



# Innovation in Education Begins in Orlando



# Why Partner with the Young Innovators Foundation?

The early childhood education sector faces challenges in attracting and showcasing the significance of its work, leading to a decline in teacher pride and motivation.

Imagine a world where educators are celebrated for their exceptional impact on young minds, inspiring others with their dedication.

Our **Corporate Partnership Program** offers tailored sponsorships that recognize companies annually through special events, aligning with your philanthropic goals while supporting workforce development in our community.

When you support the YIA Foundation, you not only aid children but also empower early childhood educators who mold young hearts and minds. Your sponsorship enables professional growth, mentorship, and essential resources for these deserving educators.

Become a sponsor today to elevate the career of early childhood.  
**Care for those who educate the future of our community.**

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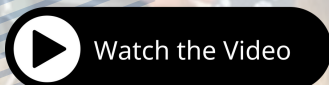
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# ABOUT US

The Young Innovators Foundation began in 2019 during a conversation among the members of a small group of childcare professionals in Orlando, Florida, who were facing similar frustrations and challenges in their professions.



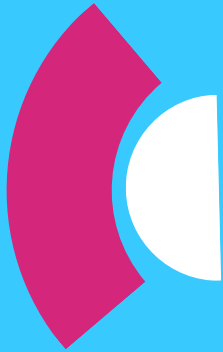
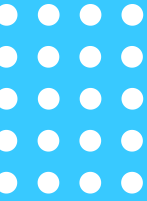
One of the biggest challenges to early childhood education schools is finding and retaining qualified educators. Childcare professionals are leaving the industry at an alarming rate citing inadequate working conditions, antiquated business models, lack of leadership of childcare business owners, limited support for new teachers, and insufficient career advancement opportunities.



To bring improvements for students and teachers, we recognized change is needed. It was clear this change begins with becoming Agents of Change instead of being Subjects of Change. This conscious shift resulted in creating The Young Innovators Foundation for Early Childhood, Inc.

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# WHAT WE DO?



**SHORT TERM  
FINANCIAL AID**



**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**



**MENTORING**



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



# Signature Events

## Empowering Communities to Change Their Worlds

In Orlando, we are witnessing the birth of a grassroots movement aimed at empowering early childhood educators. This movement is fostering a dynamic community of individuals who share a deep passion for education, inquiry, high quality learning environments, and innovation. Together, we commit ourselves to support and inspire one another as we explore new ideas and encourage growth.

Empowering Communities is an innovative collaborative cohort that brings together educators in Orlando, with the overarching goal of fostering communities that actively contribute to shaping the world.

Through this initiative, we will introduce educators to the dynamic practices of maker-centered learning, while reinforcing the application of these practices within their classrooms. During this program, participants will engage in a diverse array of learning activities, community exhibitions, and collaborative projects. These experiences are designed to deepen their understanding the principles and strategies for effective teaching and learning.

Participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of maker-centered learning—a powerful approach developed by the prestigious Agency by Design team at Harvard University. They will gain hands-on experience and practical insights into implementing this approach effectively.

Your generous donation will fund scholarships for this impactful program and support engaging community events to showcase the work of early childhood educators. This is our call to action—to ignite the spark that will inspire future generations of creative thinkers and proactive doers. By joining forces, we have the power to revolutionize the education sector.

Embark on this extraordinary adventure with us and experience the transformative power of maker-centered learning firsthand.



# Sponsor a Scholarship

## Care for those Who Care



### Learn

Join our cohort to uncover the dynamics of implementing and documenting maker-centered learning practices within the classroom. Allow experts to not only guide and inspire you but also bridge the gap between theory and practice, making a tangible impact on students' education.



### Experience and Connect

Immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring innovation at our Young Innovators campuses. Witness exemplary practices first-hand and engage deeply with our devoted practitioners, who are actively making significant contributions to their fields.



### Empower Your Community

Unlock the keys to educational success by building robust connections with parents and the broader community through meaningful events. Explore the transformative power of involving parents in maker-centered learning and empower them to carry this extraordinary learning experience into their homes.



# Instructors



**Dr. Edward Clapp**

**Principal Investigator  
Project Zero  
Harvard University**

Edward P. Clapp, Ed.D. is a Principal Investigator at Project Zero interested in exploring creativity and innovation, design and maker-centered learning, contemporary approaches to arts teaching and learning, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in education. Edward and his colleagues explore these issues with their teacher partners through a variety of different collaborative inquiries around the world. In addition to his work as a researcher, Edward is also a Lecturer on Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Edward's most recent books include co-author *The Participatory Creativity Guide for Educators* and *The Maker-Centered Learning Playbook for Early Childhood Education*.



**Lindsey Hicks**

**Envisioning Innovation in  
Education Project Zero  
Harvard University**

Lindsey Hicks is a practitioner specialist on the Envisioning Innovation in Education project at Project Zero. Lindsey was an elementary special education teacher and teacher leader for over twenty years in the Scarsdale, NY public school district. Lindsey is a co-founder of the Scarsdale Reggio Emilia study group where she leads teachers in the exploration of the Reggio approach to teaching and learning and other contemporary topics in constructivist and innovative pedagogy. Lindsey's professional interests include diversity, equity and inclusion in education, literacy, sustainability, and music and art as empowering forces in the lives of teachers and students.



**Lisa Yokana**

**Innovation  
Expert**

A career educator, Lisa Yokana is currently an educational consultant, specializing in innovation. She was the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) coordinator at Scarsdale High School for 15 years, where she designed and taught a three level STEAM course sequence for Scarsdale's Design Lab. In 2019, the program won the gold medal in the STEAMEX international contest for innovative curriculum design. Lisa works with teachers across the disciplines to integrate Design Thinking and Making into their curriculum. She was a Coach for IDEO's Teachers Guild, and co-instructed Project Zero/Harvard Graduate School.



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# ABOUT THE EVENT

Our community exhibitions, The Innovation Advantage, are highly anticipated events that showcase the amazing work done by our students and teachers. It's a celebration of creativity, innovation, and learning.

It also serves as an opportunity for the community to come together and witness the impact of our program. Our events feature different exhibits, performances, and interactive activities that highlight the various projects and achievements of our students.

Through these exhibitions, parents and community members get to see first-hand the dedication and passion of early childhood educators, which in turn builds a sense of pride and support for our career.

## Our Schedule:

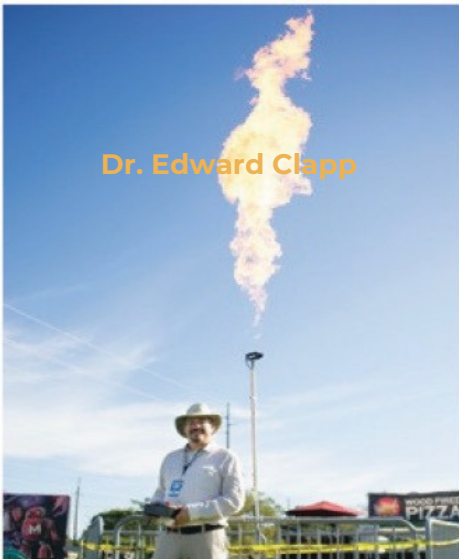
**Event  
01**

**November 2024**

**Event  
02**

**May 2025**





Sponsoring our non-profit initiative allows you to support a cause that aligns with your values and beliefs. It's a way to make a tangible difference in the community and contribute to positive change.



**Share your message** and reach a highly educated and motivated audience.



**Workforce development**-With your sponsorship, you are investing in the future workforce and promoting economic growth.



**Tax Benefits** There are also tax benefits to sponsoring a non-profit organization. This can also be a way to give back to the community while also benefiting your business financially.

**Media reach** THE YIA Foundation has a well strategized marketing, public relations and social media outreach program to help generate awareness about programs and exhibits.

LET'S START INNOVATING TOGETHER  
CONTACT US TODAY!





# SPONSOR PACKAGE

**\$5000**

## **Standart Package**

Recognition on website, sponsor one scholarship, and print materials. Up to 20 tickets to our VIP Event at Eduxpo.

**\$10,000**

## **Medium Package**

Logo on website and marketing materials  
Social media recognition, sponsor 2 scholarships. Up to 50 tickets to our VIP Event Eduxpo.

**\$25,000**

## **Premium Package**

Logo on website and marketing materials  
Social media recognition, sponsor 7 scholarships. Up to 50 tickets to our VIP Event Eduxpo.

**THANK  
YOU!** 

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