

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 participate in a **HUMAN SCALE**, where each individual had to move around a large, empty space to indicate whether they strongly agreed to strongly disagreed with a series of prompts about the future of public education.

Key Discussion Takeaways

Purpose of education:

- Education cannot be a
- “one-size fits all”, but there can be more alignment to get everyone onto the same page about the systemic problems that negatively impact students.



Challenges faced by education:

- A mono-lithic approach to a diverse and different communities and cultures is highly problematic.
- Real change takes time—but not everyone is privileged enough to afford it.



Changes that could benefit education and ultimately, the world:

- We need a sense of urgency.
- We need to interrogate the status quo because this is how inequitable systems continue to perpetuate.
- Open up the space for critical conversations about what the future is looking like and what values we want embedded in it.

“All the social systems that have led us to where we are today are constructed. The fact they are constructed means they can be deconstructed, unlearned, and broken down and then built from the ground up.”

The next steps?

The next time you hear about a global emergency or a societal crisis, ask yourself and those around you: what is the connection to education and how could education have made a difference?