

Education

for Children and Adolescents with Medical Conditions

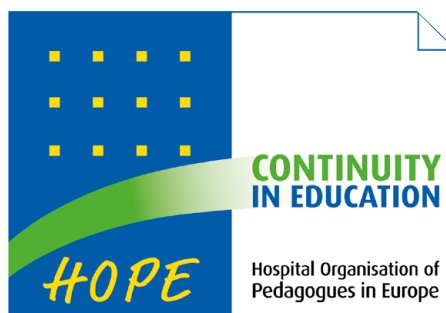


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HOPE Charter

Charter of the rights and educational needs of students with medical or mental health needs (excerpts):

- Every student with medical or mental health needs has the right to education in hospital or at home;
- The hospital school creates a community of students with medical or mental health needs, and normalises their daily life. Education in hospital may be organised as class, group or individual teaching, including at the bedside;
- The aim of teaching students with medical or mental health needs is the continuation of their education, enabling them to maintain their role as students;
- The lesson plan encompasses more than formal curriculum learning. It includes subjects related to special needs arising from illness and hospitalisation;
- The integrity of the student with medical or mental health needs shall be respected.



HOPE is the international network of teachers of students with medical or mental health needs. Our aims are (excerpts):

- To promote the right to education for students with medical or mental health needs according to their individual needs in a suitable environment;
- To work towards the implementation of the HOPE Charter for 'The rights and educational needs of students with medical or mental health needs' (Barcelona, May 2000);
- To promote the development of teaching in hospitals, and in general the education of students with medical conditions;
- To promote and encourage research in all aspects of hospital teaching and education of students with medical or mental health needs and to publicise examples of good practice.

We maintain a website, collaborate in workshops, issue newsletters, organise national and international events. If you work in the field of hospital teaching, please reflect if and how you might be able to get involved.

*A small first step is simply
becoming a HOPE member.*

The international HOPE Events:

1988 - Ljubljana 1st HOPE Congress

1992 - Vienna 2nd HOPE Congress
'The Pupil as a Patient - the Patient as a Pupil.'

1996 - Uppsala 3rd HOPE Congress
'Hospital Education - an Open Window for the Sick Child.'

1998 - Paris 1st European Days

2000 - Barcelona 4th HOPE Congress
'The Rights of the Sick Child.'

2002 - Rome 2nd European Days
'From Integration to Inclusion of the Sick Child.'

2004 - Brussels 3rd European Days
'Ethics and Deontology for Hospital Teachers.'

2006 - London 5th HOPE Congress
'Getting Better Together.'

2008 - Tampere 6th HOPE Congress
'Facing Reality and Dreams.'

2010 - Munich 7th HOPE Congress
'The Sick Child - Supported by a Network of Education and Medicine.'

2012 - Amsterdam 8th HOPE Congress
'Hospital Teaching in Changing Times.'

2014 - Bucharest 9th HOPE Congress
'Together for a Better Education of Sick Children and Adolescents.'

2016 - Vienna 10th HOPE Congress
'Migration, Multilingualism and Medical Needs – Pedagogics for the twenty-first Century.'

2018 - Poznan 11th HOPE Congress
'Equal education in hospital schools. How to put a stop to exclusion of sick children and their families?'

2023 - Milan 12th HOPE Congress
'Shaping the future with education.'

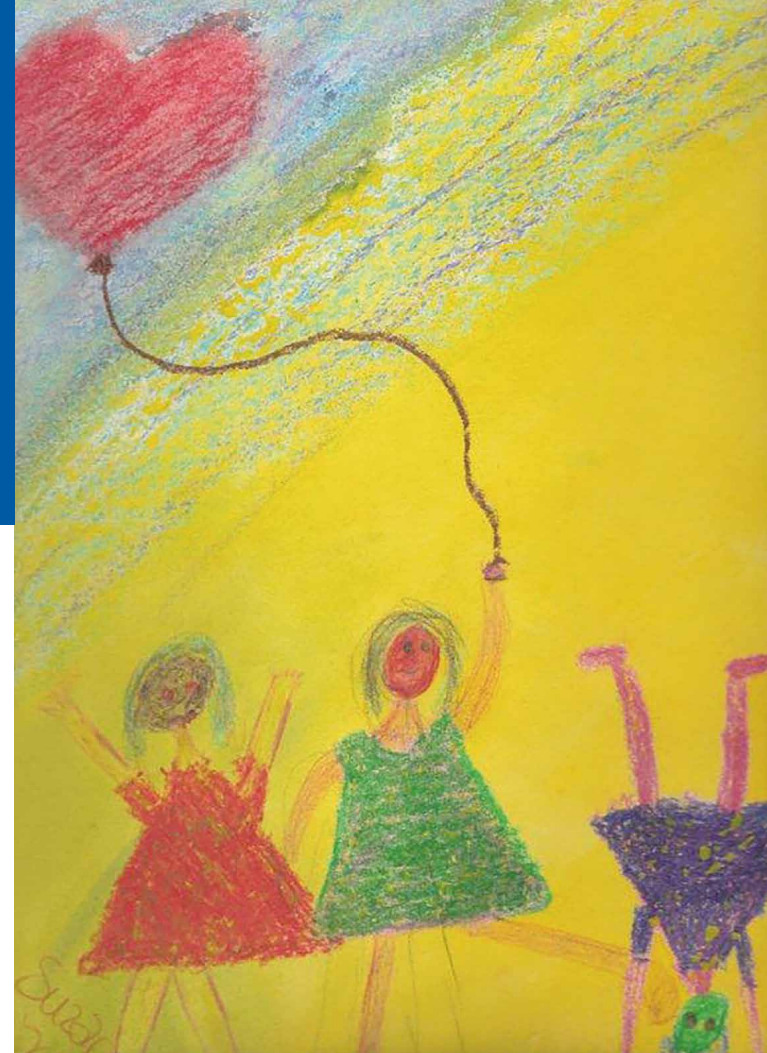
2025 - Dublin 13th HOPE Congress
'Together: Sharing Information, Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Practice'

HOPE is an international non-profit association with scientific and pedagogical aims, registered in Belgium.

Website of HOPE: www.hospitalteachers.eu

HOPE has members in the following countries:

Albania	France	Norway
Armenia	Germany	Poland
Australia	Greece	Romania
Austria	Hungary	Slovakia
Belgium	Ireland	Slovenia
Brasil	Israel	Spain
Bulgaria	Italy	Sweden
Chile	Lithuania	Switzerland
Croatia	Luxembourg	United Kingdom
Denmark	Mexico	United States of America
Estonia	Netherlands	
Finland	New Zealand	



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