

## A Strong Voice for Students and Young People

Listening to and learning from the ideas and experiences of students and young people are key elements of the World Congress series.

We place current and future students and youth at the core of efforts to broaden successful participation in postsecondary education worldwide.



## Student and Youth Ambassadors

Our Student and Youth Ambassadors are found in every region of the world.

The Ambassadors work in their local regions to promote the ideals of the Congress and to encourage and support participation in events. They also may organise local activities or projects.

## World Congress Scholars

Through our Scholars program, we are supporting eight students, each representing a region of the world.

The Scholars receive funding to carry out small research projects in their local regions and will present their findings during the Montreal 2013 Congress.

If you are a student or young person interested in becoming an Ambassador or Scholar, please email:

[info@eanworldcongress.org](mailto:info@eanworldcongress.org)

## FAQs

### Who is behind the World Congress?

The Congress is an initiative of the European Access Network (EAN).

EAN is an international nongovernment organisation founded more than 20 years ago. Its members are people from all over the world who share an interest in broadening participation and success in postsecondary education. Visit our website: [www.ean-edu.org](http://www.ean-edu.org)

### Where can I find out more about the Congress?

Go to our website:

[www.eanworldcongress.org](http://www.eanworldcongress.org)

or email:

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### Who can attend Montreal 2013?

Anyone who has an interest in broadening access to postsecondary education is welcome to apply to attend.

We especially encourage people from developing nations, students and young people to participate.

Registration will open in January 2013, through the Congress website. You can register your interest by emailing:

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ON ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

## Connecting the Unconnected

*We aim to make a tangible impact on rates of participation and success in postsecondary pathways wherever youth and adults are held back by poverty, birth and other economic and social circumstances.*

## Why do we need a World Congress?

*The number of people participating in postsecondary education has risen globally over recent decades, but participating successfully still remains beyond the reach of many.*



New efforts are needed to tackle the factors that continue to hinder successful participation.

The World Congress series aims to spark a new global movement to advance opportunities in postsecondary education for all people, wherever they live or whatever their background. Our goal is to 'connect the unconnected' for collective impact.

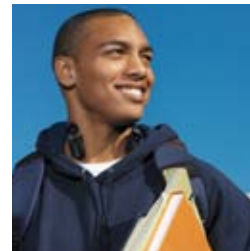
This also means addressing inadequate primary and secondary education and opportunities for adult learning.

Three Congresses will be held between 2013 and 2017, progressively building and enacting a new agenda for change.

## Objectives

The objectives of the World Congress series are to:

- Link existing access networks with new economic and social partners around the globe for greater impact.
- Build the economic, political and social case for improving education pathways and outcomes and use it to engage governments, policymakers, educational institutions, employers, social innovators, students, educators, practitioners, researchers and others in a collective agenda for change.
- Demonstrate innovative approaches, build communities of practice and create new social partnerships.
- Place current and future students and youth at the core of efforts to improve access to and success in postsecondary education.
- Develop an agenda for action and a series of experimental projects that will be the fulcrum for work by the movement.



## When will the first Congress be held?

The first of three planned World Congresses will be held in Montreal, Canada, in 2013.

It will begin on the evening of October 7 and conclude on October 10.



The Congress program will be inclusive, open and innovative. It is being designed to:

- Enable learning from international networks of experts in key areas affecting educational opportunities
- Raise awareness of the obstacles to successful participation in postsecondary education and of effective action to tackle them in different global settings
- Maximise the exchange of ideas and views among participants
- Spark creative and innovative solutions and new approaches to problems.

Pre- and post-Congress programs will focus on participation challenges and solutions in Canada.