

Welcome to the Full-Circle Learning School!



The courses you are about to take will expand your impact on the world around you—and thus deepen the meaning in your own life's work as an educator.

(Photo by Sugey Lopez)

Full-Circle Learning developed in the aftermath of a civil unrest in 1992. Over decades of research and development, of inspiring classroom experiences and global connections, its practitioners discovered how to adapt universal concepts, how to address their own community's needs, and how to apply their creativity to make learning relevant and transformational, wherever they live.

Through word-of-mouth requests, the Full-Circle Learning model thus spread to many thousands of educators in 35 nations over 30 years. In any given year, a dozen nations requested additional material assistance from our nonprofit organization.

You can explore many project highlights, ideas, and stories on the global map, on the website **www.fullcirclelearning.org**. You will also find an educator feature, with a list of sample curriculum resources, audio songs and songbooks. You can also read the book that offers the theoretical underpinnings of the course, *Why We Learn*. A Learner feature show

distance units made by global teachers A YouTube channel also showcases project examples. **These materials are all free for your use with this course.**

Now on to this training course. Each of the Why We Learn sessions you are about to take comes with a short introductory video and some combination of supporting documents, such as a transcript, articles, downloadable planning or activity templates, and review questions.

You will benefit most by fully participating in the practicum activities, whether a coach or instructor requires them, whether you participate on a schoolwide team, or whether you take the course informally, for your own professional development purposes.

In that case, still, we learn by doing, so if you have another teacher, friend or family member with whom to engage in discussions or practice sessions, this will help you absorb these life-changing concepts.

After all, effective teaching changes not only your students' lives and your own but many other lives in your community stand to benefit from the effort you apply.

Because proceeds are passed on to schools in vulnerable regions, your participation will *also* assist with the training of teachers and learners you've never met.

And if you are the one to encourage your school to own a common vision, so much the better. Then your potential will be limitless, as you fulfill the potentialities of the learners.

Welcome to the Full-Circle Learning School and to your new adventure!