

PRESS RELEASE

National Competition

Why school? Towards quality education

The national competition on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is back in September.



Geneva, September 4th 2017. Following the success of the previous edition - 1'500 participants in 2015/2016 – the Eduki Foundation is pleased to present this year's national completion entitled "Why School? Towards quality education for all". The completion will allow participants to discover the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, its 17 Goals, and in particular SDG 4, which aims to give access to quality education to all the people on our planet.

The competition is open to pupils from all over Switzerland from the primary, secondary I and II education levels (about 4 to 19 years old). The awards ceremony will take place at the *Palais des Nations* in Geneva April 20, 2018.

This innovative competition invites young people to reflect on the central role of education in attaining all the other SDGs of the 2030 Agenda. As a reminder, in 2015, the UN member states set an ambitious program of 17 global goals to be achieved by 2030. Switzerland, one of the driving forces in the international negotiations, is obviously very engaged towards their realization. Students, classes and schools in Switzerland will be able to contribute to this effort by participating in the Eduki competition, which encourages young people to take action by raising awareness on these issues in their community. They can submit artwork, a media project or imagine a concrete action. The Eduki Foundation offers a support to the participants in the form of: information material, thematic visits to Geneva, and exchanges with experts from the UN and follow-up in in the conception of the projects.

Under the high patronage of the Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva and sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Swiss Commission for UNESCO, the Department of Public Education, Culture and Sport of the canton of Geneva, the Gelbert Foundation and the Fondation pour Genève, the competition takes place during the 2017/2018 school year. The projects will be judged by a jury composed of experts from International Geneva. The awards ceremony will take place on April 20, 2018 in the symbolic e Palais des Nations in Geneva. Finally, the works will be exhibited at the UN to celebrate Earth Day 2018.

Dates to remember

- From September 2017: Registration opens
- February 28, 2018: Deadline for submission of projects
- April 20, 2018: Awards ceremony

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About us

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documentation, information on the professions in international cooperation, etc. To know more about us:
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