Innovators Forum '23
Education

Press release

Sonae launches Innovators Forum'23 to discuss the Education of the future

- 8th November | LX Factory | 09h00-13h30
- **The Forum aims to inspire, accelerate the transformation of Education and generate a positive and lasting impact, bringing together students, teachers, national and international experts, and government officials to jointly shape the future of Education**
- **300 participants are expected to attend the Innovators Forum'23, which will also be broadcast online openly to the entire community**

Sonae announces the launch of Innovators Forum'23, a forum for sharing knowledge about areas that directly impact society, whose first edition will be dedicated to the theme of Education. The forum will take place on the 8th of November, at LX Factory, and will bring together various stakeholders - recognised national and international educators, specialists, and students - in discussions about the Future of Education.

Committed to bringing the benefits of progress and innovation to an ever-increasing number of people, this forum aims to unleash significant changes in the future of education. The first edition of Innovators Forum'23 will explore trends, challenges, and opportunities; inspire educators, students, and decision-makers to adopt innovative approaches; and promote constructive collaboration between key players in the ecosystem.

At Sonae, we learn from those who innovate, think differently, take risks, and challenge the status quo. At the Innovators Forum, we want to create a community that shares the same passion for innovation trends and opportunities, to drive transformative and positive advances. They are the **Innovators.** We want to give them the stage to inspire more and more people to innovate. Thus, the first edition of the Innovators Forum will feature recognised experts such as Sugata Mitra, a researcher in the field of computing associated with education.

Sugata Mitra, an Indian computer scientist and educational theorist, is best known for his work on the Hole in the Wall project. The learning method developed by Sugata Mitra is based on the idea that children are naturally curious and motivated to learn, requiring only a computer and Internet access. The expert

believes that the self-directed learning method has several advantages, as it is flexible and adaptable to children's individual needs.

Also, other names such as Pedro Santa Clara (School 42), José Pacheco (Open Learning School), Tim Vieira (Brave Generation Academy), João Magalhães (Academia de Código), Afonso Reis (Mentes Empreendedoras) and Gonçalo Duque (Junior Achievement) will be part of the programme for the first edition of this initiative.

The topics that will be addressed during Innovators Forum'23 are:

Technology in Education: How technology can improve teaching and learning.

Personalised Learning: Creating student-centred approaches that recognise their unique preferences and needs.

Skills for the Future: Learning focused on the skills of the future.

Inclusive Education: Promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in learning environments, ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, have an equal opportunity to succeed.

Lifelong Learning: Exploring why continuous learning is crucial for personal growth and professional development in a rapidly evolving society.

The Innovators Forum'23 aims to promote constructive collaboration between the main players in the field of education. "We believe that education is one of the strongest drivers of the country's social and economic development," says João Günther Amaral, Member of Sonae's Executive Committee. "We are committed to contributing to the development of education in Portugal, from supporting innovative educational projects, to promoting new lifelong learning initiatives, without forgetting the continuous investment in training our employees. We believe that this forum is an opportunity to bring together agents of change to debate the future of education, hoping to learn lessons that are actionable and scalable to create a better tomorrow for all."

As a company with a strong social commitment, Sonae believes that Education is essential for Portugal's economic and social development, and that it is necessary to invest in this area to ensure that the country is more competitive and fairer. The Innovators Forum'23 is Sonae's way of reinforcing its commitment to Innovation, contributing to reflection on the challenges and opportunities in important areas of Portuguese society, and at the same time creating a positive and lasting impact

on society and the world. We don't have the answers, we keep learning every day, but we can and want to be catalysts for new ideas that can create a better tomorrow for all.

The Innovators Forum'23 is an opportunity to bring together a community of Innovators, made up of civil society, national and international experts, students, teachers, associations, and government officials, who together want to make a positive impact.

About the Innovators Forum

A forum for sharing knowledge on areas that directly impact society. From the way we educate our future generations to the sustainable practices we adopt and the digital revolution shaping our world, the Innovators Forum is a platform for exploration, collaboration, and progress, adopting a future-focused lens. And since the future is shaped by different areas, each year the forum tackles a different theme, exploring its possibilities and potential.

The Innovators Forum aims to:

Inspire: be a space for sharing knowledge, collaboration, and discovery

Innovate: be an accelerator of change and an enabler of innovative actions

Impact: create a positive and lasting impact on society

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