



**In a nutshell: 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities
Towards building sustainable learning cities**
28 – 30 September 2015, Mexico City, Mexico

- ▶ **Over 650 participants from 95 countries**
- ▶ **3 Plenary Sessions, Mayors' Forum, 3 Thematic Forums, 5 Regional Forums** enabled participants to discuss, share experiences and build synergies on how to provide and promote sustainability and human dignity through learning
- ▶ **64 speakers from 36 countries** including ministers, vice-ministers, mayors, vice-mayors, representatives of international organizations, national governments, cities, non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations and youth representatives contributed to defining the future of learning cities
Useful links: <http://learningcities2015.org/index.php/speakers>
- ▶ **Adoption of the Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities**
The Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities identifies strategic directions for building sustainable learning cities and outlines eight action points to further the development of learning cities and to ensure lifelong learning as a driver of social, economic and environmental sustainability in cities throughout the world.
Useful links:
[Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities](#)
[Manifiesto de la Ciudad de México sobre Ciudades del Aprendizaje Sostenibles](#)
[Déclaration de Mexico sur les villes apprenantes pérennes](#)
- ▶ **The UNESCO Learning City Award introduced**
Members of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities can apply for the bi-annual UNESCO Learning City Award. The UNESCO Learning City Award will be conferred to cities who have shown outstanding progress in implementing the guiding documents of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.
Useful links:
UNESCO Learning City Award Concept ([EN/FR/SP](#))
- ▶ **UNESCO Learning City Award 2015 conferred** to Melton (Australia), Sorocaba (Brazil), Beijing (China), Bahir Dar (Ethiopia), Espoo (Finland), Cork (Ireland), Amman (Jordan), Mexico City (Mexico), Ybycuí (Paraguay), Balanga (Philippines), Namyangju (Republic of Korea) and Swansea (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)



▶ **Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities: Case Studies of Twelve Learning Cities launched**

Together with twelve cities, UIL has published a book that showcases cities' efforts to improve people's quality of life through lifelong learning. The publication, *Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities: Case Studies of Twelve Learning Cities*, was launched at the conference and the twelve cities featured were awarded with the UNESCO Learning City Award 2015.

Useful links:

[Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities: Case Studies of Twelve Learning Cities](#)

[Liberar el Potencial de las Comunidades Urbanas: Estudios de Caso de Doce Ciudades del Aprendizaje](#)

▶ **Membership to the UNESCO Global Network on Learning Cities launched**

Cities around the world which are committed to lifelong learning and envision building learning cities are invited to join UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, facilitated by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Useful links:

Membership for the GNLC ([EN](#) / [FR](#) / [SP](#))

Application Form ([EN](#) / [FR](#) / [SP](#))

Guiding Documents ([EN](#) / [FR](#) / [SP](#))

GNLC Flyer ([EN](#) / [FR](#) / [SP](#))

[GNLC Video](#)

▶ **80 contributions in TV, radio, newspapers, social media and national and international portals**

[#Learningcities2015](#) and [#Learningcities](#) = over 1400 posts

▶ **More Conference Materials:**

<http://learningcities.uil.unesco.org/resources/2nd-conference-on-learning-cities>

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