



WE STAND TOGETHER! SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

The We Stand Together! School-to-School Solidarity Campaign will match Montessori schools abroad with Montessori schools in Ukraine. Its central goal is to assist the Ukrainian Montessori community and schools with the financial and moral support they desperately need to stay open during the winter months and to survive the war. This is an emergency appeal; temperatures are dropping, the country's infrastructure is actively being destroyed, and the hardships faced by the Ukrainian people—especially its children—are mounting daily.

We seek to connect schools in Ukraine with schools abroad that share the belief that:

- Montessori education is an essential component to a peaceful future in Ukraine
- Children are natural agents of peace
- Partnerships for peace in Ukraine are mutually beneficial and enriching. By sharing information, resources and support, the entire Montessori community is strengthened.

To be eligible to participate in the We Stand Together! School-to-School Solidarity Campaign, Montessori schools in Ukraine must provide proof of meeting the following four (4) conditions:

1. At least one person on your team has received a Montessori credential or diploma.
2. Your school includes mixed-age group classrooms.
3. A Montessori environment planned to support independence according to age group is present in your school.
4. You commit to meet the reporting and accountability guidelines of MUU and your international partner school.

International partner schools who wish to support a Montessori school in Ukraine must meet the following four (4) conditions:

1. At least one person on your team has received a Montessori credential or diploma.
2. Your school includes mixed-age group classrooms.
3. A Montessori environment using Montessori materials and planned to support independence according to age group is present in your school.
4. You must detail what sort of reporting and/or accountability mechanisms your school requires to participate in this partnership. Kindly keep in mind that the people of Ukraine are living in a country at war and often in unsafe conditions, so reporting mechanisms should consist only of what support is necessary to verify that funds are being used for their intended purpose.

MUU is currently prioritizing partnerships that:

1. Can be swiftly implemented. Winter is coming and Montessori schools in Ukraine must stay open to continue to support the well-being and learning of children during the cold months ahead.
2. Support the replacement of materials that have been damaged, lost or looted during the conflict
3. Enable teachers to continue to facilitate an environment that supports the well-being of children and their families through training and other means (this could include direct support and coaching to teachers, peer-to-peer linkages, and training)
4. Facilitate the delivery of Montessori materials starter kits and other priority needs to those schools functioning underground, in basements and shelters for internally displaced people
5. Result in the translation of Montessori books and materials into the Ukrainian language.

MUU will not fund any activity or expenditure that violates MUU's tax-exempt status.

How to participate in We Stand Together! School-to-School Solidarity Campaign

Because the Montessori community in Ukraine needs emergency support, the MUU will review partnership applications daily. Our aim is to review and confirm school partnerships within 3 business days after all required documentation has been received.

If you are a Montessori school or organization in Ukraine seeking an international Montessori partner school:

1. Please fill out the form below.
2. Please email the supporting documentation that shows your school meets the four funding conditions listed above to michelle@montessori-uu.org. Scans or photos of your Montessori credentials, learning environments, etc. are sufficient; please include a short description of each scan or photo in the body of your email.
3. In the body of your email, please also type the following statement followed by your name (and if applicable your job title and organization name): "I certify that all of the information provided in this email is true and correct."
4. You will receive an email confirmation when your partnership application has been received.
5. We will aim to get back to you within 3 business days about the status of your partnership request. If you do not hear from us before that time, please contact us at michelle@montessori-uu.org.

If you are a Montessori school outside of Ukraine seeking to partner with a Ukrainian Montessori school:

1. Please fill out the form below.

2. Please email the supporting documentation that shows your school meets the four funding conditions listed above to michelle@montessori-uu.org. Scans or photos of your Montessori credentials, learning environments, etc. are sufficient; please include a short description of each scan or photo in the body of your email.
3. In the body of your email, please also type the following statement followed by your name (and if applicable your job title and organization name): "I certify that all of the information provided in this email is true and correct."
4. You will receive an email confirmation when your partnership application has been received.
5. We will aim to get back to you within 3 business days about the status of your partnership request. If you do not hear from us before that time, please contact us at michelle@montessori-uu.org.

If you are an individual or non-Montessori entity seeking to partner with a Montessori school in Ukraine:

1. Please fill out the form below.
2. You will receive an email confirmation when your partnership application has been received.
3. We will aim to get back to you within 3 business days about the status of your partnership request. If you do not hear from us before that time, please contact us at michelle@montessori-uu.org.

APPLICATION FORM

Date:

Name of primary person we will be in contact from your organization:

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Phone:

Social media handle(s):

Please indicate if you are a (choose one):

Montessori school in Ukraine

Montessori school outside of Ukraine

Individual or other non-Montessori entity

MONTESSORI SCHOOL IN UKRAINE

Name of Montessori school or entity:
Address: (2 address lines, city, state/province, postal code, country)
Email:
Phone:
Social media handle(s):
Date your school/organization was founded:
Is the legal name of your school/organization used on government documents is different than that listed above? (Yes, No)
If yes: The legal name of your school/organization used on government documents is:

Please describe how your school fulfills the four (4) funding conditions listed above

Please provide a one-to-two paragraphs description of your school that includes: how many students it serves, number of full- and part-time staff, whether it is currently operating (and if/so how many classrooms and faculty are functioning), any damage or loss that has been incurred since the war began, etc.

Please attach a detailed budget that indicates the needs for which your school is requesting support. Please note if your needs are one-off in nature (for example, to replace materials) or ongoing (and if so, for what length of time you envisage needing support).

Please note: We plan to review partnerships together with both schools every two or three months to jointly determine if both parties wish to continue their relationship — and if so, in what form. This process will provide an additional point of communication between the two Montessori communities and include a genuine review. It is our hope that it also might reveal examples of good practice that can be shared more widely.

Please briefly describe the short- and longer-term impacts that your participation in the School-to-School Solidarity Campaign will have on your organization and the community.

Please list other resources you currently rely on and what they support in the operations of your Montessori school.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

By typing my name and the name of the school I represent here, I acknowledge that: I understand that MUU cannot 100% guarantee conditions on the ground in Ukraine during this time of war, and has acted in good faith and in accordance with international standards on pooled funds and cash transfers during armed conflict and disaster developed by the United Nations System (read more about our financial and grantmaking policies [here](#)). I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Montessori-Ukraine United (MUU) and Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), and its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, action, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damage, and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my and/or my organization's participation in the School-to-School Solidary Campaign.

I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to a complete and unconditional release of liability, to the greatest extent allowed by law (type your name, your position and the name of your school here):