



## Thank you for joining the Big Education Conversation!

The Big Education Conversation is supporting communities around the world to come together and talk about what education is really for and how it could change in the future. Read on for a simple five-step guide for an open, inclusive and enjoyable discussion.

If you are facilitating a conversation you'll find Top Tips and a Detailed Facilitation Guide at [bigeducationconversation.org](http://bigeducationconversation.org)

### Why have a Big Education Conversation?

#### WHY

Conversations about the purpose of education are important in transforming education systems. They help different groups, like students, parents, educators, and government leaders, to come together and share their beliefs and hopes. Through Big Education Conversations anyone can contribute to creating a shared purpose and vision for education.

### Who can start a Big Education Conversation?

#### WHO

Whether you are an individual or an organisation interested in transforming education, you can use this guide to facilitate a group discussion. Gather 3-12 people for your conversation, or more if you make sure there's enough space and time for everyone to be heard.

**PARENTS**

**students**

educators



**community leaders**

**system leaders**

**and everyone else!**

## After your Big Education Conversation...

**It's going to take millions of voices and ideas to reimagine and transform education.**

To get more people talking you can:

- Go to [bigeducationconversation.org](http://bigeducationconversation.org) to put your conversation on the global map and share the key insights and takeaways from your conversation.
- Share a photo, quote, action or idea from your conversation to inspire others. Use #BigEdConversation and #millionconversations on Insta, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Ask everyone who took part in your conversation to lead a Big Education Conversation of their own!



Scan me to add your conversation to our map

# A Big Education Conversation in Five Steps

**STEP 1:** Choose a facilitator and ideally someone to take notes.  
**INTRO** The facilitator's job is to keep the conversation curious, inclusive, and fun!



Everyone shares their name and answers a simple question, for example: what colour comes to mind when you think of school? Describe your favourite teacher in one word?

Briefly discuss why you are having this conversation. As a group what do you hope will come from the discussion?

## STEP 2: WHAT IS



First, reflect on your own beliefs about the purpose of education. Go to [bigeducationconversation.org](https://bigeducationconversation.org) and answer the **5 question survey**.

Then, share and discuss the results as a group. Take time to be curious about the views of others.

## STEP 3: WHAT IF

Education **can** be transformed. Many systems were **designed** in a different time for a different purpose. Is it time for a system update?

If you could reimagine or redesign education, what **big changes** would you make and why?

Be playful, creative  
and reimagine  
education

### Offline? Then discuss these questions instead:

What do you believe is the purpose of education? Do others share this belief?

What does your education system currently prioritise and are you happy with this?



## STEP 4:

**Choose next steps and make a commitment.** What is a small step you/your group could commit to making that would positively change education for/in your community?

Record and share your commitment with others using #BigEdConversation #millionconversations.

If you're the facilitator, don't forget to add your conversation to the global map and feedback your insights.

**Write and take a photo of your commitment, or record it!**



"I'll write an article with my ideas for change for my local paper"

## STEP 5: TAKE AWAY

What are you taking away from your conversation?

Can you share one thing you received from this experience that you're taking away today? It could be a quote, idea, joke, something you've learned or that surprised you.

"I'll facilitate a Big Education Conversation in my school!"



**Thanks for having a Big Education Conversation!**