



Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie

## Roots of Empathy selected as one of HundrED's 100 global education innovations

**October 4, 2017:** [Roots of Empathy](#) the non-profit organization that delivers empathy-based programs to primary school children has been announced by global education non-profit [HundrED](#), as one of its 100 innovative education projects across the world, all of which have been gathered over the past two years.

HundrED aims to share inspiring ideas and projects across borders to help improve the future of education globally. To achieve this, a team of researchers investigated innovations from around the world to determine 100 projects that are changing the face of education. The innovations were identified through research, events and recommendations; over 700 projects were evaluated based on their originality, impact and scalability.

Roots of Empathy was chosen due to its unique pioneering status and ability to create a scalable impact. The program brings a baby and parent into a classroom throughout a school year and helps children discover and nurture their own empathy and emotional literacy. It helps children connect more deeply to themselves and others. Research has proven that the program has significant effect in reducing aggression, including bullying, and increasing prosocial behavior (caring, sharing and inclusion).

Roots of Empathy started in Toronto in 1996 and has since grown to every province in Canada as well as 10 other countries. As of the 2016-2017 school year, the program has reached more than 800,000 children.

Mary Gordon, Roots of Empathy Founder/President said, “We're honoured to be chosen as an inspiring global innovation in education and to share and learn at the HundrED Innovation in Helsinki.”

The selected 100 projects cover various fields of education from learning environments and holistic wellbeing to collaborative learning and game-based education, as well as a range of themes including small teacher-led practices, ambitious not-for-profit initiatives, viral edtech products and unique whole school models.

Saku Tuominen, creative director of HundrED, said: “Roots of Empathy clearly stood out to us as a project that needed to be shared with the world. Being able to showcase these innovations marks the beginning of a drive to get all teachers involved in revolutionising education. We will continue to encourage as many schools and organisations as possible to get involved so that we can work towards a positive future”.

To share the projects, HundrED has created an online platform so that educators around the world can trial and review [Roots of Empathy](#) and all the other innovations using the resources, for free. To explore the global innovations, please visit: [www.hundred.org](http://www.hundred.org)

More information about the project can be found by visiting: [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org) and [www.hundred.org](http://www.hundred.org)

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