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## SPOTLIGHT

### Addressing homophobic and transphobic violence in education settings

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Building on its expertise UNESCO conducted a Latin American and Caribbean regional consultation on homophobic and transphobic violence in education institutions. This event gathered together officials from ministries and NGOs from nine countries in the region.

Click [here](#) for further information.

## WORLD AIDS DAY 2014 Close the Gap – Start with Education

**World AIDS Day** – every year on 1 December is the opportunity to reflect on the impact of HIV and AIDS, raise awareness, demonstrate solidarity, and evaluate progress after more than 30 years of addressing the epidemic.

This edition of the e-Newsletter highlights a small selection of the many projects being implemented by UNESCO offices around the world. Please visit the [UNESCO World AIDS Day webpage](#) for additional information.



### Director-General's Message

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova highlights that “With one year remaining before the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, we must review the significant progress made in

responding to HIV and AIDS and consider the challenges that lie ahead to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030. Full message available [here](#)

## Fast-Track Cities – WAD 2014 Paris Declaration

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo will host a high profile meeting of Mayors from around the world to launch the initiative **Fast-Track Cities: ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030**. They will make a joint Declaration and sign commitments on Fast-Track Targets for cities. This event is co-organized by the city of Paris, UNAIDS, UN Habitat and the International Association of Providers of AIDS care (IAPAC). It will include civil society as well as leading physicians and key stakeholders.

## ALSO OF INTEREST

### Empowering a New Generation in Cambodia to lead the HIV response

The success of the NewGen Leadership across the Asia Pacific region continues to gain momentum in the region. A diverse group of young Cambodian leaders were afforded a unique training experience that provided them with a platform to express themselves, build up leadership capacity and develop realistic work plans.

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### Useful links:

NewGen Asia [information](#)  
YouthLEAD [website](#)  
YouthLEAD [Facebook page](#)

### Youth led HIV and Sexual Health Peer Education



UNESCO and the Youth Empowerment Against HIV and AIDS (YEAH) partnered to launch the [HIV and Sexual Health Peer Education Hub](#) to

## Asia-Pacific networks stand together to address SRGBV

Partners in the East Asia Pacific [United Nations Girls Education Initiative \(UNGEI\)](#) and the [United Nations Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women \(UNiTE\)](#) launched a social media campaign on the International Day of the Girl Child that is captured in the infographic below:



It is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), but also in other regional language such as : [Burmese](#), [Bosnian](#), [Burmese](#), [Filipino](#), [Korean](#), [Kazakh](#), [Serbia](#), [Tamil](#) and [Vietnamese](#).  
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## Sexual and Reproductive Health for Youth



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The First Global Forum on Youth Policies, convened by the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth jointly with UNESCO, UNDP and the Council of Europe and hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan, brought together over 700 participants representing youth-led organizations, governments, civil society, donors and academia.

The forum covered issues concerning the health needs of

## World AIDS Campaign in Zimbabwe

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To celebrate World AIDS Day, the UNESCO Cluster Office in Harare, along with the National AIDS Council will facilitate robust dialogues amongst young people and health and education stakeholders to build momentum towards the implementation of sexuality education programs in schools and the provision of youth friendly sexual and reproductive health services. The open discussions will include activities and prizes (t-shirts) with the campaign messages: “**Young People Today, Time to Act Now**” and “**Getting to Zero: Starting with Education**”. Other associated activities include an information exhibition of publications on Sexuality Education, HIV and School Health.

## UNESCO stands against school related gender-based violence

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There is an urgent need to address school related gender-based violence (SRGBV), which is a violation of the human right to personal security and the human right to education. Thus UNESCO, in collaboration with UN agencies, governments, civil society researcher institutions, and the UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team on Education, launched a **Global Partners Working Group** to collaborate in ending gender-based violence in and around schools.

The Global Partners Working Group aims to ensure that schools remain safe places for girls and boys to acquire the knowledge, skills and resources they need to reach their potential.

At an event on 8 October to mark the International Day of the Girl Child, UNESCO Director General, Irina Bokova stated: “School gender-based violence effects

encourage resource and tool sharing for young people.

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Check out the video [here](#)



## ESA Ministerial Commitment Updated video on [Young People Today, Time to Act Now](#)



For more information see [www.youngpeopletoday.net](http://www.youngpeopletoday.net)



## Training of trainers and radio representatives



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UNESCO supported the training of trainers in Teacher Education in Libreville (Gabon). The trainers came from different national government offices working in education and were joined by representatives of community radio stations. Together their skills were reinforced on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) curricula, discrimination and stigma, adolescents and social ills. Other media such as radio

young people with a focus on sexual and reproductive health.



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UNESCO brought to the discussion insights about the achievements and gaps in sexuality and HIV prevention education, providing some examples from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



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Presentation of the UNESCO supported website for adolescents [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)

## PUBLICATIONS

**NOW available in French**  
*Good Policy and Practice in Health Education –*  
[Booklet 9: Primary Education & Menstrual Hygiene Management](#)



AVAILABLE in French



[Charting the Course of Education and HIV](#)



[In or Out? Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Inclusion of Young Key Populations in National AIDS Strategic Plans](#)

Further information [here](#)

wider patterns of violence in society, and is a matter of collective social responsibility". Click [here](#) for further information

## Addressing challenges to teaching Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Teaching Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) is often challenging for teachers and educators as it requires participatory methods including listening and facilitating skills on a delicate subject.

**In Thailand**, the NGO [Path2Health](#) (P2H) with support from the [Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States](#) (SIECUS) and UNESCO Bangkok, organized a workshop in September on 'Preparing Teachers to deliver CSE' that gathered over 40 participants from across Thailand including staff from education, NGOs and others working on CSE. Click [here](#) for further information.

**In Indonesia**, with UNESCO support, the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Indonesia National Commission for UNESCO organized in July a capacity building workshop to strengthen teachers delivery Comprehensive Sexuality and Reproductive Health Education. Click [here](#) for further information.

## Enhancing access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Kenya



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Increases in new HIV infections among young people as well as in unintended pregnancies remain major challenges to the attainment of education-related goals at national, regional and global level in Kenya. UNESCO organized a workshop to build the capacity of civil society, parents association, religious institutions and school heads associations in order to enhance access to age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education (CSE),

and tutorials, guides, training of students and the book "the art of teaching in the context of HIV/AIDS," were presented and used in the training, in order allow instructors to design and develop projects with educational goals.

## ICT and HIV response in Brazzaville



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In October, UNESCO Brazzaville (Congo) organized a capacity-building workshop for NGOs and associations of youth leaders working on HIV. The objective was to reinforce the use of educational software developed by UNESCO on sexual and reproductive health among adolescents.

## Parent-Teacher Associations in Malawi involved in CSE

Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) from all the six educational divisions in Malawi participated last July in a workshop supported by UNESCO and organized by the Minister of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) on the new Life Skills Education (LSE) curriculum. The first ever national workshop for PTAs.



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The MOEST highlighted the importance of having the PTAs involved for efficient LSE, particularly since the new curriculum includes CSE as a new core element. It aims to reduce girl's drop out and early pregnancies, and provide learners with the right information and life skills such as interpersonal and communication skills to enable them to make healthy choice and address the challenges of adulthood.

*Sexuality Education  
Textbook for Chinese  
College and University  
Students*



Further information [here](#)

following the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology policy framework for the provision of CSE through the curriculum. The workshop had a positive effect, for example 'I Choose Life Africa', one of the organizations trained, has built the capacity of 150 teachers in Nairobi County on the integration of CSE in the life skills curriculum.



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The workshop was well received by the PTAs and more parents will be sensitized.

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