

Fact Sheet



Living Values[™]
Education

why

Why Living Values Education?

Young people everywhere are increasingly affected by violence, bullying, social problems, and a lack of respect for each other and the world around them. Values education offers children and youth positive experiences and empowering choices. What children and youth learn is later woven into the fabric of society.

vision

The vision of the LVE approach ...

Living Values Education is a way of conceptualizing education that promotes the development of values-based learning communities and places the search for meaning and purpose at the heart of education. LVE educates hearts and minds. It emphasizes the worth and integrity of each person involved in the provision of education, in the home, school and community. In fostering quality education, LVE supports the overall development of the individual and a culture of positive values in each society and throughout the world, believing that education is a purposeful activity designed to help humanity flourish.

what

What is Living Values Education?

LVE is a comprehensive values education approach. This innovative global endeavor offers training, a practical methodology and a wide variety of experiential values activities to educators, facilitators, parents and caregivers to help them provide the opportunity for children and young adults to explore and develop universal values and associated intrapersonal and interpersonal social and emotional skills. Educators are asked to reflect on their own values and create a values-based atmosphere. The curriculum includes Living Values Activities for peace, respect, love, cooperation, happiness, honesty, humility, responsibility, simplicity, tolerance, freedom and unity. LVE also has special materials for use with children at risk:

Refugees and Children Affected by War;
Street Children; Young Offenders;
Youth in need of Drug Rehabilitation; and
At-Risk Teens.

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Who supports LVE at the international level?

The development and advancement of Living Values Education is overseen by the Association for Living Values Education International (ALIVE), a non-profit-making association of organizations around the world concerned with values education. ALIVE groups together national bodies promoting the use of the LVE approach and is an independent organization that does not have any particular or exclusive religious, political or national affiliation or interest. The development and implementation of LVE has been supported over the years by a number of organizations, including UNESCO, governmental bodies, foundations, community groups and individuals. LVE continues to be part of the global movement for a culture of peace following the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

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Where is this program being implemented?

LVE is currently used at thousands of sites in more than 40 countries throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas. LVE Distance programs now make LVE assessible in countries and regions areas not yet represented.

impact

Positive turnarounds in and out of the classroom.

Educators implementing LVE report positive changes in teacher-student relationships and in student-student relationships both inside and outside the classroom. Educators note an increase in respect, caring, cooperation, motivation, and the ability to solve peer conflicts. Aggressive behaviors decline as positive social skills and academic achievement increase. LVE helps educators create safe, caring, values-based atmospheres for quality learning.

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How can I learn more?

Visit www.livingvalues.net to download introductory units and find the ALIVE Associate or Focal Point nearest you, or email office@livingvalues.net.