Support students to complete asynchronous exchange activities
  - Attend orientation and teacher training
- Meet with the project facilitator 3 times during the exchange
- Support students throughout the program
- Share program photos and highlights
- Provide feedback on virtual exchange activities and the platform



## **IEARN-USA WILL PROVIDE:**

- One-year iEARN-USA membership for participating educators and students.
- Virtual exchange platform iEARN's Collaboration Centre.
- Orientation and training for the educator.
- Project curriculum and virtual exchange facilitators.
- Ongoing support for students and teachers in the U.S.



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