Collaborative Curriculum Creation

Problem Statement

Lack of citizen voice on what gets taught to children & young people

Solution Statement

We want to connect “ed-enthusiasts” for collaboration on an open curriculum development process, to create better textbooks and teaching environment.

Idea Pitch

*Let's take power of educating our future generations in our own hands*

*We propose transparent and collaborative development of curriculum, syllabus, and textbooks, for both children and teachers by enabling society to give feedback on it.*

**Problem Brief**

Currently literate majority of society has less participation in the development of the Curriculum that is used to teach it. This means we usually get education by someone else’s ideas!

The idea is to engage good hearted people, thinkers, teachers (anyone in the society) on a collaborative platform to help develop content for the coming generations. It should reflect the lessons that “we” learnt the hard way, and better prepare the next generation. And this process should never stop. It will also enable common people to give their feedback on current curriculum, books and teaching methods, easily and make it effective.

Current Challenges in Curriculum development in our society

1. Curriculum is managed and curated by the government, with very little public involvement or discourse; only subject matter specialists are consulted during the development process.
   1. There is no publicly available syllabus for each of the subjects being taught in schools; essentially Govt. has  defined *(partially)* ‘what’ to teach (curriculum), but not ‘how’ to teach it.

What are we doing?

1. We are providing a collaborative environment where citizens of varied specialities can contribute towards a universally acceptable curriculum, syllabus, and textbooks. Our project will involve educationists, linguistic experts, designers, publishers, all working together towards a common goal on a unified public platform.
2. Incorporate (contextually relevant) real life experiences more quickly in our curriculums
3. Working on technical education curriculum as well

3 Steps towards implementation:

* **Connect** professionals, enthusiasts, and concerned citizens
* **Collaborate** in the development of curriculum and its requisite constituents
* **Collaborate** to create curriculum of future
  + It includes textbooks and other media for transformation of information

**Miscellaneous Steps involved in implementation:**

* (Technical stuff here, wiki, forums, etc.)
* Non-technical stuff (marketing, workshops, etc.)
  + Can we get long-term funding or support from the Government?
* Request the concerned department of the Ministry of Education for provision of all related documents in editable format
* Converting all PDF files into chapters and sections for each grade and subject
* Inviting citizens to get involved and contribute to the best of their ability

Broad Goals

* Parenting
* More innovative Syllabus
* Diverse teaching tools and pagagogy.methods
* Development of different School of Thought
* Tolerance for different opinion

However, the complete idea is not limited to collaborative text book development. We will need to engage parents to create awareness and request education institutes to support the project and become innovative. Because without implementation we cannot reap the benefits.

Projected Implications:

If we succeed in implementing this even on a small scale, I envision following improvements:

·        A healthy competition to create better textbooks/curriculums.

·        Teachers will be able to participate in the development of the books that they teach.

·        New testing/examination methodologies can be applied to test the learning of students. The shortcut mentality will be discouraged.

·        New experiences will be transferred faster to coming generations. Mistakes will not be repeated. Books will be updated faster.

·        Education/Teaching will become more inclusive. Currently we are bound to many limitations and Institutional bureaucracy.

> Designers should also be included into project. Currently, students are forced to digest content through poorly drawn graphics and no animation.

The platform/community that we propose to develop, will allow more than One version of a book/text for a specific subject. Hence we can have multiple opinions on a certain topic and this will allow us to be more

accommodative to ideas that we do not own, as a society. I hope this will lead to better social tolerance in future. There will be no limit to creativity and freedom of expression.

This idea will not kill anyone’s income in general. Publishers can continue to publish books. Writers/Collaborators will retain the copyright and get royalties/rewards as per their share in the project.

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For: Society to engage for transparency and participation “what education sector is teaching”

Who want to do:………………………..

are dissatisfied with curriculum developed by solely government sector without involvement of Public or any feedback for improvement… Lastly Curriculum was Developed in 2006

Our Service is a product category in education sector to provide platform through sms based feedback service, Website for giving feedback and open source wiki data to add input by experts in practically working in education sector and facing real issues in teaching

that provide benefits to include feedback system in curriculum development, to innovate curriculum through feedback, platform and open accessibility

**Point to ponder**

* Problem should be well defined: General & Specific, clear
* Solution should create any impact
* Novelty...what is unique in your idea
* Prototype
* Sustainability

**Long Term Goal**

Improved curriculum through innovative ideas, feedback

Improved syllabus through involvement of graphic people and animator

Improved teaching methodologies through platform and raising voice