

A high-angle, wide-view photograph of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the thin blue atmosphere. The surface is a mix of dark blue oceans, white clouds, and brownish-green landmasses. The text is overlaid in the lower-left quadrant.

IPN2018

**14TH INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

SPACE CENTER HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS

17-19 OCTOBER 2018

INTRODUCING IPN2018

The IPN conference has been held every two years since the launch in Birmingham, England in 1992. Since then the event has traversed the world with 13 conferences over the last 25 years, from Paris, France, Toronto, Canada, to Trondheim, Norway, to Edinburgh, Scotland, to Washington DC, USA, to London, England, to Calabria, Italy, to Helsinki, Finland, again to Toronto, Canada, to Durban, South Africa, to Brussels, Belgium and lastly to Oslo, Norway! Now on to Houston, Texas 2018!!

The aim of the IPN2018 conferences is to showcase how collaboration and partnership between education and business can enhance learning and teaching at all levels of education, elementary, secondary and post secondary and also improve opportunities for employability..

The themes of the IPN2018 conference are

- Enterprise Education and Entrepreneurship
- Education for Employability Skills
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

In parallel with each conference the IPN runs a Global Best Awards program. The Global Best Awards recognise excellence in Partnership work across the globe, in each of the themes of the conference. The Awards Ceremony takes place during the conference and is modelled on the Oscars with overall winners being revealed at the event!



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

IPN2018 will follow a similar format to that adopted at the IPN2016 Conference in Oslo. There will be a combination of plenary sessions, cafe conversations and panel discussions.

Key-note Plenary Sessions

There will be two key-note plenary sessions during the conference which will take place at the start of each day. The key-notes will offer an international perspective on the power of education business partnerships as well as providing insights into the approach taken by NASA in working with education and the wider community in achieving its education outreach objectives.

Cafe Conversations

Cafe conversations are small group discussions, each lasting 20 minutes, with a 10 minute presentation by the Cafe owner (facilitator) and 10 minutes for questions and discussion. There will be several cafe conversation sessions during IPN2018. During each sessions individual cafe conversations will run simultaneously, and delegates have the opportunity to engage in a number of cafe conversations at each session. The cafe conversations will be led by Global Best Award Winners who will be invited to be Cafe owners, but applications will also be sought from other delegates who have exemplary projects to showcase.

Panel Session

Attracting young people to enter into STEM-related studies and careers is a global challenge, and given that IPN2018 is in Houston, Texas, the home of both the US Space Industry and Oil and Gas Industry it is fitting that a panel discussion be scheduled between representatives of both industries and the post-secondary sector. The session will focus specifically on approaches to encourage females to enter into these traditionally male-dominated industries. The discussion will end with an example of action being take in Norway to attract young girls into STEM-related careers.

Study Visits

In addition to the main conference program there will be an opportunity for delegates to sign up for a small number of study visits. These visits will take place on Wednesday 17th October and will be subject to a small additional charge.



GLOBAL BEST AWARDS

The 2018 Global Best Awards celebrate partnerships between educational institutions, private businesses and other stakeholders that enhance youth employability through collaboration. These partnerships enhance job-relevant experiential learning leading to increased educational attainment and advanced skills development

A call for submission will be announced later this year with the deadline for entries early in 2018. The themes will be as follows;

Youth Employability Skills

Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills

Science Technology Engineering and Maths

Partnerships crossing Boundaries

Innovative and Creative Partnerships

Partnerships which build Learning Communities



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Educators at all levels

Students

Partnership Managers and practitioners

Policy Makers and Public Sector

Representatives of Commerce and Industry

Representatives from Corporate Social
Responsibility

HE Research Innovation Services and
Incubators

