Making it easier for schools to search, create, combine, deliver and share high-impact learning sequences from the leading citizenship education providers in the world

Citizenship education for young people is more critical now than ever before but the scale of the need is so great that no single organization could meet this demand on its own. The challenge demands an ecosystem-wide response. Fortunately, there are many providers in the citizenship education space with a growing appetite for collaboration, but what had been missing was a universal platform to help schools make sense of the increasingly complex landscape of curriculum. That’s where “Composer” takes center stage.

Over the last year, High Resolves has been leading a partnership with dozens of other education providers with a shared ambitious vision of uniting a global ecosystem committed to ensuring all students have access to high quality learning experiences that will inspire the next generation of citizens. With the generous support of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Omidyar Network, we have been able to bring this ecosystem of educators to life.

We have also built Composer, a global digital platform for schools to search, create, and coordinate sequences of citizenship education informed by the latest insights from learning science.

Composer is the product of a collaborative partnership between five founding providers, recognized for their commitment to excellence in citizenship education: High Resolves, Facing History and Ourselves, iCivics, Generation Citizen, and Peace First. These providers represent the initial core group behind a growing ecosystem of providers from the United States and around the world. We have hundreds of the best individual learning experiences available to schools to design powerful learning sequences which we call “strings.” Strings deploy the latest science to ensure the right combination and order of peak experiences, repeated practice and real-world applications to enhance the best learning outcomes. Our searchable database will contain over a thousand high-quality learning experiences by the scheduled launch in early 2020. For example, schools can search for “racism” and find all strings designed by providers or used by schools to inoculate against racism.

One of the core functions of the platform is to provide a curriculum-design interface that incorporates insights from learning science translated into practical applications. We have identified heuristic rules and features that enable evidence-based feedback and support to educators as they design learning experiences expressed through our simple visual language.

After a private beta of over 100 schools from the US, Australia, and Canada, we will launch the platform to the public in March 2020. We believe this project will allow us to grow the citizenship education ecosystem globally and to scale the technology platform to thousands of schools and organizations across the world.

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