

We had a **BIG CONVERSATION** and **this is what happened!**

More than 50 people comprised of youth, diverse working professionals, and sector leaders gathered together for one-day event to launch an intergenerational dialogue about the connections between current global issues and the role that public education could play if it were working to its fullest potential.

Participants were asked to reflect about their worries about the world and their wishes for public education, then as a group, they brainstormed how they could make these wishes into reality.

Key Discussion Takeaways

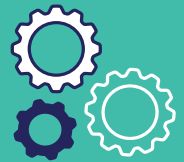


Purpose of education:

- To empower each and every student with the tools and drive to be the change they want to see in the world.
- To support every student's growth into their fullest self.

Challenges faced by education:

- Consumed by economic output rather than individual well-being
- Students are not being taught to think critically or constructively question structures of power.
- Lack of societal agreement on the purpose of public education



Changes that could benefit education and ultimately, the world:



- To respect Indigenous sovereignty in education, we need to center Indigenous ways of knowing.
- Reform faculties of education and disrupt whiteness.
- Think about how we create whole persons instead of cogs in a machine.
- Understanding education as an ecosystem.
- Relinquish some elements of education to the community.

The next steps?

- On an individual level, we can be more reflective, challenge/check our assumptions, and learn what it means to be an ally.
- On a collective level, we can educate ourselves and ask people what they need, then live our lives relative to what's around us.