



# The letter

## Editorial

### "Adapting to better promote children's rights"

Supported by core values, organisations operate within stable statutory frameworks, but they also have to change to strengthen their effectiveness and better fulfil their missions.

OMEP-France evolved this year in order to:

- Organise cooperation with academics and researchers: the new scientific commission has conducted a survey of early childhood experts, participated in the work of OMEP's French-speaking commission and proposed one of its members as co-editor of the International Journal of Early Childhood, published by OMEP-World.
- Prepare, with the training commission, the implementation of actions aimed at early childhood stakeholders to work more closely with local professionals and institutions.
- Promote educational activities in preschools and early childhood centres by publishing short activity guides for specific international days (children's rights, mother tongues, play), by promoting the OMEP-World 'Colour your rights' competition and by producing videos, particularly on sustainable development.

Strengthen communication:

- Towards the public, by redesigning the website, increasing his presence on social media and giving the OMEP-France newsletter (quarterly since 2018) a new layout.
- For members, by digitising institutional life, which has strengthened internal democracy, with special access areas, anonymous voting and a greater number of meetings.
- Towards French officials. Meetings with advisers to the Prime Minister and ministries responsible for ECCE have raised awareness of OMEP, which is now associated with working groups.

OMEP-France also had the privilege to sustain the implementation of the Francophone Commission. Actions organised by the Francophone committees on three continents enabled knowledge sharing and analysis on fundamental issues to ECCE (ESD, linguistic diversity, quality/inclusion) and strengthened relations with UNESCO to support local action. A logo and a dedicated microsite on OMEP-World website gave visibility to this brand new OMEP commission.

Finally, OMEP-France provides support to OMEP representatives to UNESCO. The commitment of the president, relayed by local representatives, facilitated the implementation of new actions involving OMEP (Technical Advisory Group on Tashkent, webinars in French and English). Enhanced communication has given greater visibility to this partnership on social media.

These developments, made possible by the involvement of all, were supported by competent interns recruited through a partnership with associations.

The French committee thus seeks to contribute to the national and international influence of OMEP, to better inform and respond to the needs of local actors, who must be listened to carefully in order to act more effectively.

Thank you all for your commitment to children!

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President of OMEP France

## OMEP France

- **April 12: Webinar "YES to Peace, No to War"** hosted by OMEP-France. Discover more.
- **April 16:** Introduction of the new **early childhood education guide** by Right to Education. [Discover more.](#)
- **April 18: Updated presentation flyer** [Available here.](#)
- **April 24:** Commencement of **Global Action Week for Education**, centered around the theme **"Education Saves Lives: Safeguarding Education in Emergencies"** [Our article.](#)
- **On May 6**, OMEP-France traveled to Spain to engage with representatives from **OMEP-Spain** and to explore the educational practices at the **Colegio Virgen de Europa**. [Read our article.](#)

- **May 28: Play Day - Release of a guide** available to all early childhood stakeholders. Access the [guide here.](#)

- **June 11: Exploration of the OMEP archives** at the Angers University Library. [Our article.](#)

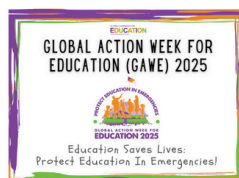
- **New section on our website: "Our members contribute"** [To find out more.](#)

## OMEP Europe

- **21 May:** Webinar World Project on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) OMEP Sweden.
- Discover the recent updates from OMEP Europe on our website by [clicking here.](#)

## OMEP World UNESCO

- **May 19:** Gathering of UNESCO Chairs focused on the theme of sport: **"Fit for Life"** [Our article.](#)
- **June 3:** Participation in the conference **"Heritage and Conflict"** (Article coming soon)



- **June 11:** Participation in the **UNESCO "Play Day"** webinar. (article coming soon)
- **June 17:** UNESCO Webinar (English) **"Supporting Civil Society in Shaping Early Childhood Education Policy."** (Article coming soon)
- **Ongoing project 2024-2025:** "Color Your Rights" Selection of seven drawings for the exhibition in Cyprus and Bologna.



## Francophone commission

- **April 2:** Francophone Commission Webinar: **"Awakening to Linguistic and Cultural Diversity,"** hosted by OMEP Morocco. [Discover more](#)
- **May 14:** Webinar hosted by the Francophone Commission on **"The Quality of ECCE in Relation to Children's Rights"** [Learn more](#)
- The **website** dedicated to the Francophone Commission has been launched. [Here](#), you can find all the latest information, events, and initiatives.

- **Updated logo of the Francophone Commission**



## Future Events

- **July 2-4** - OMEP-France will participate in the **AGEEM congress in Colmar**, featuring a guide, booth, and an international roundtable on ESD. **More information can be found [here.](#)**
- **July 14-18: OMEP World Assembly and Conference in Bologna: Two symposia conducted in French** focusing on children's rights (OMEP (Argentina, Canada, France, Morocco, and DRC)
- Promoting children's right to play to engage them in their development
- Supporting children's right to self-expression: what conditions need to be fulfilled in ECCE?
- To find out more, [click here.](#)

