

## Girls' Education Websites

When children are fed, sheltered, schooled, protected, valued, and loved a community thrives. (World Vision International)

**Global Campaign for Education (GCE)** – believes that a free, quality, public education is a basic human right. Their principles are:

- Education is a universal human right
- Education is the key to poverty alleviation and sustainable human development
- Education is a core responsibility of the state
- Education is achievable if governments mobilize the political will and available resources.

The GCE's focus is different from some other organizations in that they work in collaboration with many other members of civil society including NGO's, teachers' unions, parents and community organizations to reach their goals and hold governments accountable.

**Website:** <http://www.campaignforeducation.org/en/>

Several reports are featured on this website including this one on gender discrimination in education:

[http://campaignforeducation.org/docs/reports/GCE\\_INTERIM\\_Gender\\_Report.pdf](http://campaignforeducation.org/docs/reports/GCE_INTERIM_Gender_Report.pdf)

**Global Education First Initiative** – is the UN Secretary General's education initiative. Working together with the directors of UNICEF, UNESCO, several foundations, and global businesses, Ban Ki-Moon has put forward three priorities:

- 1) Every child in school
- 2) Improving the quality of learning
- 3) Fostering global citizenship

The website elaborates on these three priorities by identifying the many areas they encompass

**Website:** <http://www.globaleducationfirst.org/>

**Plan International/Plan USA** – has been in existence for 75 years, having first been formed to support children who survived the Spanish Civil War. It is the oldest and largest organization focusing on child development. Plan International and its country affiliates (like Plan USA) have developed many programs to further their belief that every girl has a right to an education.

Plan International worked with 10 x 10 to create “Girl Rising” as part of the “Because I Am a Girl” initiative. Visit: <http://www.planusa.org/becauseiamagirl/>

Malala Yousafzai has influenced the work of Plan International. Join Malala in raising your hand for the petition to the UN to make girls’ education a priority. Sign the petition here:

<http://plan-international.org/what-you-can-do/raise-your-hand-now>

For further inspiration, watch Malala’s entire speech given to the UN on July 12, 2013 – Malala Day – here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-23291897>

Additional important issues besides education that affect girls globally are explored here:

<http://plan-international.org/girls//>

**Websites:**

<http://plan-international.org/>

<http://www.planusa.org/>

**European Union** – The European Union has spent billions of Euros over the last several years on issues to bring equity to the population, including girls, of developing countries. This fact sheet summarizes many of their initiatives:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/factsheet\\_education\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/factsheet_education_en.pdf)

**Save the Children** – Save the Children works across the globe on issues affecting children and their communities. This work includes disaster relief, HIV/AIDS, health and nutrition, child survival, and education. Two recent reports are “Food for Thought” which highlights the toll malnutrition takes on children reaching their potential and “Attacks on Education”. This report explains the impact that conflict has on children and their education particularly in areas such as Central African Republic, Mali, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Syria.

**Website:** [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

**UNESCO** – United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization is committed to a holistic and humanistic vision of quality education worldwide, the realization of everyone’s right to education, and the belief that education plays a fundamental role in human, social and economic development.

**Website:** <http://en.unesco.org>

**Global Partnership for Education** – continues the work of UNESCO’s “Education For All – Fast Track Initiative (EFA-FTI)”. Their five strategic objectives focus on fragile and conflict affected states, girls' education, learning outcomes in basic literacy and numeracy, teacher effectiveness and increased funding for education.

For reports, webinars, and more information on how member countries work together to reach the goals visit: <http://www.globalpartnership.org/>