



New Acropolis

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“Every historical moment and epoch has its own set of challenges, but it’s important to remember that every problem has a solution waiting to be found. In our quest for a more just society and a more humane world, we must place value on the individual once again.”

Carlos Adelantado Puchal
International Director

Principles

New Acropolis is an International Organization that proposes an ideal of lasting values that favors individual and collective evolution, accomplished through courses of action in Philosophy, Culture and Volunteering.



1. Fraternity

Promote an Ideal of international fraternity based on respect for human dignity, beyond racial, gender, cultural, religious and social differences.



2. Knowledge

Promote the love of wisdom through the comparative study of philosophies, religions, sciences and the arts in order to promote knowledge of the human being, the laws of Nature and the Universe.



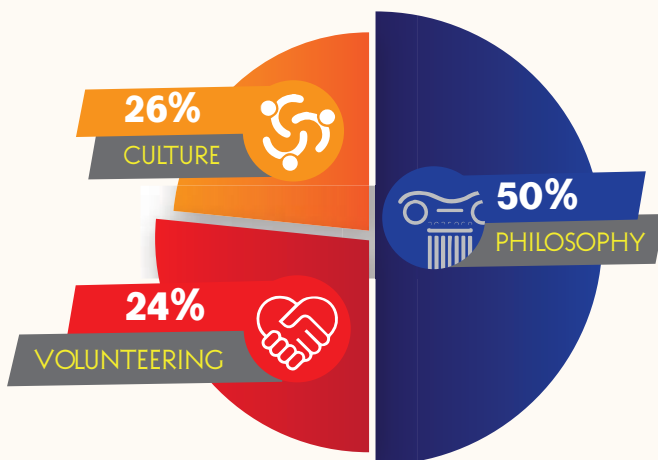
3. Development

Develop the best of human potential, promoting the fulfillment of the human being as an individual and their integration into society and nature. As a result, one becomes an active and conscious entity to improve the world.

Our contributions to sustainable development

At New Acropolis, we make our contribution to sustainable development and the 2030 agenda through our three international programs of philosophy, culture and volunteering. What sets us apart is a human and pedagogical approach that creates responsible and active participants in facing the problems of the world. In the words of the international president of the OINA, Carlos Adelantado Puchal, "While it's commendable to focus on goals such as improved natural resource management, clean and renewable energy use, and social progress, we believe it's equally important to recognize and promote the intrinsic value of the human being as a whole. At New Acropolis, we advocate for a re-valorization of the human being, which includes the development of the most inner and elevated aspects of our own nature."

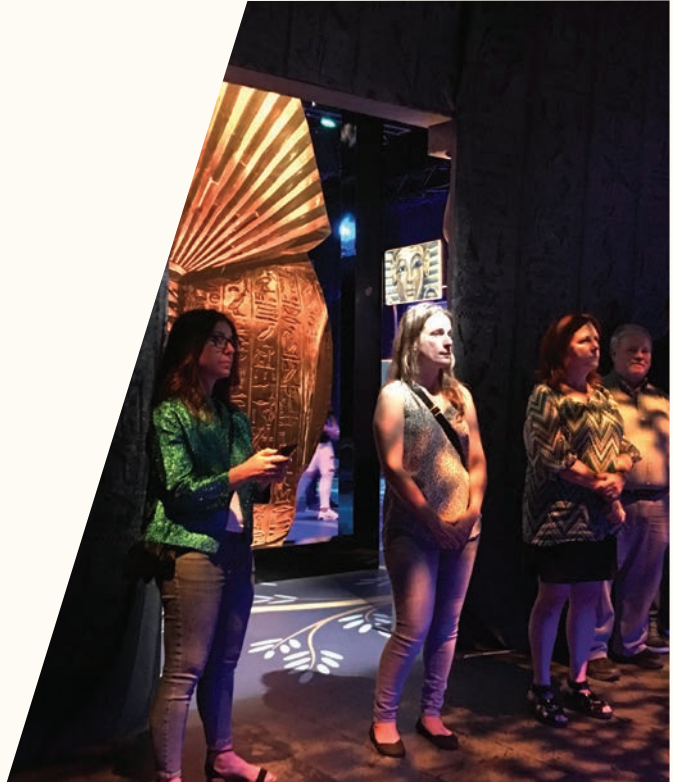
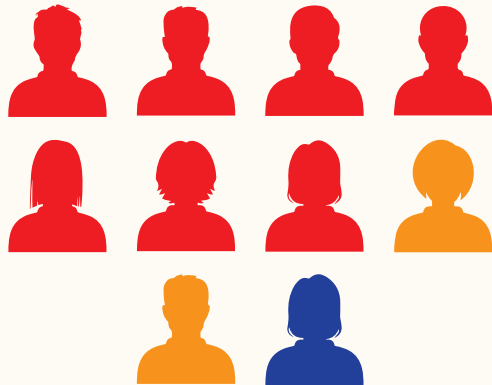
8,000
ACTIVITIES



Our fundamental task is to provide quality education, philosophical training and the promotion of philosophy for all people based on the classics of the West and East. Our cultural program aims to create spaces for coexistence and the promotion of peace through art in its various forms. Volunteering is a core component of our work at New Acropolis. It allows us to put solidarity into action and cultivate a renewed sense of responsibility towards nature and the care of our planet.

4.6M

PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES



SDG 4 Quality Education
SDG 15 Life on Land
SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

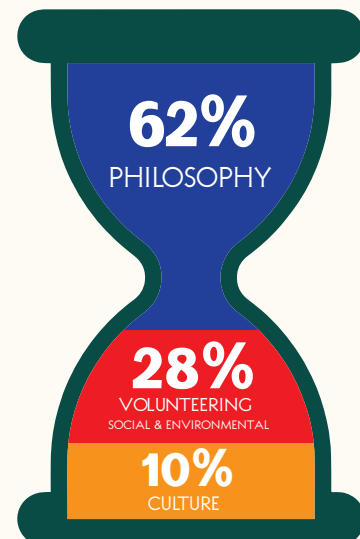


4% of our activities contribute to other SDGs.



420,000

VOLUNTEER HOURS



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



Quality education

A good education shapes and transforms us and the societies we live in.

Our registered program of studies has been translated into more than 20 languages, offering continuous and accessible learning opportunities for all people throughout life. The philosophy we teach helps people to connect to the deep wisdom of humanity and a culture of peace and respect. By exposing students and members to the ideas that have guided humanity for millennia, we want to help them find answers and get to know themselves better.

Our approach to education is to bridge the gap between theory and practice, educating hearts, minds and hands through a healthy combination of philosophy, culture and volunteerism. We are trying to foster more coherence between what we think, what we feel and what we do.

World Philosophy Day



Celebration of World Philosophy Day, Slovenia

As it has been doing for 66 years, New Acropolis teaches philosophy in its classrooms throughout the year. Since 2005, New Acropolis has joined the celebration proclaimed by UNESCO to commemorate World Philosophy Day. In November 2022, its more than 400 Centres worldwide came together around a common theme: the language of symbols.

We have collaborated with over a hundred partners, opening up spaces and building bridges with museums, universities, companies, schools, theaters, renowned philosophers and other civil society institutions to promote together philosophical reflection in a world that increasingly needs it.

+448

Libraries

34,028

participants in our philosophy program.

22,930

in-person participants in our World Philosophy Day activities.





Alliances for Education

In addition to its own educational program, New Acropolis collaborates with educational institutions in various countries. Some examples:



The Program "Children for the Good" in Brasilia, Brazil.

New Acropolis Brazil

The program "Children for the Good" illustrates how the education of children, young people and volunteers can be promoted using values inspired by applied philosophy. The after-school program was created in 2007 and consists of teaching low-income children and adolescents through virtue-based education, including respect and solidarity, music workshops, sports, Portuguese and mathematics. The program involves 60 volunteers and serves 190 children and their families in the communities of Varjão, Paranoá and Itapoã on the outskirts of Brasília, Federal District.

The initiative is funded by public resources (Fund for Children and Adolescents and the Culture Incentive Law) and private donations (both individuals and companies, such as Rede Globo - Criança Esperança, Fundação Banco do Brasil and Pouplex, among others). The program created the Learning for Good Method - MAB - which develops practical, affective, rational and spiritual skills in children, young people and volunteers.

New Acropolis Cyprus

In December 2022, New Acropolis collaborated with the Cyprus Volunteer Corps once again to collect school supplies for low-income families.

New Acropolis Venezuela

In 2022, a New Acropolis lecture was addressed to professors of the College of Educators of the State of Mérida, Venezuela.

15 LIFE ON LAND



Contribution to the environment



20K
TREES PLANTED



20K Kg
GARBAGE COLLECTED



357 Km²
PUBLIC SPACES CLEANED

New Acropolis has been carrying out educational and awareness-raising work for respect towards the Earth for decades. In line with this effort, we recently joined the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, which was officially launched on June 5th, 2021



Alliances around Mother Earth Day

In 2022, we established 147 partnerships in 27 countries around World Earth Day. In more than a dozen countries, New Acropolis coordinated efforts between the public and private sectors for various activities. Some examples are listed below:



Sustainability awareness, Melbourne, Australia

New Acropolis Australia

In order to actively participate in the celebration of International Earth Day, volunteers from New Acropolis in the city of Melbourne raised awareness about sustainability at a booth at the South Melbourne Market. They taught market visitors how to recycle various materials into shopping bags and planting pots. Volunteers shared tips on simple and straightforward ways to live sustainably and ecologically.

New Acropolis India

Volunteers from New Acropolis in Mumbai organized a workshop and tree planting at the Jog Garden in the Colaba area of Mumbai, in partnership with the Esmeralda Sustainable Foundation and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). More than 500 specimens were planted over 4 days using the Miyawaki technique. New Acropolis will be responsible for the maintenance of the area and will also carry out plantings in other parts of the city.



Rescue of traditions for reforestation in Mumbai, India

16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



The culture of Peace

Art and culture, as celebrations of diversity and beauty, are powerful agents for peace

Art and culture are powerful tools to foster understanding and empathy between people, and to promote tolerance and respect for cultural differences. Through art and culture, complex issues such as identity, social justice, and history can be addressed, which can help create constructive dialogue and mutual understanding. By promoting cultural diversity and creativity, art and culture can contribute to building more peaceful and sustainable societies.

We offered

2,349

Activities

+61,000

Hours of volunteering

+800,000

Participants



Alliances for Peace and Strong Institutions



Training at the Government Ethics Tribunal, San Salvador, El Salvador

New Acropolis Portugal

With the collaboration of the UNESCO Chair “Education for Sustainable Global Peace,” New Acropolis celebrated the International Day of Peace in Lisbon. Celebrated with music, dance and conferences by representatives of various institutions, the event promoted the need to Educate for Peace in a global, deeply human way, without forgetting the need to foster a feeling of Peace within hearts. The Executive Secretary of the National Commission for UNESCO in Portugal, Rita Brasil de Brito, read the message for the International Day of Peace from the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, and highlighted progress in achieving the ideal of Global peace

New Acropolis El Salvador

Since 2016, New Acropolis of El Salvador has actively collaborated with the Government Ethics Tribunal (TEG) in the training of municipal officials and Central Government entities on issues related to the theory and application of ethics as an essential foundation of the life of the human being. This training includes short, virtual courses which have been attended by more than 1,000 workers from various public institutions in the country, including technical personnel, middle management, along with leaders and members of the Government Ethics Commissions.



International Day of Peace in Lisbon Portugal, September 2022

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Partnerships to achieve the Goals

We can work together to create a better world, stronger communities, and better versions of ourselves.

As we have seen in every area of our work at New Acropolis, we value collaboration with other organizations. This has allowed us to achieve a greater impact, acquire new skills and knowledge, share our methods and resources, all while building strong and lasting relationships with individuals and other institutions. We believe that collaboration is essential to building a more just and sustainable world, and we are committed to continue working together to achieve this goal.

Alliances 2022

1,136

Other SDG

39%

SDG 4 Education

31%

SDG 15 Life on terrestrial
ecosystems

23%

SDG 16 Peace, justice and
strong institutions

7%

The long night of Philosophy

A feature story on alliances for a common end



World Philosophy Day celebration, Switzerland

New Acropolis Switzerland









Especially in times of crisis, we remember the mission of philosophy according to UNESCO, “that philosophy as a discipline fosters critical and independent thinking, working towards a better understanding of the world and promoting tolerance and peace.” World Philosophy Day, therefore, was an ideal occasion for the first Long Night of Philosophy which took place in Switzerland in 2016.

Today, the Long Night of Philosophy has spread to Austria, Germany, France and Canada, setting an example that the love of wisdom is needed especially in difficult times.

The Long Night of Philosophy is a platform for the promotion of philosophy that aims to offer the population spaces for dialogue and reflection on our greater issues, make philosophical thought accessible to all, update the practice of philosophy as a tool for self-knowledge and social peace, promote free thought, individual responsibility and civic commitment and finally, to foster intercultural and intergenerational alliances in projects related to change and transition.

Our presence worldwide

-  Canada
-  Estados Unidos
-  México
-  Guatemala
-  Honduras
-  El Salvador
-  Costa Rica
-  Panamá
-  Colombia

-  República Dominicana
-  Ecuador
-  Venezuela
-  Bolivia
-  Chile
-  Perú
-  Paraguay
-  Uruguay
-  Brasil

-  Argentina
-  Albania
-  Alemania
-  Austria
-  Bélgica
-  Bosnia y Herzegovina
-  Bulgaria
-  Chipre
-  Corea del Sur




-  Croacia
-  Dinamarca
-  Eslovaquia
-  Eslovenia
-  España
-  Francia
-  Grecia
-  Hungría
-  India

-  Irlanda
-  Israel
-  Italia
-  Japón
-  Kazajistán
-  Polonia
-  Portugal
-  Reino Unido
-  República Checa

-  República de Moldavia
-  República Serbia
-  Rumania
-  Rusia
-  Sudáfrica
-  Suiza
-  Taiwan
-  Ucrania



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