

Project Management
for Social Good.

PMIEF
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Advocates for 21st-Century Skills

PMIEF Hosts Project Learning Network Meeting

One of the primary areas of focus of the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) is to inspire and support global integration of project management into primary and secondary school education. To achieve this, we recognize it is critical to develop partnerships with organizations working within the field of education and engage them in pioneering conversations.

With this understanding, PMIEF sought out partners who have:

- Considerable involvement in project-based learning;
- Significant influence in the field of youth education; and
- Global or substantial national reach.

Pursuing these partner organizations was the beginning of the creation of the Project Learning Network (PLN); a network of like-minded educational organizations whose goal is to positively impact primary and secondary education by advocating for 21st-century skills, project-based learning, leadership and project management expertise.

Since its inception in 2012, the PLN has grown to 35 organizations. Fifty percent of these organizations serve youth outside of the United States. Members of the PLN include the Partnership for 21st Century Learning, Destination Imagination, Junior Achievement, the Center for Digital Inclusion, several U.S. state departments of education and the Buck

Institute for Education. A complete list of PLN members is available at pmief.org/community/project-learning-network.

PMIEF hosts an annual meeting of the PLN during which PLN members discuss strategies to enable more youth to acquire essential skills needed to compete in the 21st century workforce.

This year's PLN meeting occurred in April in Virginia, USA. Thirty organizations with a combined global reach of millions of youth attended the event, which focused on assessments and outcomes in delivering project management and 21st-century skills, such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Presenters provided insightful

information and spurred numerous discussions, many of which identified project management as a necessary

component in today's education.

PLN members recognize that PMIEF is delivering a valuable service by convening this influential group of educational leaders.

Many stated that the PLN is a unique way to collaborate around similar goals related to project-based learning and project management.

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