

## WHAT IS BRIDGE?

BRIDGE is a connector of people, driving collaboration and sharing ideas to shift practice towards quality education.

## HOW DO WE DO THIS?



### We run communities of practice

A community of practice (CoP) is a group of people with a common interest who come together to learn more about it. They discuss ideas and developments and share their practices and experiences. BRIDGE is a leader in setting up, managing and running communities of practice in different educational fields.



### We promote collaboration

Through BRIDGE communities of practice, many individuals and organisations collaborate on projects, or partner to share resources. BRIDGE also collaborates with other organisations on education projects, ranging from informal event-specific partnerships to formal partnerships on long term innovation projects.



### We share knowledge

Knowledge management is the process of gathering, storing, using and distributing knowledge effectively. BRIDGE creates summaries, guidelines, tools and other resources for those working in education. As people use and adapt these products, this stimulates further development and innovation.

## WHO DO WE SERVE?

BRIDGE communities of practice serve different sectors in education. Most BRIDGE communities are open to anyone who is interested, and attract representatives from civil society, government, funders, unions and the education professions (such as teachers, principals, trainers and academics). Participants in turn draw from the community of practice to serve their own interest groups.

## HOW DO WE CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING EDUCATION?



BY CREATING COMMON PURPOSE, PEER SUPPORT AND TRUST



BY LINKING POLICY AND PRACTICE



BY MAXIMISING RESOURCES AND REDUCING DUPLICATION



BY SHARING AND SPREADING KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

## BRIDGE'S ACTIVITIES

- We run communities of practice in 4 focus areas



- We work with other education stakeholders (government, NGOs) on different programmes
- We partner with other organisations to hold information-sharing seminars
- We manage the knowledge and information produced by communities of practice and other projects
- We create and share products and resources for the sector
- We offer services on the management and facilitation of communities of practice and their knowledge outputs

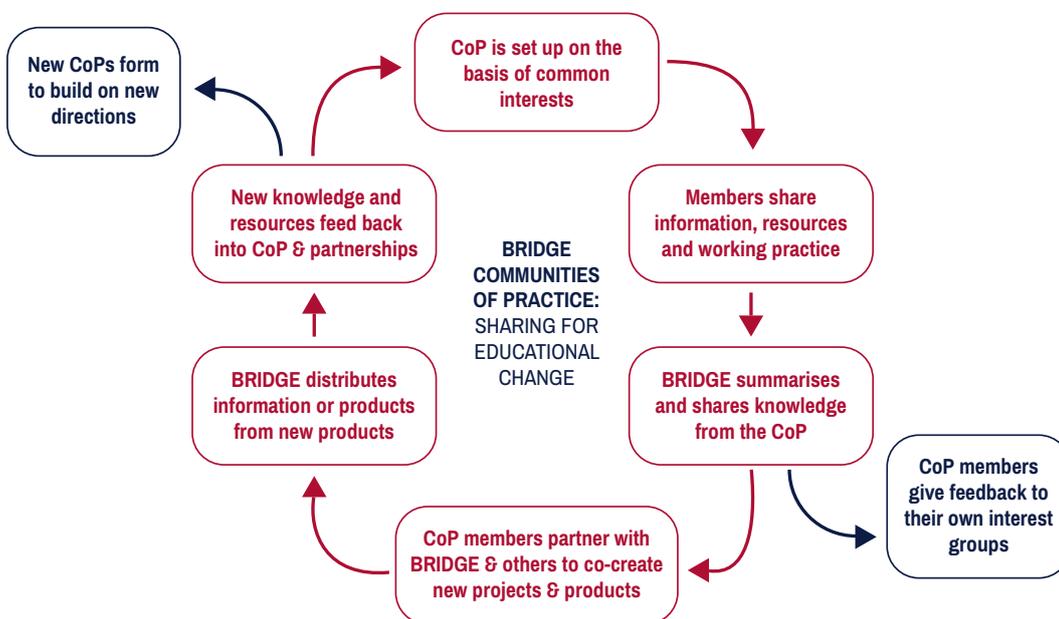
### Here are some examples of BRIDGE's work

- Resources, guidelines and tools
- Shared models of educational practice
- Online maps setting out specific types of information
- Products from collaborative ventures

### Here are some of the products you will find on the BRIDGE website

- Online post-school access map
- School peer review tools
- Guide to school profiling
- Planning tools for principals
- Self-reflection tool for ECD practitioners

## HOW BRIDGE COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE WORK



*"One feels the potential for change and impact when a CoP shifts from being a knowledge-sharing space to a work project approach."*

One CoP member's view

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