



Conversation with the Little Prince!

Dear National Coordinators of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network,

We are pleased to present to you the **“Conversation with the Petit Prince” writing Contest**, an initiative jointly led by #LearningPlanet in partnership with UNESCO, the Antoine de Saint-Exupéry Youth Foundation (FASEJ) and the Stories Labo.

This competition is inspired by the poetic and philosophical tale *The Little Prince*, the most well-known and translated piece of French literature in the world. To celebrate the 120th anniversary of the birth of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, this competition invites young people to reconnect with the rich imagination of the author, who has already contributed to the dreams of generations of children and adults. However, this time it is about imagining a conversation between The Little Prince and a young girl during lockdown/isolation.

The Director-General of UNESCO, Ms Audrey Azoulay, in [her video message](#), addresses all the students of the world, including ASPnet members and invites them to become imaginative and creative Little Princes, to travel and to look at the world differently.

In this regard, we want to mobilize the students of the UNESCO associated schools, encourage them to go back in time, to wander through the adventures of the Little Prince, for example to imagine what he has experienced since his last visit to Earth, or what stories he could tell today in period of lockdown due to COVID-19.

To participate in this initiative, the students are encouraged to give free rein to their creativity by imagining The Little Prince’s visit to the symbolic young girl: it is a question of diving into their conversation, recounting their exchanges and describing emotions, shared hopes or even the common values of humanity which are part of the continuity of a better, happy, creative and sustainable world.

To understand the initiative and inspire your young students, **we invite you to widely distribute this [trailer to schools](#)** to feed their imagination and stimulate their desire to participate, to encourage them to write their own stories, and to share them with the whole world.

Pupils and students of the UNESCO associated schools pick up your pens and pencils and share your conversations with The Little Prince on the [platform dedicated to collecting these great stories](#)!

In a creative and universal spirit, the texts of the conversations can be downloaded via this form in [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#).

We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support in mobilizing your associated schools in your respective countries to be part of this great initiative.

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