

According to the iEARN website, iEARN programs are designed and facilitated by participants to fit their particular curriculum and classroom needs and schedules.

When schools join iEARN, the network is open to all teachers and students at a school, with resources available for finding iEARN projects across age levels and disciplines.

Participants may join existing structured on-line projects, or work with others internationally to create and facilitate their own projects to fit their own particular classroom and curriculum needs. Classrooms also have the option of joining a "Learning Circle," which are highly interactive, project-based partnerships among a small number of schools located throughout the world.

All iEARN projects involve a final "product" or exhibition of the learning that has taken place as part of the collaboration. These have included magazines, creative writing anthologies, websites, letter-writing campaigns, reports to government officials, arts exhibits, workshops, performances, charity fundraising, and many more examples of youth taking action as part of what they are learning in the classroom.

While many youth develop skills through school and after-school programs, the skills they learn are easily transferred to any volunteer effort they take on in the future. Perhaps the most valuable experience a person can have in participating in a multi-cultural, multi-faceted project is learning how systems work and how processes unfold, as Farmanesh and his colleagues were able to do with the NGO center in Tehran.

Farmanesh has deepened his involvement in volunteer activities and programs, particularly with the United Nations. He serves on many committees and has been named to several youth advisory boards, including the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) and the Global Youth Advisory Committee of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations (CONGO).

The United Nations has long recognized the importance of involving youth in its development and peace projects. Farmanesh has seized the opportunity to get involved with the UN on many programs that impact Iran