

## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD COMPETITION

**From 2010 until today!**

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) ranks among OMEP's highest priorities. Since 2010 World OMEP has sponsored an award competition for outstanding ESD projects by OMEP members. We focus on a holistic view on ESD children's rights, as stated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The result is impressive: since 2010, the ESD projects have enrolled 143 817 young children, 15 679 teachers, 13 790 families and 1 044 student teachers in Education for Sustainability.

In this announcement, we are looking for outstanding projects that **combine children's voices and play with teaching and learning for sustainability**. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability. SDG 4.2 specifically asks for quality education for young children.

For further inspiration, follow the link: <https://omepworld.org/esd-resource-bank/>

We invite all OMEP members to submit their proposals for the 2024 award.

### COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2024 ESD AWARD

1. Proposals must be submitted in English.
2. To be considered, the ESD Award Proposal Form (attached) must be complete, including a signature by the current OMEP national president.
3. Proposals must be received via email by **April 15, 2024**. Proposals will not be accepted after the deadline.
4. Proposals may be for projects involving (a) work directly with children between birth and age 8, with preference for children younger than 6 years of age; and/or (b) work in pre-service or in-service teacher education.
5. Proposals must be for recent or ongoing projects that (a) have been implemented since 2022, and (b) will have produced substantial results or be fully completed by June 2024.
6. Project aims, activities, pedagogies, and outcomes must relate specifically to children, play, and the sustainable development goals.
7. Additional criteria for selection  
(a) have a clear description of how play and communication are at the core of education for sustainability,

- (b) make children's expressions visible,
- (c) show transformative change in children's learning in terms of sustainability, and
- (d) are inspiring and of high interest to others in the field of early childhood.

The ESD Leadership Committee will review all proposals. Between 1 and 5 projects will be selected, with geographic representation as one selection criterion.

Winner(s) will be **notified by May 15, 2024**.

### **THE AWARD**

The award will be recognized by an honorary diploma. OMEP will organize an ESD Webinar in September where the winners will be presenting their projects. Additionally, the winners will receive up to a maximum of 600 USD as a reimbursement of travel expenses, and a free ticket to participate at the OMEP 2024 World Conference in Thailand. There, winners will be expected to present their work at a parallel session during the conference.

**Winning projects will be uploaded on the World OMEP website and ESD Resource Bank.**

**Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024**

**Please send to both**

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