



# Leo Lagrange Federation

## Our educational project “EDUCATION POPULAIRE”: A UNIVERSAL AMBITION

**“Education populaire” (non-formal education) promotes solidarity, pooling and sharing, which are the conditions of the "doing and living together" .**

The educational action of Léo Lagrange Federation is innovative as well as necessary for all! It is suitable **to all ages** and allows approaching the intergenerational and inter-cultural relations in a global way for an ever better “living together”.

In our educational practices, it is necessary to take into account the issues consequent to the incomprehension of the world. Therefore, our mission is to free thought and speech by encouraging confrontation of the views each one has on the world. In this regard, we help discovering the origin of the tensions existing in ourselves and upon others.

MAKING THE WORLD UNDERSTANDABLE is:

- raising awareness and giving anyone access to objective knowledge
- learning that there is always a humanist answer to the questions and anxieties produced by life in society
- valuing curiosity as an essential condition to knowledge and intelligence
- creating the conditions allowing the abolishment of differences by explaining them, enriching exchanges and stimulating imagination
- moderating the conceited while helping the shy ones express themselves
- knowing how to distinguish knowledge from believes and accept the primacy of the first one

### TO UNDERSTAND AND CHANGE THE WORLD

**With this educational project we enacted for ourselves a set of obligations allowing us to observe the evolution of the society and the needs it expresses. Additionally, it allows us to support the population using adapted approaches to each category of our public.**

Therefore, our four main means of action to reinforce citizenship at any age of life are:

- **To take the time to grow older in order to emancipate ;**
- **To develop the ability to think about the world issues ;**
- **To have the right to lifelong education and learning ;**
- **To have the right to be supported in the accomplishment of individual and collective projects.**

More than ever, “Education populaire” is the necessary way to the well running of modern societies. Recognized for its learning tools and methods, it allows acquiring autonomy by the support of others without relating to any competitive spirit.

Léo Lagrange teams on all continents pursue the challenge of developing the critical mind, the taste for life in society, sense of responsibility, conviviality and, above all, interest for others.



**LEO LAGRANGE,**  
PARTNER AT ALL AGE OF LIFE

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**“FOR FORWARD-LOOKING POLICIES”**

The central question of living together brings us to have a view on early childhood. The Federation ambition creating welcoming times and areas synonymic of places of life, sharing, solidarity, and proximity. In this regard, Léo Lagrange supports parents in their educational role!

Our Federation aims at:

- facilitating young children motility and senses
- listening to their emotions
- respecting their sleeping times
- giving them the right to play
- encouraging them to discover arts

With joy and by listening to the needs of young children, our teams develop educational actions synonymic of “bientraitance”.

**CHILDHOOD**  
**"CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRITICAL MIND"**

Children ask questions. This capacity of judgement is fully recognized by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child: “States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.” Art. 12.

Our Federation aims at:

- respecting them as future citizens
- Not occupying them in order have peace
- allowing them to discover the world by playing
- supporting them discovering how to “live together” through sport
- allowing them expressing themselves through artistic activities

Léo Lagrange teams work with children by playing. Therefore they offer numerous GAMES to this public in order to allow children to enjoy growing with others. A word illustrates our educational approach: JOY!

## **ADOLESCENCE "THE TIME OF PEERS"**

In all his living areas, the teenager in connection with the group must have the right to experience his singularity by discovering his own tastes and passions. He is entitled to become part of a group and thus to share his interrogations on his identity evolution.

Our Federation aims at:

- promoting the pedagogy of success as the keyword of our coeducation
- doing with and for the group, far away from the prejudices of the adults world
- supporting them in link with the adults world
- educating them about the media
- strengthening their consciousness as citizens
- helping them being opened to other culture
- ensuring the harmony among girls and boys
- helping them to better accept rules of the game applying to anyone through sport
- ensuring their right to mobility in order to allow them exceeding the borders of possible

While allowing 12 to 16 years old to live in a group, Léo Lagrange teams support them developing themselves without exclusion. The magic word of our educational approach for this age category is **TRUST**.

## **YOUTH "BUILDING FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN CONSCIOUSNESS"**

Young people aspirations are multiple and diverse but they all share the same desire: to make their dreams and utopias come true in a constantly changing global world.

Our Federation aims at:

- facilitating mobility
- answering to the legitimate autonomy need of youth;
- arousing and supporting their initiatives;
- encouraging youth commitment and fighting against any form of exclusion;
- revealing their citizens abilities

Real-life injustices and disparities felt by 16 to 25 years old are multiple and have important consequences on the optimism influencing confidence in the future that youth wish to acquire. Therefore Léo Lagrange teams ease access to training, employment, accommodation, health and culture. The keyword qualifying our educational approach is: **SUPPORTING PROJECTS!**



## **ADULTS** **"BEYOND INDIVIDUALISMS AND ISOLATION"**

Léo Lagrange proudly claims its action with adults and insists on the nobility and necessity of acting in the service of the "living together".

By refusing isolation, we assert our willingness to act concretely in close cooperation with local territories and their inhabitants.

All inhabitants, all citizens, here is our ambition!

Our Federation aims at:

- encouraging dialogue
- freeing the creativity of each one
- giving people the desire to discover the sense of the group
- re-questioning the associative fact
- guaranteeing social justice by fostering access to learning opportunities

Léo Lagrange teams work with adults in order to support their demands of participation, learning and claiming.

Thus our educational activities aim at allowing each individual expressing its **CITIZENSHIP!**

## **SENIORS** **"TEACH ONE DAY, LEARN ALWAYS"**

Speaking about age, maturity, ageing, is speaking about life considering all its stages, its wholeness.

Speaking about ageing is thinking about the place and role of the elderly citizen in the social space. It is improving the conditions of a harmonious "leaving together". It is to claim for dignity and freedom again and again.

Our Federation aims at:

- allowing them to come to terms with their maturity
- allowing them to pass on their experiences
- answering their desire of learning
- avoiding isolation

Learning how to pass on the baton to the next generation is often difficult to achieve. And learning at this stage of life, is even more complicated. In this regard Léo Lagrange teams support each senior to find its own **BALANCE!**





## OUR IDEAL OF PROGRESS IS BASED ON 6 FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

Recognizing the status of citizen to each individual at all age of his life is respecting the right of anyone to:

- Equality
- Freedom
- Brotherhood
- Participation
- Social justice
- Distinction between private and public spaces

Democracy should be built on the mix of cultures and knowledge. For this reason Léo Lagrange is an international movement contributing to social change. Léo Lagrange encourages, creates and enriches all meetings by considering diversity as an always renewed source of "doing and leaving together". Isn't the real issue for each citizen to feel confident and emancipated?

### THE EXPERIENCE OF THE 4 MIXS IS AT THE HEART OF OUR PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES:

- **Social mix**, in order to fight against disparities as they encourage belonging and exclusion mechanisms that damage social justice as the foundation of equal treatment.
- **Cultural mix**, because sharing a common destiny impose that individuality can also be recognised in our global world
- **Gender mix**, because it is necessary to fight against submission on grounds of sex as against any form of abuse and exclusion
- **Generational mix**, because transmission of knowledge is too often refused in the name of the immediate profit to be expected from any exchange of knowledge.

**Ignoring these mixes means denying the principles of diversity.**

**In order to improve the answer given to globalization Léo Lagrange movement has a transnational vocation.**

The question isn't whether to be international by political ambition, opportunism or spirit of solidarity from the rich to the poor people.

**No. The Federation is internationalizing itself because of its "progressive" nature and it acts with its know-how, its experience and its potential for influence.**

Therefore, Léo Lagrange teams pay attention not to judge cultural and customary practices with a negative a priori built on occidental prejudices. Indeed, they give meaning to the social life and ensure the preservation of intergenerational relations, the fair share of productions, family solidarity, the protection of biodiversity, the respect of nature...



In order to escape the imperialism of indifference, the world needs a new breath. The contribution of “Education populaire” can be a decisive one. Léo Lagrange Federation committed itself with determination to a new emancipative educational mission.

**Our ambition is to give each human being, without any distinction of age, gender, culture or religion, the means of understanding this changing world and to find his place.**