

## Climate x Education Fellow, International Education Funders Group

Job type: 9-month Fellowship (two day a week basis)

Start date: January 2025

**Job Summary:** The International Education Funders Group (IEFG) is seeking a Fellow to join our team for a 9-month professional development opportunity. The Fellow will play a crucial role in building a strong, supportive network across education funders who are keen to understand how their education work could double up and advance progress on climate change at the same time. The ideal candidate will possess a strong understanding of the intersections between climate and education, the key players and most recent research and action, as well as a broad network of connection in the climate space, and will care deeply about contributing solving the climate crisis. This Fellowship is suitable for individuals working on their PhDs or those looking for flexible working.

### Background

The International Education Funders' Group (IEFG) is the largest global network of philanthropic actors funding education in low- and middle-income countries. IEFG supports its 100+ current members to learn - from the latest evidence and from each other - and to make strategic connections to advance their education grantmaking. We enable collaboration to drive the amplified impact of education philanthropy on education outcomes.

This year a group of members have begun to meet regularly to discuss their work in the context of the climate crisis, supported by the IEFG Secretariat. This group aims to understand how the climate crisis affects education, and how education can support the response to the climate crisis, with a view to identifying complementarities and gaps in their work, step into those gaps together, and influence the education (philanthropy) sector to do more and better within this context.

You will work within the small IEFG team, currently spread out across five countries, and will report directly to our Senior Lead, Philanthropic Coalitions, but you will also work closely with other Secretariat staff. We have an excellent team working culture and work flexible hours to ensure a healthy work-life balance, appreciating our different time zones. IEFG is currently housed at Global Dialogue, a UK-registered charity.

### Job Summary

You will be responsible for the following tasks:

#### 1. Designing and delivering an IEFG podcast series

You will take the lead in designing and delivering a 6-part podcast series on education philanthropy and the climate crisis, bringing perspectives from the wider landscape to the education funding community. This series is one of the IEFG's '[BIG Series](#)' which raise questions and issues that education grantmakers care about on topics that affect them all (for example on climate x education this might include: what should we as education philanthropy be doing through our education portfolios to help climate mitigation? How can our education work advance climate adaptation? What are the opportunities for

climate and education philanthropy to leverage our power together?, and How do we know that our climate focused approaches work?)

You will design one series that balances sessions across these to curate a thought-provoking and useful series for IEFG members. You will identify, secure and brief speakers from within the IEFG community and consult with IEFG members to ensure relevance. You will work with IEFG's Lead, Collective Intelligence who will lead on logistics and communication.

## **2. Support the hardwiring of a climate lens through all IEFG activities**

You will support the Senior Lead, Philanthropic Coalitions, to hardwire climate across all Secretariat activities, and also help IEFG members understand the intersections between climate and education and where investment in each can have a multiplying effect on the overall. This will involve expanding the IEFG mapping of the climate x education research, data and practice landscape and translating this into a usable format for IEFG members that sets out 'What we know (and what we don't) to help them navigate this issue. As part of this you need to regularly reach out to key actors to further develop links between the two funding communities. You may also be asked to blog – on the IEFG blog and/or others – on this journey, to showcase the debate that education philanthropy will be having on climate and to spark further progress.

## **3. Support collaborative action**

You will work with the Senior Lead, Philanthropic Coalitions, to support the group of IEFG members to work together towards COP30. This may include establishing or maintaining partnerships with other networks or entities, for example to influence statements or actions, facilitating meaningful exchanges, and bringing the perspective of education philanthropy into the wider conversation and climate action.

### **The IEFG Fellowship Offer**

IEFG will tailor a structured learning offer to your specific interests and needs, to which you will dedicate 20% of your time in addition to the professional learning that the tasks above will bring. We will ensure that you have the support and resources necessary for your growth and development in the field of education philanthropy. Your professional development journey with IEFG will be drawn from options below:

*Building relationships across education philanthropy industry experts:* you will regularly interact with industry experts and thought leaders in the field of education philanthropy. These sessions can provide valuable insights, knowledge and connections for your future career.

*Training and Workshops:* IEFG is connected to a wide range of partners who deliver workshops and webinars on education philanthropy and the climate crisis. We will support you to develop a bespoke learning journey across these.

*Mentorship Program:* We can pair you with a mentor from within IEFG membership, as an experienced professional in the field. Mentors will provide guidance, support, and advice, helping you navigate your career path and develop their skills.

*Research and Publication Opportunities:* You will have the opportunity to lead a virtual series for our membership, from and through which you can publish thought pieces that enhance your thought leadership in the field.

*Professional Conference:* You will have the opportunity to attend IEFG Together 2025: the annual convening of education philanthropy. You may have further opportunity to attend climate or education

related summits or conferences within your role of enabling collaboration among funders. These events offer exposure to the latest trends, innovations, and best practices in the sector, as well as networking opportunities.

*Access to Resources and Reports:* We will provide you access to a wide range of resources, reports, case studies, and publications related to education philanthropy. This access will deepen your understanding of the sector and support your research and knowledge-building efforts.

**Skills and experience required:**

- Strong knowledge and understanding of the intersections between climate and education, and a desire to make an impact in this space.
- Extensive network of connections within the climate and climate funding space, including knowledge of key stakeholders and organisations.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to make compelling arguments to a diverse audience.
- Strong organisational and project management skills, with the ability to handle multiple responsibilities and meet deadlines.
- Proactive and self-motivated, with a demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team-oriented environment.
- Proficiency in podcast production tools, including editing software (the final edits will be done by a professional podcast producer).
- Experience with podcast distribution platforms (e.g., Spotify, Apple Podcasts) and tools for managing audio content (e.g., RSS feed creation, metadata tagging).

**Duration and compensation:**

**Fellowship dates:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 (9 months)

Work schedule: Two days a week

Pro rata salary: £30,000

Structured learning opportunity to build knowledge and relationships across education philanthropy.

Note: IEFG is an equal opportunities employer committed to diversity and inclusion. Candidates from underrepresented backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application Process: To apply for this Fellowship, please submit your CV, a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and interest in the role, and contact information for two three professional references, which will only be contacted with your permission after the interview process, which will comprise an interview with members of the Secretariat and a separate task, both of which can be undertaken online. Applications should be sent to [Spings@iefg.org](mailto:Spings@iefg.org) with 'IEFG Climate x Education Fellow' in the subject line.