

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: 6th Festival TO TEACH IS TO
BUILD
"For the future of the planet"

On Wednesday, 10 November 2021, we held a great Festival together in recognition and honour of the teacher.

The 6th Festival, which **grew into an international conference** with your constructive participation, presented **30 excellent examples of school practices**.

To raise awareness, experts from 11 countries - **Spain, Japan, Austria, Indonesia, Serbia, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia and Slovenia** - actively participated in the morning session of this year's international conference, demonstrating their countries' practices and how they are doing their best:

1. to learn to know,
2. to learn to know how to work,
3. to learn to know how to live together,
4. to learn to be.

On the momentous UNESCO World Day **SCIENCE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**, we debated the important issues of today and tomorrow. Hand in hand: science and peace.

In the context of sustainable development - but within **the foundation** of our lives, within one planet, within **our common health** and a good basis **for a beautiful life** - for us and for all future generations .

Together, actively, integratively, interdisciplinarily, fostering problem-solving competence, strategic-visionary visioning and planning good "green" solutions for all, systemic and interdisciplinary action, promoting responsibility and active participation of all of us for young people.

The changes and the state of our times require changes in the way we live, act, value and ethically and morally live together in society.

In response to the question of **how to promote, realise, inspire and act in a sustainable way**, the organising committee for this year's 6th Festival *To teach is to build* developed this year's conference theme, **For the Future of the Planet**, with the research question: **How do we inspire young people to act in a sustainable way?**

FINAL THOUGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

I believe and trust in a young generation that has the desire, **the strength and the courage** to do things **hand in hand with nature** to preserve **our planet for future generations**. That is why a systemic, integrative, research project-based, active participatory, transformative education is needed for a change.

We certainly have the best environment for this. **Slovenia is a green and rich country** with plenty of **water** and **fields**. Undoubtedly, there is a strong awareness and desire to stay that way and become even better.

Debt should certainly not be left to our great-grandchildren. **That is why I trust and believe in the activity of us, educators, to ensure a healthy and good life for future generations through knowledge, skills and ethical attitude and responsibility.**

I would like to thank all the panellists who have facilitated the discussion of current challenges and enabled the sharing of practices in the wider sphere of life.

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