

First global index of makers and shakers in EdTech revealed

In association with the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), EdTechXGlobal has launched the Makers and Shakers of Education Technology Index - the first comprehensive global listing of groundbreaking innovators in the EdTech field.



The international index celebrates 50 of the most innovative EdTech thought leaders, organised by four geographical regions (Europe, Americas, MENA and Asia). The 2016 Index honours these luminaries who through digital and physical technologies, have introduced innovative new ways of learning to the market through play, construction or interactive design.

Selection process

The list was curated by EdTechXGlobal and WISE and then selected by 15 members of the global advisory committee, comprised of industry leaders from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Google for Education, IDEO, IBIS Capital, Kaizen Private Equity, Learn Capital, LinkedIn, Times Higher Education and TES Global. The 2016 international media partners, including Business Week MENA, l'Etudiant, JMDedu, LinkedIn and TES also aided the selection process and will help showcase these innovators to their worldwide communities.

The advisory committee scored each proposed candidate against criteria including: individual vision, disruptive innovation and impact and contribution. The 'Makers' were defined as rising stars of education technology, innovating and pushing boundaries for future success; and 'Shakers' as established leaders in their region, inspiring worldwide EdTech change.

The 12 MENA candidates selected include:

- Tonee Ndungu (Maker) Kytabu
- Ahmed Alfi (Shaker) Nafham Education
- David Kobia (Shaker) Ushahidi/BRCK
- Gossy Ukanwoke (Maker) BAU Research & Development
- Diana Al-Dajani (Maker) Edutechnoz
- Obanor Chukwuwezam (Maker) Prep Class
- Nafez Dakkak (Maker) Edraak
- Verone Mankou (Maker) VMK
- Nivi Mukherjee (Maker) eLimu
- Juliana Rotich (Maker) Ushahidi
- Tabitha Bailey (Maker) Daptio
- Asia Kamukama (Shaker) Maendeleo Foundation

