

# Press Release

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## ECE Academy integrated within the OMEP World network to scale global early childhood education

**Stockholm / Global – April 1, 2026** — edChild today announced that its flagship digital learning platform, **ECE Academy**, has been integrated within the **OMEP World network** (Organisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire), a global NGO dedicated to advancing early childhood education.

The integration marks a strategic transition from an independent EdTech initiative to a globally embedded platform within OMEP's international ecosystem, enabling continued expansion and long-term impact in early childhood education worldwide.

Developed by edChild, **ECE Academy** is a digital platform providing research-based professional development for early childhood educators, with a strong focus on sustainability and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Its flagship course, *Sustainability from the Start*, was co-developed by **OMEP Europe, Kristianstad University, and edChild**, bringing together academic research, global policy frameworks, and practical application.

The platform has reached educators in more than 50 countries and has been recognised by leading international and national institutions.

**“ECE Academy represents an important step in strengthening access to high-quality, research-based professional development for early childhood educators globally. Its strong alignment with Education for Sustainable Development and OMEP's mission makes it a valuable addition to our international work.”**

— *Ingrid Engdahl, Secretary, OMEP Sweden*

“This transition ensures that ECE Academy can continue to grow within a mission-driven, globally established network,” said the edChild founders. “We are proud to see the platform become part of OMEP's work to strengthen early childhood education worldwide.”

Through its integration within the OMEP World network, ECE Academy will:

- Expand its global reach through OMEP's presence in more than 70 countries
- Strengthen alignment with international frameworks such as ESD 2030



- Continue delivering accessible, high-quality professional development for educators globally

The transition is effective April 1, 2026. Following the integration, edChild as a company is being phased out, marking the founders' exit, while ECE Academy continues to develop within the OMEP ecosystem.

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## About ECE Academy

ECE Academy is a digital learning platform designed specifically for early childhood educators. Its flagship course, *Sustainability from the Start*, has been:

- Highlighted by UNESCO (ESD 2030 / TFF platform)
  - Recognised by the Swedish National Agency for Education
  - Featured at COP28
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## About OMEP World

OMEP (Organisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire) is an international, non-governmental organisation established in 1948, working to promote the rights and well-being of young children through education and care. OMEP operates in more than 70 countries and collaborates with global partners including UNESCO and the United Nations.

ECE Academy will be developed and operated within the OMEP World network, with coordination led by OMEP Sweden as part of its contribution to OMEP's global initiatives.

<https://omepworld.org/new-free-online-course-sustainability-from-the-start/>

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