

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLAY UNIFIED: LEARN UNIFIED

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Special Olympics (SO) turned 50 years old on 20 July 2018. Additionally, this is when the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) launched the Play Unified: Learn Unified project.



The Play Unified: Learn Unified project has 4 key goals.

- Recruiting 1900 new Unified Schools
- Award 300 Youth Innovation Grants
- Train 20,000 Teachers and Coaches
- Engage 750,000 Athletes and Unified Partners in Unified Sports

Online Course Participation

E-learning is when people take online courses using electronic resources. There were 3,189 users of sports training and 2,886 online classes were completed.



Innovation Grants Supported by SNF

Special Olympics designed and developed the Youth Innovation program which empowers young people to engage their peers and communities in creating inclusion. This resulted in:

- o 300+ new Unified Schools
- o 80 projects funded
- o 3600+ youth
- o 2650 new youth leaders
- o 100,000 social media reactions.
- o 9,900 people without disabilities.

Empowers means to give power.

Media Reactions means an audience response to a post depending on their feeling.

Leaders stay in touch via Facebook, Microsoft Teams, and other digital channels.

Play Unified: Learn Unified has grown Unified Schools, by teaching teachers through training and having conversations. Reaching families is a good way to recruit participants.

Recruiting schools is important because it allows students with and without ID, their families, and communities to join together for a common goal when they otherwise would not have the opportunity.



Year 1 Outcomes

Global Impact by numbers

- 376 new schools engaged
 - 6 Special Olympics Programs engaged
 - 2, 068 teachers and coaches engaged
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Year 2 Outcomes

- 85,997 youth with and without intellectual disabilities engaged in Special Olympics Unified Schools and Unified Sports.
 - 1,347 new schools engaged in 14 countries.
 - 18,102 teachers and coaches empowered to create the inclusive learning programs.
 - Bharat (India) had over 15.1 million readers and 20.2 million people around the world through local and global media.
 - Tanzania and Greece reached 19.1 million people.
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Year 3 Outcomes (thus far)

- 143,747 youth with and without intellectual disabilities engaged in Special Olympics Unified Schools and Unified Sports.
- 1,649 new Unified Schools engaged
- 23,197 teachers and coaches empowered to create inclusive learning environments
- Over 79 million people were reached in 2020