



Draft List of Accepted Presentations: 2025 Marvelous Education Alliance Symposium

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Venue:

*Mason Square, George Mason University, Arlington Campus - Virginia
and Washington, D.C., USA*

Please Note: This is a working draft to which the event organizers will be making edits and updates over the coming weeks. It **does not** represent the final list of presentations as this may change based on travel and our updating and adding new presentations on a rolling basis.

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Alpaca

Using Pulse Surveys to Understand Early Childhood Educator Wellbeing: A Statewide Pilot to Support Early Childhood Workers

Omaha, Nebraska, United States

Karen Borchert, CEO

Amarok Society: Start With Mothers

Illiterate Mothers Reverse Learning Poverty Trend

Edmonton, Canada

Tanyss Munro, Illiterate Mothers Reverse Learning Poverty

[Amazon](#)

Architecting Educational Impact: From Education Equity Initiative to AI-Powered Solutions

Washington DC

Rohini Krishnapura, Impact Solutions Lead,

Vanessa Ryan, AWS Solution Architect

[ARES Education](#)

Realities of Digital Education in Rural Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya

Mark Knittel, CEO - ARES Education

[Arizona State University](#)

Connecting Refugee Youth in Africa to Remote Digital Work

Arizona

Marc Alan Sperber, Assistant Director

B

[Blue Butterfly](#)

Apwòch Lekòl Vivan (Vibrant Schools Approach)—An innovative model for enhancing teacher professional development in Haiti

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Suzanne Cole, Co-executive director

[Breshna.io](#)

Breaking Barriers with Bite-Sized Games: The Breshna Revolution in Education

Vienna, VA, USA,

Mariam Nusrat, Founder & CEO

[Bridge Multimedia](#)

Diving into Generative AI

New York, NY

Matt Kaplowitz, CEO, Chief Creative Officer

C

[Central Square Foundation](#)

EdTech Tulna: Establishing quality standards for EdTech

Delhi, India

Gouri Gupta, Director - EdTech

[Central Square Foundation](#)

LiftEd EdTech Accelerator

Delhi, India

Atma Dinnie Charles, Project Lead - EdTech
Abhimanyu Maheshwari, Senior Project Lead - EdTech

Chataac, PBC

Reimagining access to education for everyone, everywhere
Boston, United States
Mati Amin, Founder & CEO

D

Darsel

Darsel: AI-powered WhatsApp chatbot improving math learning outcomes in government schools
Amman, Jordan
Abdulhamid Haidar, Founder & CEO

E

EDCET

Need for Offline AI to Improve
Kenya
Mani Sabapathi, Co-Founder

[Eedi Labs](#)

AI-Augmented Tutoring for Equitable Mathematics Learning: Scaling Human Expertise with Generative AI
London, UK
Anjali Nambiar, Research Coordinator
Bibi Groot, Chief Impact Officer

eKitabu

Unlocking Language and Literacy for Deaf Learners: DST Season 2 and Beyond
Nairobi, Kenya
Georgine Auma, Director, Studio KSL eKitabu

[Educational Initiatives](#) / [PLT Health Solutions](#)

A Breakthrough Mindspark Initiative in Mpumalanga and Lusaka

Bangalore, India / Morristown, NJ, USA
Paul Flowerman, Mindspark Evangelist

[EdTech Hub](#)

Navigating education in the age of AI: A hypothesis-driven approach from EdTech Hub's AI Observatory and Action Lab

Washington DC, U.S.

Daniel Plaut, Global Learning Lead - AI Observatory and Action Lab

[Endless Access](#)

Player-to-Changemaker: A Game-Making Pathway to Digital Literacy

Global

Joana Filizola, Product Design Lead

Heather Drolet, Director of Learning

F

[Funghi Thinking](#)

Funghi Thinking: Transform your school with Circular Economy

Bilbao, Spain

Egoitz Etxeandia, Teach For All STEAM & Leadership Consultant

[Foldscope Instruments](#)

Magnifying Scientific Curiosity through Frugal Science

Palo Alto, CA USA

Christopher Lowe

G

[GapBuster, Inc](#)

Global STEAM Ambassadors: Empowering Youth Through Cross-Cultural Innovation and Leadership

Rockville, Maryland, USA

Yvette Butler-Yeboah, Executive Director

[GainXus LLC & Hilo Intermediate School](#)

Innovation Through Partnership: Developing Water Quality Tools with Educators and Communities

Germantown, Maryland

Pascale Creek Pinner, NGSS Curriculum Developer/Science Teacher

Dietrich Ruehlmann, Managing Partner

[George Mason University](#)

WEGO: Writing Efficiently with Graphic Organizers

Fairfax, VA USA

Kelley Regan, Professor

Anya Evmenova, Professor

[GIZ](#)

Bridging Barriers with Technology: Leveraging Digital Technologies for Learners with Disabilities in Jordan and Beyond

Bonn, Germany

Susann Gihl, Policy Advisor

[Grow X Education](#)

From Research to Reach: Empowering Students with Scalable Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Platform

Los Angeles, CA

Jae H. Paik, Co-Founder

[Ghana Education Service](#)

One Student, One Venture: Transforming Ghana's Education System into an Engine of Entrepreneurship

Accra, Ghana

Smile Dzisi,

[Ghana Education Service](#)

Bridging Theory and Practice: The Science Clinic Experience in Ghana

Nsawam, Ghana

Richard Quansah,

H

[Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad'](#)

Measuring System-Level Impact of Play- & Activity-Based FLN at Scale: Haryana's 45-Day Class Readiness Program Across ~8,000+ Government Primary Schools

Haryana, India

Dr. Parmod Kumar, Program Officer

[Central Square Foundation](#)

Delhi, India

Ayushi Roy, Project Manager

[Hilo Intermediate School](#)

All in the Ohana: A Model to Develop and Sustain Community Partnerships with Teachers and Schools

Hilo, Hawaii, United States

Pascale Creek Pinner, Science Educator/Curriculum Developer

I

[IEEE](#)

Through the Lens of History, a Free, Eye-opening Resource Sparks Interest and a Passion for STEM

Piscataway, NJ USA

Kelly McKenna, IEEE REACH Sr. Program Manager

[Imagine Worldwide](#)

Avoiding Attenuation of Impacts At Scale: A Multi-Method Approach

USA and Africa

Karen Levesque, Head of Research

Sarah Bardack, Research Director

[Imagine Worldwide & onebillion](#)

Research-Based Continuous Improvement of Learning Software in Personalized EdTech

USA and Africa & United Kingdom and Africa

Sarah Bardack, Research Director

Sam Weekes, Content Author

[INSIGHTS Intervention, LLC](#)

Culturally Adapting an Evidence-Based Intervention

New Fairfield, CT USA

Sandee McClowry, President

[Independent](#)

Walk on Both Legs: Informal and Formal Mathematics Education supporting each other

New York, USA

Mark Saul, Consultant

K

[KAINOafrica](#)

STEM Starts Early: Bridging the Learning Gap in Africa to End Learning Poverty

Nairobi, Kenya
Collins Ptoo Kaniki, Co-founder & Country Director
Harun Pkiach Siywat, Co-founder & Chief Marketing Officer

Kibeam Learning

Unlocking Potential: Transforming Early Literacy
Oakland, CA
Jeff Piontek

L

Learning Generation Initiative at Education Development Center

Centering teachers in designing and implementing EdTech interventions using the High Touch High Tech approach
Washington, DC
Madelyn Cunningham, International Project Manager

Learning Upgrade

Bringing EdTech to Kenya's Refugee Camps: Learning Upgrade, Satellite Connectivity, and Devices Enable Foundational Skills Instruction
San Diego, USA
Vinod Lobo, CEO

Learning Upgrade

Out-of-School Youth: New Education Approaches From Zambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Afghanistan
San Diego, USA; Global
Vinob Lobo, Founder and CEO

Education Above All

Doha, Qatar; Global
Sarah Wragg

Learning Upgrade

Sahar Education's Secret Scholar Online Program: Harnessing Learning Upgrade's EdTech Program for Afghan Women & Girls
San Diego, USA / Global
Haneen Khalaf, Director, Global Business Development

Sahar Education Afghanistan

Afghanistan
Farzanah Darwish, Program Manager

Learning Equality

Designing Offline AI for Teaching & Learning in Low-Connectivity Contexts

United States
Laura Danforth, Head of Global Community Engagement

M

Maketank Inc

The Illustrated Memoir Project: Changing Lives and Changing the World through Refugee Stories

Oxford, Ohio
Kate Carlier Currie, Executive Director

Maxim Nyansa Foundation

Empowering Underserved Learners Through Offline Digital Education

Ghana
Stanley Kwakye Dankyira, Mr.

mEducation Alliance

Co-creating the Global STEM Education Champions Network and Youth STEMpreneurs for Change

Washington DC USA
Michael McCabe

N

Ng'ama!

Africa and the Middle East
Lorraine Charles, Co-Founder and Executive Director

National Center on Education and the Economy

Bridging innovation, adaptation, and project-based learning with Pacific Island communities

Washington, DC, USA
Sarah Nachtigal, Senior Advisor
Alexandra Goodell, Senior Development Officer

National Institute of Education, Singapore

Student-initiated inquiry in the digital humanities with natural language processing (NLP) from East and Southeast Asian contexts

Singapore,
Kenneth Lim, Senior Research Scientist

New York University

Beyond Data Collection: The Role of a Mobile App in Developing a Professional Coach Workforce in Haiti

New York, NY, USA

Alexandra Morgan-Kisarale, Adjunct Faculty, Leadership and Innovation

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ObjectiveEd

NSF-Funded BuddyBooks Lab: Hands-On AI for Foundational Literacy

Miami, USA

Marty Schultz, President

P

Partnership Afghanistan Canada

Online Education for Afghan girls

BC, Canada

Shahnaz Qayumi, Chief Operating Officer

PhET Interactive Simulations, University of Colorado Boulder

PhET Interactive Simulations: Marvelous Tools and Strategies to Elevate Student Agency in STEM Learning

Boulder, CO, USA

Rebecca Vieyra, Director of Global Initiatives

ProFuture Foundation

ProFuturo: an evidence-based intervention of a digital education programme in vulnerable environments

Madrid, Spain

Valentina Ríos, Head of Evaluation and Strategy

Puberty

Breaking Barriers: Marvelous Health Education for Underserved Youth

NYC, USA

Demetra Mallios, Founder & CEP

Ismini Drososforidi, Chief of Staff

R

Rede Brasileira de Aprendizagem Criativa (Brazilian Creative Learning Network)

Teachers as creative learners: a novel professional development approach for 21st century educational transformation

Sao Paulo, Brazil
Leo Burd, Founder

[Republican Scientific And Methodological Centre For Education Development Of The Republic Of Uzbekistan](#)

The concept of using artificial intelligence technologies in education - the path to forming new digital competencies

Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Shakhriyor Mukhamadjanov, Head of department

Javokhir Abdullaev, Head of The Department

[RTI International](#)

"I am not slow; I just need glasses" – Adding open-source vision screening functionality to Tangerine

Research Triangle Park, USA

Carmen Strigel, Sr. Director, Education Technology

[Rotary International](#)

Rotary Clubs Finding Local Solutions to Global Education Challenges

Evanston, IL, USA HQ and global

Sara Poehlman, Senior Advisor, Basic Education & Literacy

S

[Saddle River Day School](#)

The Student-Led Global AI Learning Initiative

Saddle River, NJ, United States

Kevin Merges, Chief Global Impact Officer

[Samsung](#)

Design Thinking: Ideating and Developing with AI

Syracuse, NY USA

Micah Shippee, Director of Education Solutions

[Save the Children](#)

A New Wave of Learning: Engaging Youth in the Blue Economy

Washington, DC

Katie Pons, Advisor, Knowledge, Learning, and Communications

Mark Meziere, Lead Associate, MEAL and Research

[Save the Children](#)

The New Learning Loop: Youth, Data, and the Future of Learning with AI

Washington, DC

Monica Caminiti, Senior Director, Skills to Succeed

[Accenture Development Partnerships](#)

Washington, DC

Natalie Co, Managing Director

SeaVaria

From Access to Impact: Equipping Teachers and Students with Digital Tools for STEM

Seattle Washington/ Taita Kenya

MaryMargaret Welch

SL Global

Alpha Tiles Updates: New Features and New Supported Scripts

Dallas, Texas, USA

Aaron Hemphill, Mobiles for Literacy Advisor

Street Child

Digital literacy on Ukraine's front line - saving children's lives and building them a brighter future

Washington, DC

Anna Bowden, CEO

Tyler Arnot, Director of Global Programs

Storytime AI

Reading the future: how culturally responsive, AI-powered storytelling can close the literacy gap and spark early AI proficiency

Baltimore, MD, USA

Brian Carlson, CEO & Co-Founder

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Take Action Global

Learning for a Greener Future: Driving Climate Action through Education Measurement Together

Florida, United States

Katherine Centore, Director of Growth & Development

Riley Justis, Chief Operating Officer

[Take Action Global](#)

Marvelous Remix: impact of OER for climate education and remote learning

Creative Commons

Clearwater, Florida, USA

Jennryn Wetzler, Director of Learning and Training (Creative Commons)

Katherine Centore, Director of Growth & Development (Take Action Global)

Teach For All

Unlocking STEAM Teaching Resources to Connect Learning with Real-World Challenges
Global

William Molano, Future of Work - Project Manager

Teacher in a Box

Teacher in a box – How do you get them in the box?

Australia

Kate Huth, Educational Co-ordinator

Team4Tech & Fab, Inc

Building AI Capacity for Edu-Efficiency

Menlo Park, USA & London, UK

Julie Clugage, Co-Founder and Executive Director

Dr. Paul Atherton, Founder, CEO

Teesa Advisory

The Missing Link in Enterprise Education: Building Inner Infrastructure for the African Workforce

Hoima, Uganda

Henriette Paula Mugisa, Founder, Team Lead

The Wilderness Technology Alliance

The Cycle of Transformation: Creating Sustainable Digital Learning Ecosystems in Rural Tanzania

Washington, DC, USA

Steven Popovich, International Development Director

Lou August, Executive Director

The N50 Project

Empowering 100 Schools in Africa with Connectivity, Digital Learning, and Devices: An N50 Project, Learning Upgrade, and Our Future Prize Initiative

Phoenix, USA

Erin Bown-Anderson, VP of Partnerships and Community Engagement

Learning Upgrade

San Diego, CA

Haneen Khalaf, Director of Global Business Development

Our Future Prize

United States

Ginhee Rancourt, Director

The Ulrich and Ruth Frank Foundation for International Health DBA

Leveraging AI and OER for Equitable STEM Education in Resource-Constrained Environments

Minnesota

Miriam Chickering, Chief Executive Officer

Thinkering Collective

Humanizing Education: How a Connected Ecosystem Sparks Sustainable Impact

New York, United States

Evin Schwartz, CEO/Founder

Learning Upgrade

San Diego, United States

Vinod Lobo, Founder/CEO

Thinkzone

PRAKASHAK (Parent's Remote Assistance and Knowledge Support for Holistic Advancement of Kids)

Cuttack, India

Binayak Acharya, Founder & CEO

Teach For Kenya

Virtual Explorers: Using Virtual Reality (VR) Technology to Bring Virtual Field Trips to Schools in Underserved Communities

Nairobi, Kenya

Violet Amondi, Teacher Leader

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University College London

Designing more system-wide EdTech Testbed (or Trialling) efforts – sharing global experiences and learnings

London, UK

Alison Clark-Wilson, Professor

Leanlab Education

Kansas, USA

Katie Boody-Adorno, Founder and CEO

[University of Chicago](#)

Chat2Learn: Digital Tools and AI for Boosting Parent Engagement and Children's Skill Development

Chicago, IL

Michelle Michelini, Executive Director, Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab (BIP Lab)

[University of Georgia](#)

Eyes on Learning: Boosting Classroom VR with Eye Tracking

Athens, GA, USA

Addi Mavengere, PhD Student

[University of Kansas](#)

VOISS Adventures: Where XR, AI, and Social Skills Unite

Lawrence, Kansas, USA

Amber Rowland, Associate Research Professor

V

[Vizmeo](#)

Virtual Reality for Special Education - an Overview and Current Work

Wynnewood, PA, USA

Michael Stauffer, Founder/CEO

W

[War Child Alliance](#)

From Innovation to Integration: Institutionalising Can't Wait to Learn in Ukraine

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Luke Stannard, Programme Director, War Child Alliance, Can't Wait to Learn

[WISE Zambia](#)

Meet WISE Zambia--A Small Nonprofit with an Outsized Impact

Kaoma, Western Province, Zambia

Joanne Bollinger

[WildTech](#) & [Gensler](#)

The Cycle of Transformation

USA

Lou August, Executive Director

Damilola Kehinde, Regional IT Infrastructure Manager

[World Literacy Foundation](#)

Empowering Futures: How AI and Partnerships Drive Global Literacy

Bogotá, Colombia

Vanessa Portila, Chief Operating Officer