

**16th Annual**

**mEducation Alliance Symposium**

**Welcome Packet**



**The Marvelous  
Education Alliance  
Symposium**

**7 - 10 October 2026  
Arlington, Virginia, and  
Washington D.C.**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Welcome!

We are thrilled to welcome you as a presenter and/or general participant to our 16th Annual mEducation Alliance (mEA) Symposium.

As you prepare for the Symposium, please use this welcome packet to help you plan your participation.

### 2026 Symposium Theme

This year's theme, the *Marvelous Education Alliance*, is intended as a celebration of how **MARVELOUS** the individuals and organizations that are part of the mEA family, but also that of others working in education, technology, and innovation spaces.

### Sub-themes

We will organize commonly themed presentations in similar event tracks. We anticipate many of these will be organized around the event themes and sub-themes from our past global symposia, including:

- [Marvelous Education Alliance Symposium \(2025\)](#)
- [STEMtastic Adventures!](#)
- [Wondrous Learning is...!](#)
- [Foundational Literacy and Numeracy](#)
- [Digital Literacy](#)

### Event Dates

**Wednesday, October 7** – *Alliance Member Day* at the **World Bank Headquarters**, Washington, D.C. (An invite-only and unique opportunity for [Alliance Members](#) and [Sponsors](#) to engage in dialogue with each other.)

**Thursday, October 8 – Friday, October 9** – *General Symposium Sessions* at Mason Square, George Mason University

**Saturday, October 10** – *Community Math Festival* at Mason Square, George Mason University (optional, though we strongly encourage presenters to attend)

## REGISTRATION

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We anticipate hosting between 250 - 300 attendees at this year's Symposium.

**Presenters:** In order to secure your place in the event, we will send a link for you to register prior to the event.

**General Registration:** Please see the event website for the invitation form for general registration. As this is an invite-only event, we will review requests for general invitations on a rolling basis.

On a case-by-case basis, we will entertain requests for discounted tickets, but these **typically** are only provided to participants from non-international organizations from developing countries. We are a small non-profit so we hope you can appreciate how important funding from this event is for our financial sustainability.

## BACKGROUND

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As the largest global [convenor](#) of development and donor agencies investing in EdTech in developing countries, the [mEducation Alliance](#) is known for its highly participatory events. Our Symposia attracts HQ and field representatives from Alliance member institutions along with other donors, government policymakers, practitioners, investors, non-profit and private organizations, and researchers.

This year's Symposium, our 16th annual, will focus on the marvelous work of mEducation Alliance members and other organizations. As with our prior Symposia, this year's event will gather thought-leaders from both developed and developing countries to network and share experiences about appropriate and sustainable educational (tech and non-tech) interventions.

The Symposium is being organized by the mEducation Alliance, a global education [consortium](#), which among other members includes the world's largest development and donor agencies focused on education, particularly in low-resource context. Our annual Symposium typically attracts a dynamic line-up of policymakers, activists, thinkers, and implementers in global education who come together to share their best and brightest tech and non-tech interventions.

Similar to our past symposia (e.g., [2025](#), [2024](#), [2023](#), [2022](#)), the organizers will provide event formats which will be highly participatory, including through showcase sessions, exhibits, gallery walks, team-building exercises, and a hands-on marvelous education expo.

## PRESENTERS AND PRESENTATION FORMATS

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We will select presentations on a rolling basis and from which we develop a draft agenda. We'll provide updates and more detailed agendas over the coming weeks on the Symposium [event page](#). As the event gets closer, we will print a list of accepted presentations.

As in past Symposia, this year's event will include interactive sessions in dynamic formats, such as *lightning talks*, *interviews*, *facilitated panels*, *gallery walks*, as well as impactful and intentional *networking opportunities*. Your proactive participation in these interactive sessions will be integral to making this year's event a success and will add tremendous value to your experience. Starting in late July, the organizers will reach out to invited presenters with specific information about their expected presentation formats.

### Presentation Panels

Each **sole** panelist representing different projects will have **15 minutes** for his/her presentation with our strong recommendations that they only speak for 8 minutes and allow 7 minutes for Q&A exchange with the audience.

If there are **two** presenters for the same project from the same institution, you will be given an extra **5 minutes (20 min. total)** for the two presenters combined. We'd highly recommend combining your presentations together to be as succinct as possible to have more time for Q&A.

Any additional time in the session will be used for general Q&A with all presenters.

### Dolphin Tank Pitch Presentations

Brief presentations from edtech developers to a panel of "Dolphins" playing the role of mock investors.

### Education Village

30+ table exhibits (inside and outside of GMU's Mason Square, Arlington campus) featuring a variety of organizations sharing their work with attendees..

### Special Group Sessions and Workshops

Organized by Mobiles for Education Alliance members and event sponsors, these sessions will include a range of presentation formats to highlight specific themes, projects, and innovations.

### Provisional List of Presenters and Agenda

A few months before the event, we will provide a list of accepted presenting organizations as well as a Draft Agenda on the event web page.

### Teaser Video Clips

We recommend that each presenter produce a 3-minute video clip, which will be shared with participants prior to, during, and after the symposium.

The following guidelines are provided on how to prepare and submit presenter video by **Friday, May 8, 2026**:

- Presenter videos should not be more than 3-minutes in length;
- When creating the video, please consider using an interactive animated slide presentation to add a video of the presenter to the corner of the video. You can click [here](#) to find best screen recorder software programs which will help you on how to record your presentation and hence produce a video;
- Please note that acceptable formats for videos are mp4, mov, MPEG-4;
- Make sure the video clip has a compressed size when uploading. You may click [here](#) to find out how to compress video files; and,
- Participants should **upload** their final video clips using the [2026 mEA Symposium Teaser Videos](#).
- Please name your video files *[OrganizationName]\_2026Symposium\_Video* (Example: *EdTech Fancy LLC\_2026Symposium\_Video*). If there is more than one video per organization, please number these accordingly (e.g., *OrganizationName\_2026Symposium\_Video#1*)

**We strongly encourage participants to submit their video clips as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, May 8th, 2026.**

While we can accept video clips after this date, the earlier you provide this the more likely we can use it to promote your session and organization.

### Dresscode: Business Casual Apparel

To facilitate informal exchanges, the general apparel for the event will be business casual.

## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

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### Event Locations

#### **Alliance Member Day**

*October 7, 2026*

World Bank Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Representatives from [Alliance member organizations](#) and other special guests will be invited to participate in a day-long series of discussions and networking opportunities. Interested in becoming an Alliance member? Please contact us at [medalliance@meducationalliance.org](mailto:medalliance@meducationalliance.org).

#### **General Event - Invite only**

*October 8 - 9, 2026*

[Mason Fuse](#)

George Mason University  
3401 Fairfax Drive,  
Arlington, VA 22201

#### **Community-wide Innovation & Math Carnival**

*October 10, 2026*

[Mason Fuse](#)

George Mason University  
3401 Fairfax Drive,  
Arlington, VA 22201

**Please note: The Symposium is taking place at the Arlington, not GMU's Fairfax, campus.**

We will have signs for and a check-in table with name badges and other goodies down the hallway from Fuse's main entrance.

### Getting Around

#### **Metro**

Metro is the easiest way to get around the Arlington, Virginia and D.C. area, including to the various locations highlighted above.

Mason Square is a short walk (0.2 miles) from the metro's *Virginia Square-GMU* (Orange/Silver lines) metro station. Click [here](#) for directions or visit [wmata.com](http://wmata.com) to use the “Trip Planner” tool.

### Driving

There will be limited parking [available](#) at George Mason Square for event attendees; however, there is street parking. For more information, please visit Mason’s Parking and Transportation [page](#).

### Planning Your International Travel

#### Visas and Official Invitation Letter

We can’t wait to see you at the Symposium – and so encourage those traveling internationally to please make your travel plans **as soon as possible**.

As a small and independent non-profit organization, the mEducation Alliance is **not** a government agency so will **not be able** to facilitate visa and/or other requests for international travel support. The Symposium secretariat staff will be **busy** with event planning and delivery so you are responsible for making the necessary travel arrangements.

However, for those who **request it, the mEducation Alliance secretariat can provide an** official letter of invitation on mEducation Alliance letterhead.

If you are interested in receiving this, please fill out the [the symposium invitation letter request form](#) or send an e-mail to [medalliance@meducationalliance.org](mailto:medalliance@meducationalliance.org) with the following subject line “Request Invitation Letter - Organization (Request Invitation Letter-TechLand, LLC) which includes the name(s) and passport numbers of those individuals requesting invitation letters.

**If you have a request for a letter of invitation, please send it to us as soon as possible!**

#### Passport Requirements

For international attendees, a valid passport will be required for entry to the United States. Please visit the US Dept of State visa [web page](#) and/or your local consulate for visa requirements including to see a list of countries.

Typically, all travelers must have passports that are valid for at least six months after the dates of your intended stay in the U.S., but please look at the State Department website, including that for the [Visa Waiver Program](#) for more information.

## Health Protocols

The organizers will reach out with health protocols prior to the Symposium events, including any additional information as health conditions dictate.

We will post site specific information on the Symposium web page as our agenda develops.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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There are a range of hotel options in Arlington, VA and Washington, D.C., and we recommend that you arrange your accommodations as soon as possible to ensure the best booking rate.

For information about accommodations in Arlington, VA, please visit our [Arlington County mEA Symposium Tourism event page](#).

Here are some of our recommendations for this year's event:

**Comfort Inn**, 1211 North Glebe Road (special rate: **US\$125/room**). - 1 mile from GMU-Mason Square. (The discount is for a room with two beds. Ask, if possible, for a courtyard facing room as opposed to ones that are on the side facing the highway).

Book accommodations from October 3 - 9 [here](#) and provide the code **BRYYKN**. Guests can also call Hotel Reservations **571-397-3955 option 1 to make reservations** which are Available 24/7 ; Choice Privileges®. Choice Privileges Member Reservations: 800-521-2121, and provide the code highlighted above to make reservations under your group block. Front Desk employees will not be able to make reservations for the group

**The Residence Inn by Marriott, Arlington Courthouse**, 1401 North Adams St., Arlington, VA. - .9 mile from GMU-Mason Square. Reservation link (TBD). \$275/night if reserved by September 15th 2025.

**The Residence Inn by Marriott, Arlington Ballston**, 650 North Quincy St., Arlington, VA. 8 mile from GMU-Mason Square

**Hyatt Place, Arlington Courthouse, Plaza**, 2401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201 USA - 1 mile from GMU-Mason Square (short metro ride) - No special rate negotiated.

**Hilton Arlington**, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia 22203 USA - 0.7 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**The Westin Arlington**, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22203 USA - 0.9 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston**, 4610 N. Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA, USA - 1 mile away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Inns of Virginia Arlington**, 3335 Langston Blvd., Arlington, VA 22207 USA - 1.1 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Days Inn by Wyndham Arlington Pentagon**, 3030 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia 22204 USA - 1 mile away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Carion Collection Hotel Arlington Court Suites**, 1200 N. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA, 22201, USA - 1.1 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel**, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204 USA - 2.4 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Hotel Pentagon**, 2480 S Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22206 USA - 3 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

**Hilton Garden Inn Arlington Shirlington**, 4271 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA, 22206, USA - 3.5 miles away from GMU-Mason Square - No special rate negotiated.

## FOOD AND RECEPTIONS

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We will provide a light breakfast, morning coffee, and boxed lunches for each day of the Symposium. We will also provide a General Symposium Reception during the Marvelous Exhibition Fair in the early evening of October 8th.

**If you are interested in further recognition by sponsoring a meal, reception, and/or other other event activity, please let us know by emailing us at [medalliance@meducationalliance.org](mailto:medalliance@meducationalliance.org).**

## PROMOTION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Prior to the Event

We know you are excited by the 2026 mEducation Alliance Symposium so feel free to reach out to those whom you think might be interested in attending and encourage them to fill out the event [General Attendee Application form](#). Based on prior Symposia and venue space limitations (e.g., approx. 300 attendees), we anticipate more requests to attend than can be accommodated.

While at the 2025 Symposium, we ask that attendees join the conversations on social media surrounding the event to help improve awareness and recognition of the Alliance and the Symposium among diverse online communities working in EdTech and education in general.

Below are some tips for getting started.

### Engage with us on the socials!

Follow and Like the mEducation Alliance on social media to receive real-time updates, engaging content, and thought-provoking discussions in the lead-up to the Symposium.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/meducation-alliance/>
- Event Webpage: <https://meducationalliance.org/2026-global-symposium/>

### Engage with our Posts:

When you see Symposium-related posts from the mEducation Alliance, we ask that you engage with them by **liking**, **commenting**, and **sharing**. Your interactions will help increase the Symposium's visibility, enabling others to learn about the Symposium and join the conversation. Let's create a vibrant online community!

### Use Hashtags:

When sharing content about the Symposium on your own social media platforms, don't forget to use our official hashtags. This way, your posts will be discoverable by others interested in the same topics.

Official Hashtags:

**#MarvelousEdSymposium #mEducationAlliance16 #Innovate4Learning #EdTechForAll**

### Sample Posts:

Feel free to use the following sample posts or personalize them to showcase your excitement for the Symposium. When sharing your posts please be mindful of the following:

- Please adjust language and characters based on platform

- Please tag the mEducation Alliance on all social media posts (ex: [@mEducation Alliance](#) on LinkedIn)
- Remember to add relevant event details and links as necessary.
- Ensure your posts respect the sensitivity and diversity of the conference, as well as the privacy and confidentiality of all conference participants and attendees
- Reach out to current partners, sponsors and symposium attendees by: (1) incorporating their most commonly used hashtags into mEducation posts; (2) re-tweeting/sharing posts; and, (3) tagging them and commenting on their posts

### Sample presenter promo post for the 2025 mEducation Alliance Symposium



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Washington D.C.

Come and listen to me present at the **2026 mEducation Alliance Symposium**, The Marvelous Education Alliance Symposium taking place from **7 - 10 October 2025** in **Arlington, Virginia**.

I'll be one of the 100+ presenters at the mEducation Alliance's **16th annual Symposium**.

This year's theme is [The Marvelous Education Alliance](#) and presentations will be featured across a variety of sub-themes ranging from digital literacy, foundational numeracy and literacy, STEM education and more...

The mEducation Alliance is the [largest convening platform](#) of development and donor agencies focused on technology for education, particularly in low-resource countries. Their annual Symposia attracts policymakers, donors, many implementing partners in education, and researchers from around the world, who come together to connect and learn from one another.

For more information about the event, including how to apply as a [general attendee](#), please visit the event page [here](#). Participation at the Symposium is invitation-only and there is a registration fee unless otherwise approved by the mEA event organizing team..

### Sample Tweet #1:

#### Presenter Highlight:

I'm thrilled to announce that I will be presenting at the 16th Annual mEducation Alliance Symposium from October 7-10, 2026 in Arlington, Virginia

During my session, titled **[Your Session Title]**, I will be discussing **[Brief Description of Your Session and Project]**. This project **[Briefly Describe the Impact or Key Points of the Project]** and I'm looking forward to sharing insights and engaging with fellow educators and innovators.

Join us for this incredible event that brings together thought leaders and practitioners in education technology. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this dynamic symposium!

 **Event Dates:** October 7 - 10, 2026

 **Location:** Arlington, VA

 <https://meducationalliance.org/2026-global-symposium/>

I hope to see you there!

#MarvelousEdSymposium #mEducationAlliance16 #Innovate4Learning #EdTechForAll  
#GlobalEducation

### Sample Tweet #2

#### General Attendee Registration

So excited to be attending the [@mEducation\\_A](#) Symposium in Arlington, VA. from October 7 - 10, 2026! Looking forward to engaging with thought-leaders and sharing experiences about their Marvelous education innovations.

Book yourself a seat! Apply for a General participant invitation here:

<https://forms.gle/VfiJZn1ggHuk4erM7>

#### Sample LinkedIn Posts

##### Post 1: General Invitation

Exciting news! The **16th Annual mEducation Alliance Symposium** is coming up, and you don't want to miss it!

Join us for **#MarvelousEdSymposium**, where we'll celebrate groundbreaking education innovations in **low-resource settings** and connect with an incredible network of **educators, policymakers, researchers, and technologists**.

What's in store?

- Engaging panels & workshops
- Coding & robotics demos
- Conversations with Ministry of Education officials
- The **Marvelous Education Village** experience
- Unmatched networking opportunities
- Food, fun, and a special reception!

Secure your spot today and be part of the conversation shaping the future of education!

 [Presentation Proposal Form \(https://forms.gle/qeykVHqvZHammP4b8\)](https://forms.gle/qeykVHqvZHammP4b8)

 [General Attendee Application Form \(https://forms.gle/nSyz6bCbuNefK3J89\)](https://forms.gle/nSyz6bCbuNefK3J89)

#MarvelousEdSymposium #mEducationAlliance16 #Innovate4Learning #EdTechForAll  
#EducationInnovation

## Post 2: Speaker/Presenter Invitation

Are you working on a **marvelous** education innovation? Whether it's **tech-based or non-tech**, we want to hear from YOU at the **16th Annual mEducation Alliance Symposium!**

Submit a **presentation proposal** and share how your work is making an impact in **low-resource education settings**. This is your chance to:

- Showcase your work on a global stage
- Connect with policymakers, funders, and innovators
- Join hands-on workshops and networking sessions

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a one-of-a-kind event! Apply now  Presentation Proposal Form (<https://forms.gle/a4QskP1MYQai9n8d9>)

#MarvelousEdSymposium #mEducationAlliance15 #Innovate4Learning #EducationForAll  
#DigitalLearning

### Post 3: Attendee Call-to-Action

Ready to be inspired? The **16th Annual mEducation Alliance Symposium** is where **education meets innovation!**

Join **250+ leaders in global education** to explore solutions that drive impact in **low-resource settings**. Whether you're an educator, policymaker, researcher, or tech innovator, this event is for YOU!

Expect:

- Thought-provoking panels & workshops
- Exciting coding & robotics showcases
- Conversations with Ministry of Education officials
- Immersive **Marvelous Education Village** experience
- Incredible networking opportunities

Spots are filling up fast—**register now!**

 General Attendee Application Form (<https://forms.gle/VfiJZn1ggHuk4erM7>)

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#EducationInnovation #EducationInnovation

### Post 4: Networking & Collaboration Focus

Are you passionate about **education innovation**? Looking for opportunities to connect with experts in **EdTech, policy, and research**?

The **16th Annual mEducation Alliance Symposium** is where global leaders come together to discuss solutions for **low-resource learning environments**.

- **Network with Alliance Members**
- **Engage with Ministry of Education officials**
- **Participate in hands-on workshops & panels**
- **Experience the latest in coding & robotics**

This is more than just a conference—it's a **collaborative movement!**

Join us:

Presentation Proposal Form (<https://forms.gle/qeykVHqvZHammP4b8>)

General Attendee Application Form (<https://forms.gle/VfiJZn1ggHuk4erM7>)

#MarvelousEdSymposium #Innovate4Learning #EdTechForAll #mEducationAlliance16  
#NetworkingForImpact

**Post 5: Fun & Experience-Based Post**

**Education + Innovation + Fun = The Marvelous Education Alliance Symposium!**

This is not your typical education event! At **#MarvelousEdSymposium**, you'll get to:

- Enjoy great food & a fun reception
- Explore the **Marvelous Education Village**
- Meet and mingle with global education leaders
- Experience cutting-edge **coding & robotics demos**
- Have conversations with **Ministry of Education officials**

Come be part of this **one-of-a-kind** event!

Register now

#mEducationAlliance16 #EdTechForAll #STEMtasticLearning #EducationInnovation

#MarvelousEdVillage

**Symposium Banner**

Feel free to use the image for advertising the event.



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**QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS?**

**We are so excited you will be joining us for this important event!**

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