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Options and Opportunities

Dear ITEN Community:

We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

We want to thank you for stepping up in these times of hardship and uncertainty. Our teachers and community members have made the webinar series on **COVID-19: Teaching STEM in Quarantine** a huge success. A huge Thank You to all the presenters who so graciously shared their time and expertise with the ITEN community, and to everyone who tuned in. To learn more about the upcoming webinars, and to watch the recordings from previous presentations, click [→ HERE ←](#)

To support your work, we are also pleased to announce via this newsletter a host of opportunities exclusive to institutions and individuals who are officially participating in ITEN Project Teams. We realize that each of you has a different context, needs and capacity, and we hope that the diversity of options we are presenting allows you to find something valuable to your situation.

So, this month's newsletter is highlighting the following opportunities:



Publish Your Story → Submit a manuscript to *Conexiones*.



Build Your Network → Participate in our **Community and Leadership-Building gathering**.



Request Funds

Teacher Leadership Funds → Request up to \$1,000 USD for teachers and teacher educators.

As you can see, this month's newsletter is brimming with exciting new opportunities. Read on to learn more and don't miss out!!!!

Stay safe, stay healthy

The ITEN Team

Publish Your Story → Call for Submissions to *Conexiones*



As a member of the ITEN community, we would like to welcome you to consider publication in a special bilingual edition of *Conexiones*, a digital journal of the Ministry of Public Education of Costa Rica. Thanks to our ITEN partners from the Uladislao Gámez Institute for Professional Development (IDPUGS), they have coordinated with the overseeing ministry to allow ITEN to serve as invited authors for the full February 2021 edition of their journal!

The purpose of this special edition will be to showcase the strength of ITEN partnerships to resolve regional issues in STEM teacher education by including feature stories on the work of Project Teams, partner institutions, and educators. We are eager to showcase good practices and policies, including both system-wide solutions as well as innovative classroom or leadership activities.

🔊 **Call for Proposals:** [READ HERE](#) 🔊

📺 **Informational Webinar:** 20 May 2020 at 4:00 PM ET (*Washington, DC time*): [REGISTER HERE](#)

Build Your Network → Community and Leadership Gathering

Join your fellow 2020 Project Teams for an **interactive session** where you will have the opportunity to connect with members from other Project Teams (as well as your own) through Community & Leadership activities and conversations. We will elaborate on how to take full advantage of the Logic Model, so bring questions and an open mind, and let's get to know one another through sharing our team visions!

English: 22 May, 2:00 PM (*Washington, DC time*) [REGISTER HERE](#)

Spanish: 22 May, 4:00 PM (*Washington, DC time*) [REGISTER HERE](#)

 **Teacher Leadership Funds for Educators** 

ITEN is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for practicing STEM educators who want to improve their **leadership competencies**, while directly impacting other educators and their students. The Teacher Leadership Funds are financial awards of up to **USD \$ 1,000** awarded to educators of all levels to support the execution of personal leadership projects that improve the education of STEM teachers in their communities. The objective of this program is to position teachers as agents of change within the Ministries or Secretariats of Education, as well as in other educational institutions of the OAS Member States. To be considered for the Fund, interested educators must complete and submit an application form in which they detail their proposed leadership plan. To learn more about this opportunity, click on the link below:

 [Call for Proposals](#)  | **Due Date: 30 June 2020** |

 **Seed Grant Resources for ITEN Project Teams Institutions** 

Seed Grant [Call for Proposals](#) are officially open. If you missed the informational webinars on what Seed Grants are and how to apply, you can find all the important information in the links below. As a reminder, Seed Grants are open to **educational institutions** currently participating in an **ITEN Project Team**.

 [Webinar Recording](#) |  [Presentation Slides](#) |  [Call for Proposals](#)  |

Due Date: 30 June 2020

The OAS launches a new version of [CooperaNNet](#)!

The OAS announced the launch of a revised version of CooperaNNet, an online platform built to strengthen multi-sectoral networks and cooperations in the Americas. At CooperaNNet you can find full prospective partner profiles with their cooperation offers and needs. To join is free. You just need to register to start participating! Learn more about the details and how to enroll [➔ HERE ➔](#)



UNESCO's Teacher Task Force Knowledge Platform now available online

UNESCO's TTF Knowledge Platform provides key information and resources on teachers and teaching issues. Here you may access the latest news & events, a teaching knowledge hub, and specific information related to teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access the platform [➔ HERE](#) [←](#).



Upcoming Events

ITEN Webinar Series: Teaching STEM in Quarantine

Following our April 2020 newsletter, many of you have stepped up and volunteered to share your time and expertise with the ITEN Community through the webinar series we are calling: **COVID-19: Teaching STEM in Quarantine**. So far, we have featured 5 incredibly insightful webinars, which have attracted huge "crowds" on Zoom and on Facebook Live. If you've missed any of the presentations, or want to stay up to date with upcoming ones, you can find the recordings and slides for previous webinars and register for future ones by visiting the webinar series page at <https://www.oas.org/en/iten/COVID19.asp>.

If you are interested in presenting a webinar or have someone you would like to recommend as a speaker, please contact Rebecca Vieyra at rvieyra@oas.org

Basic Principles for Online STEM Teaching

Presenter: Nicolás Montanaro - *ITEN Teacher Fellow & Teacher Educator - Argentina*

Principios Básicos para Enseñar STEM en Línea en la Educación Secundaria
 Prof. Esp. Nicolás Montalano
 Universidad Nacional de Rosario
 Argentina

21 de Mayo, 11:00 AM
 (hora de Washington, DC)



Language: Spanish

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Teaching STEM in Quarantine

Hands-on, Minds-on Engagement through Remote Learning

Lynn Jorgensen
 Gilbert High School
 United States

May 21, 4:5 PM
 (Washington, DC)



Hands-on, Minds-on Engagement through Remote Learning

Presenter: Lynn Jorgensen - *ITEN Teacher Fellow & and High School Physics Teacher - Arizona, USA*

Date: 21 May 2020

Time: 4:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: English

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Enseñando STEM en Cuarentena

El Reto de la Autogestión del Reaprendizaje del Docente ante la Contingencia Sanitaria COVID-19.

Dra. Cynthia Zamora Pedraza
 Escuela Normal de Estudios Superiores del Magisterio Potosino
 México

25 de mayo, 18:00
 (hora de Washington, DC)



El Reto de la Autogestión del Reaprendizaje del Docente ante la Contingencia Sanitaria COVID-19

Presenter: Dra. Cynthia Zamora Pedraza - *Expert Teacher Educator - Mexico*

Date: 25 May 2020

Time: 6:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

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Teaching STEM in Quarantine

Effective Tools to Enhance Online Learning and Assessment

Bhagya Malladi
 Innisulatare Conception High School
 Jamaica

May 26, 7-8:30 PM
 (Washington, DC)



Effective Tools to Enhance Online Learning and Assessment

Presenter: Bhagya Malladi - *ITEN Teacher Fellow and High School Teacher - Jamaica*

Date: 26 May 2020

Time: 7:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: English

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Experiences and Strategies to Create a "New Normal":

a Webinar Discussion for Educators of Young Children

Shaffina Ahamad-Hamid
 Debe ASJA ECCE Centre
 Trinidad and Tobago



Experiences and Strategies to Create a "New Normal"

Presenter: Shaffina Ahamad-Hamid - *ITEN Teacher Fellow - Early Childhood Teacher - Trinidad and Tobago*

Date: 27 May 2020

Time: 4:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: English

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Effective Use of Virtual Manipulatives to Build Conceptual Understanding in a Virtual Space
 Conroy Hall
 Shenandoah Teachers' College
 January
 June 4, 4-5 PM
 (Washington, DC)




Presenter: Conroy Hall - *Project Team member and STEM teacher educator - Jamaica*


Date: 04 June 2020

Time: 4:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: English

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Enseñando STEM en Cuarentena

Edmodo: Clases Virtuales en Tiempos de COVID-19
 Sandra Guerrero Rodríguez
 Liceo Tiburcio Millán López
 República Dominicana
 08 de Junio, 10:00 AM
 (hora de Washington, DC)




Edmodo: Clases Virtuales en Tiempos de COVID-19

Presenter: Sandra Guerrero Rodríguez - *ITEN Teacher Fellow & High School Science Teacher - Dominican Republic*

Date: 08 June 2020

Time: 10:00 AM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

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Enseñando STEM en Cuarentena

Retos a Superar en la Educación a Distancia
 César Martín Agurto Castillo
 Inst. Educativa "1780 "Froylán de Porres"
 Perú
 19 de Junio, 17:00
 (hora de Washington, DC)




Retos a Superar en la Educación a Distancia

Presenter: César Martín Agurto Castillo - *Teacher - Peru*

Date: 19 June 2020

Time: 5:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

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Enseñando STEM en Cuarentena

Mediación Docente para Todos los Hogares
 Abel Rojas Aguirre
 Centro de Formación Docente Región Occidental
 El Salvador
 30 de Junio, 18:00
 (hora de Washington, DC)




Mediación Docente para Todos los Hogares: “Aprendiendo en Familia”

Presenter: Abel Rojas Aguirre - *Teacher Educator - El Salvador*

Date: 30 June 2020

Time: 6:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

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Additional Resources

PhET Interactive Simulations



 [Recording](#) |  [Slides](#)



Digital STEM Teaching Tools



Additional Free Resources

Access hundreds of free online resources for teaching STEM.

 [STEM resources in English](#)

 [STEM resources in Spanish](#)

 [ITEN Virtual Community of Practice](#)

 [General resources](#)

General Resources



2020 ITEN General Timeline

- **January 31:** Project Team Application (**Closed**)
- **March 1:** Letter of Commitment for Project Team participation due
- **March 1 - 31:** Interactive Webinars between suggested teams or groups who express similar interest
- **March 31:** Project Teams are formed
- **May 1:** Project Teams work virtually
- **May 15:** Launch of 2020 Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund Call for Proposals
- **June 30:** Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund applications due
- **July 31:** Award announcement for Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund
- **November 27:** Call for Proposal fo 2021 Project Teams launched
- **November 31:** Project Team share-out due



date on upcoming opportunities to get involved.

- [2019 ITEN Annual Report](#): Check out our Annual Report to learn about ITEN's impact in the region during its first year of Phase 4 of the program
- [Community Guide](#): The ITEN Community Guide will provide you step-by-step instructions on requirements for participation in Project Teams, Cooperation Exchanges and Seed Grants

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