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# *Education*

The **Montessori Method of education**, developed by Dr. **Maria Montessori**, is a child-centered **educational** approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. [...] It is an approach that values the human spirit and the development of the whole person—physical, social, emotional, cognitive.[1]

WCI Education Initiative is built on the principle that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

WCI Education Initiative invites everyone to always seek knowledge and share knowledge.

WCI Education Initiative encourages its membership, whenever possible, to share the gift of learning with the community at large.

- [1] "Montessori Education". In Wikipedia. Retrieved January 29, 2019, from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montessori_education

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**A bedrock belief of mine is the impactful role women can and do play as bridge builders and community builders.**
*(Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani)*

**The highest result of education is tolerance.**
*(Helen Keller)*

**Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.**
*(Marian Wright Edelman)*

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**
*(Nelson Mandela)*

**Education breeds Confidence. Confidence breeds Hope. Hope breeds Peace.**
*(Confucius)*

**I am still learning.**
*(Michelangelo, at age 87)*

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## *Introduction*

- The following slides present WCI's Initiative on educating women. WCI would like to respond to the current, challenging times with a spirit of generosity and compassion. We believe that it is through education that we can use our talents and capabilities to help others live in a peaceful world. We know many of our Sister Clubs are already involved in wonderful projects. We respect each one of them. WCI values the diversity of interests practiced by our Sister Clubs. This variety enriches WCI.
- This initiative is an invitation to emphasize the role of education in our organization. We would like to kindly ask you to share your ideas with respect to this initiative.

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## *WCI Education Initiative Kit – Resource Guide to Clubs*

### *Mission*

- To promote the education of women to help create a better world

### *Vision*

- For WCI members to be active agents of change in today's world

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## *WCI's Objectives:*

- For WCI to grow in multicultural education and understanding
- To offer a guide for Sister Clubs to use per their own resources, structure, and potential, and to work within the parameters of their bylaws and the reality of their hometowns

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***Objective I***

- For WCI to grow in multicultural education and understanding

***Actions***

- To have a section in Sister Club News dedicated to WCI Initiative: Educating Women
- To upload educational videos from workshops that take place at WCI's International Conferences and at Board of Directors' Meetings
- To partner with international organizations that foster the betterment and education of women
- To incorporate WCI's Initiative of educating women in all aspects of WCI's communications

***Timeline***

- The January edition of Sister Club News 2018 included an article about women and education. Visit the Member section of WCI's website to read the article.
- All other action items are in progress

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## ***Objective II***

- To offer suggestions to Sister Clubs to use per their own resources, structure, and potential, and to work within the parameters of their bylaws and the reality of their hometown

## ***Action***

- To upload educational initiatives that Sister Clubs are currently using on WCI's website and/or publish such initiatives in Sister Club News

## ***Timeline***

- In Progress

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***Ways to implement the Education Initiative***

- Organize cultural diversity programs through interest groups, such as book clubs
- Invite outside speakers or member speakers to share their knowledge
- Create a blog with educational videos and articles
- Deliver classes through a club's member talent bank, such as cooking classes, dance and recreational classes, sewing classes, and computer classes
- Offer English classes or teach local languages to the international community
- Provide mentoring and tutoring services at the local library, youth center, etc.
- Advise on educational opportunities
- Visit institutions, such as schools, libraries, and senior recreational centers, to share friendship and understanding among cultures
- Use your creativity! You might be doing so much already!

