

REMAKE LEARNING DAYS ACROSS AMERICA

OCT. 13 VIRTUAL KICKOFF WILL SHOWCASE THE FUTURE OF LEARNING IN 16 REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

Cities across the nation will offer insider previews of free, hands-on learning events coming in 2021 — and celebrate a new report by global innovation-spotter HundrED highlighting the groundbreaking, scalable work of 16 leading innovations in education.

(PITTSBURGH, PA) Oct. 6: America has seen remarkable disruption in education this year, and we've also seen an encouraging willingness among educators to embrace new ways of teaching and learning.

On October 13, educators from 16 regions across the U.S. will launch a year-long campaign and unveil plans for the upcoming Remake Learning Days Across America, a celebration of learning innovation now in its fifth year. They will also share details about the soon to be released Learning Forerunners Across America report (available Oct. 13, see media contacts below for embargoed copy). This report details system-wide, impactful and scalable learning innovations from these 16 cities, regions and states.

The internationally renowned organization <u>HundrED</u>, in partnership with <u>Remake Learning</u> and <u>The Grable Foundation</u>, has released this new report. Building upon the success of their previous partnership, which began in 2019 with the release of the <u>Spotlight on Pittsburgh</u>, the new report (<u>announced last summer</u>) focuses on one system-level best practice from each region that can foster innovation at scale.

"There may not be another moment in our lifetimes when educators are thinking as boldly about what education and learning might be than right now. We should embrace these innovations as signals about what's possible," said Gregg Behr, executive director of the Grable Foundation and co-chair of Remake Learning. "And if we introduce these possibilities to parents, and we genuinely involve families as learning allies alongside our students and teachers, then we just might actually remake learning for years to come. That's what is so electrifying about what's happening right here in Pittsburgh and throughout the 16 Remake Learning Days regions."

The unveiling on October 13 will include information about each innovation and a preview of upcoming Remake Learning Days Across America events (expected to number as many as 1,000, once the full festival lineup is announced). Attendees will also see performances by Funky Fly Project and a live maker activity by Ana Diaz-Young, a junior at Washington International School in the Washington, D.C., region. Many special guests will join the event, including former "Mythbusters" co-host Adam Savage; choreographer Maria Torres; 9th U.S. youth observer to the United Nations Dustin Liu; and Emily Dawn Calandrelli, host of the Netflix show "Emily's Wonder Lab." The lead organizations of each region's Remake Learning Days festival, along with national partners PBS KIDS and Digital Promise, will also share why

family-engaged learning is critical. Remake Learning Days Across America Producer Dorie Taylor hopes that "parents, caregivers and educators across all communities will be inspired by the learning kids are doing alongside their caring adults and think about what they hope to see in their own communities."

The work being highlighted on October 13 "reminds us that for all of our advances and technological marvels, it's relationships that nurture children's wonder," Behr says. "And perhaps most importantly for the world's learners, each innovation points the way toward large-scale change — toward a better future that's within our collective grasp."

Chris Petrie, head of research at HundrED, hopes that the innovations featured in the report "not only invigorate but galvanize action, perhaps even to adopt and adapt some innovations to your context. We envision that learning in this way will help further our mission at HundrED to help every child flourish in life, no matter what happens."

Families and educators can register for the kickoff event, happening October 13 at 7-8 p.m. ET/4-5 p.m. PT, <u>right here</u>. And it will be available on YouTube after the event.

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Remake Learning Days Across America regional festivals will happen in spring 2021 in the 16 regions on these dates:

- <u>East Kentucky</u>: April 22-May 2, 2021
 Regional Lead Organization: SOAR
 HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Re-envisioning Community Spaces
- <u>Triangle region of North Carolina</u> (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill): April 22-May 2, 2021 Regional Lead Organizations: *Triangle Learning Network and Museum of Life + Science* HundrED Learning Across America innovation: *Bringing real science into the classroom*
- <u>Badgerland (Southern Wisconsin)</u>: April 22-May 15, 2021
 Regional Lead Organization: We Think Big, LLC
 HundrED Learning Across America innovation: LRNG:Badgerland
- <u>San Diego County</u>: April 22-May 23, 2021
 Regional Lead Organization: San Diego County Office of Education and The Jacobs Institute at University of San Diego
 HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Pactful
- Kansas City: May 1-10, 2021
 Regional Lead Organization: KC STEM Alliance
 HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Senior Capstone Innovation Experience
- Knoxville: May 5-15, 2021
 Regional Lead Organization: Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville
 HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Building a path between "high school"
 and "hired"

• Southeastern Pennsylvania: May 6-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: PA SEED Ecosystem

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Building environmental literacy through

nature-based STEM learning

• Central Pennsylvania: May 6-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: ENGINE of Central PA

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Connecting STEM research and

practices to K-12 environments

Southwestern Pennsylvania: May 6-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: Remake Learning

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: The Fred Method

• West Virginia: May 6-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: West Virginia Public Education Collaborative

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Simulated Workplace

• <u>Chattanooga</u>: May 6-15, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: Public Education Foundation

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: *Teacherpreneur*

Oregon: May 8-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: STEM Oregon

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: STEM Hubs

• <u>DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia)</u>: May 8-22, 2021

Regional Lead Organizations: KID Museum and Washington International School

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Children Are Citizens

• Chi (greater Chicago region): May 13-16, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: Chicago Learning Exchange

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: From conventional learning to connected

learning

• Greater Cincinnati: May 15-17, 2021

Regional Lead Organizations: Knowledge Works and The Catalytic Fund

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Leveraging strategic foresight to guide

today's education systems

Northeast Ohio: May 15-17, 2021

Regional Lead Organization: NEOSTEM Ecosystem

HundrED Learning Across America innovation: Empowering students to design active

learning experiences

Remake Learning is a network in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia that ignites engaging, relevant, and equitable learning practices in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. An open group of interconnected, creative,

and innovative people and organizations in the greater Pittsburgh region, Remake Learning is a collective effort to transform teaching and learning to better serve today's young people. www.remakelearning.org

Remake Learning Days began in Pittsburgh as a project of Remake Learning, a grassroots initiative that activates entire communities to serve as a child's "learning playground." Remake Learning has earned international recognition for its work fostering collaboration that ignites engaging, relevant learning practices, while helping parents connect with their children's learning and bringing these opportunities to a broader socioeconomic audience. Since its launch in southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2016, more than 100,000+ youth, parents and caregivers have participated in 1200+ Remake Learning Days events -- the majority of which were free. Last year, Remake Learning Days Across America included nine regions, and this year it has grown to 16.

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HundrED: A Finland-based nonprofit, HundrED discovers, researches, and shares inspiring innovations in K12 education. Their goal is to help improve education and foster a movement through encouraging impactful and scalable innovations to spread, mindful of context, across the world. HundrED Spotlights create unique opportunities for both educational professionals and independent organizers of the Spotlight to gain a thorough insight into the education innovations taking place in either a specific area of education, like literacy or sustainability, or within a certain geographic location, for example, India or London. For each Spotlight, we select the brightest education innovations, which then undergo a thorough study by our Research Team and an expert Advisory Board. HundrED Spotlights are organized with partner organizations, who help from their area of expertise.

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The Grable Foundation believes in possibilities: that a child will experience something new that will change his or her life; that a teacher will have the resources to nurture students; that kids will play and learn and grow on their own time, in their own way, guided by a community of people and places keen to make these possibilities a reality. The Foundation awards support to organizations that improve the lives of children and youth across the Pittsburgh region from early childhood through the formative years, inside the classroom and out.

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