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The Dalai Lama Trust, Emory University and the Vana Foundation Launch the SEE Learning™ Program

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The Dalai Lama Trust, Emory University and the Vana Foundation announce the launch of the SEE Learning™ (Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning) Program at the Andaz Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi on April 5-6, 2019. This event will be presided over by Nobel Peace Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and will also include Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, and globally-recognized experts in social and emotional learning, Linda Lantieri and Kimberly Schonert-Reichl.

SEE Learning™ is a new kindergarten through university level education program developed at Emory University in Atlanta, USA with the help of experts in developmental psychology, education, and neuroscience, as well as with the vision and support of H.H. the Dalai Lama. As the Dalai Lama has stated in his foreword to the [SEE Learning Companion](#) “...to involve the whole of humanity, we need an ethical approach with universal appeal, a secular ethics that nurtures such basic human values as empathy, tolerance, forgiveness and love. Recent research has shown that such values can be cultivated through learning and practice on the basis of common sense, experience and scientific findings. They can be integrated in heart and mind not through the enforcement of rules, but through the voluntary application of reason and investigation.”

See Learning™ includes a comprehensive framework for the cultivation of social, emotional, and ethical competencies as well as age-specific curriculum for K–12 schools and a support structure for educator preparation and development. With the vision of “a compassionate and ethical world for all,” **SEE Learning is the first social and emotional learning program to:** 1) explicitly focus on the cultivation of compassion, other basic human values and “ethical intelligence;” 2) provide developmentally appropriate methods for attention training; 3) include “systems thinking” at all levels of education; and 4) incorporate a resilience and trauma-informed approach. **As Dr. Daniel Goleman, world renowned author and expert on emotional intelligence has stated, “I’d call SEE Learning SEL 2.0, showing the way to the future direction for this critically important educational approach.”**

The launch will be attended by an invited audience of 1000 educators, educational policy advocates, and changemakers from over 30 countries around the world. The SEE Learning program has been made possible by generous gifts from the Gaden Phodrang Foundation of the Dalai Lama, the Yeshe Khorlo Foundation, the Pierre and Pamela Omidyar Fund, and the Walton Family Foundation.

ABOUT THE EVENT ORGANIZERS

The Dalai Lama Trust, India was established by His Holiness to support the welfare of people in general and Tibetans in particular, by providing grants and donations. Among its many activities, the Trust provides support to people-oriented activities and projects encouraging and cultivating Ahimsa and non-violence; to the propagation and advancement of education and learning; and to projects that encourage a sense of universal responsibility in the young through educational systems

Emory University is a top-ranked private institution located in Atlanta, GA, USA and recognized internationally for its outstanding liberal arts colleges, graduate and professional schools, and one of the world's leading healthcare systems. It is home to the Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics, where SEE Learning™ was developed.

Vana Foundation focuses on Indian wisdom, Indian farming and Indian culture through its initiatives and activities, with an aspiration to benefit all, especially India and its youth.