

Teach For Italy Joins the Global Teach For All Network

ROME, ITALY – September 30, 2019 Today, Teach For Italy announced that it has joined Teach For All, becoming the global network's 53rd partner. An independent nonprofit organization working in partnership with the Italian Ministry of Education, education institutions, and both public and private stakeholders, Teach For Italy's mission is to recruit and develop outstanding and promising young graduates and professionals to teach in Italy's under-served schools for a minimum of two years. The organization will continue to develop these individuals as future leaders to work both inside and outside the classroom, and with the wider community, to ensure all children in Italy are receiving the education, support, and opportunity they need to thrive.

Teach For All is a global network of more than 50 independent, locally led and governed partner organizations and a global organization that works to accelerate the progress of the network. Teach For All's core purpose is to ensure all children have the opportunity to fulfill their potential—both to shape better futures for themselves and for the world they'll inherit.

In the last 20 years, poverty and inequality in Italy has increased, while investment in public schools has decreased. Italy's investment in education continues to be among the lowest across the **European Union** and member countries of the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**. In Italy, 48% of teachers are aged 50 or above, which means Italy will have to renew about one out of two members of its teaching workforce over the next decade or so, according to the latest OECD **Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS)**. Many educational districts face a chronic lack of teachers, which forces too many schools to start the academic year with empty classrooms, particularly in math and science—it is predicted **that this year there will be over 150,000 teaching positions that won't be filled.**

Today in Italy, **only 8% of children from families with at most lower secondary education will receive a degree, while 65% of students whose parents earned a degree will receive one.** It's this cycle of inequity that Teach For Italy is committed to disrupt, to ensure that all of the country's children, including the most marginalized, have the opportunity to realize their potential. The organization will begin recruiting its first cohort of teaching fellows in October to teach in school districts with a structural lack of teachers in September 2020.

Teach For Italy's Founder and CEO, Andrea Pastorelli, has more than 15 years of experience working with diverse organizations on issues related to human rights, public health, poverty, and inequality, and is deeply committed to changing the status quo for all children in Italy. Andrea was drawn to Teach For All's shared mission to develop leadership in classrooms and communities to ensure all children can fulfill their potential.

"Italy is facing an education crisis which is triggered by - and fueling - socioeconomic inequality," Pastorelli said. "Italy's public school system is failing an increasing number of students especially in low-income communities, leaving students without the skills to succeed. Today, as we become official partners of the

Teach For All network, we are determined to confront one of the biggest challenges of our generation by committing to help students in Italy get a fair education.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome Teach For Italy to the global network, helping to build and strengthen the network’s learning, work and impact towards a world where all children, everywhere, have access to the education, opportunity and support they need to thrive,” shared Wendy Kopp, CEO and Co-founder of Teach For All. “Andrea brings with him a wealth of experience in the global health and development sectors and it’s very exciting to see him adapt this knowledge and expertise to the education system in his country.”

Among the Teach For All network’s 67,000 alumni, 72% continue to work in education or with under-resourced communities, as teachers, school leaders, social innovators, advocates, and policymakers. More than 60 alumni have been recognized in the Asia, Europe, and United States Forbes 30 Under 30 lists, and six have been named Obama Foundation Fellows, among other education and social sector honors.

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About Teach For Italy

Teach For Italy aims to transform education in Italy. We envision a country where all young people, regardless of their location, family background and economic circumstances, have the opportunity to receive the best possible education and unlock their full potential. We are a non-profit organization working in partnership with the Italian Ministry of Education, parent and teacher associations, the private sector and philanthropists to improve educational quality and expand opportunity in the most underserved schools and communities in Italy. For more information, visit our website: www.teachforitaly.org or follow Teach For Italy on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TeachForItaly/> and Instagram [@teachforitaly](https://www.instagram.com/teachforitaly)

About Teach For All

Teach For All is a global network of over 50 independent, locally led and governed partner organizations and a global organization that works to accelerate the progress of the network. Each network partner recruits and develops promising future leaders to teach in their nations’ high-need schools and communities and, with this foundation, to work with others, inside and outside of education, to ensure all children are able to fulfill their potential.

Teach For All’s global organization works to increase the network’s impact by capturing and spreading learning, facilitating connections among partners, accessing global resources, and fostering the leadership development of partner staff, teachers, and alumni. For more information, visit our website: www.teachforall.org, or follow Teach For All on Twitter [@TeachForAll](https://twitter.com/TeachForAll) and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/teachforall/>

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