

1] In 2004 a group of enthusiastic parents came together to form The Educational Community of Malinalco (Comunidad Educativa Malinalco A.C.), a non profit civil association, whose purpose is to provide holistic education of high quality and to contribute to sustainable community development. Toward that end we created the school, Ecomundi.

2] Ecomundi is a trilingual (English, Spanish, German) pre- and primary school recognized by the "Secretaria de Educacion Publica" (the Secretary of Education of Mexico) Our pedagogic concept is based on Montessori Pedagogic. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montessori> and is enriched with Ecopedagogic and elements of other pedagogic pioneers such as Steiner (The Waldorf School) and Freynet.

3] We have created a pedagogic environment where the individuality of every child is honored and where children can develop all of their capabilities maximally. The school has a strong focus on creating environmental consciousness in children and their families. Love of learning, artistic expression and healthy relationship of the individual to the community are other central values that are instilled and encouraged.

4] Our educational program has been met with a favorable reception in the town Malinalco, where we began our work in 2002, and in San Ambrosio Chalmita, a village near Malinalco, where our school is now actually in operation.

Thanks to a series of generous donations, the school counts with first level installations in a beautiful ecological environment on the edge of the forest where the children can grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

5] The project is currently financed by voluntary work, work-trade, donations and tuitions that are adapted to the economic possibilities of each family.

All the administration of the school is done by voluntary work of association members

Our teachers are all very committed to the project and work for a modest salary, some of them even donate part of their work.

6. Children of our teachers are welcomed to attend the school tuition-free and many others of limited economic means, like single mothers, receive scholarships covering from 10 -95% of the tuition of 1200 pesos/ month (around 115 Dollars). The actual tuition paid by 75% of the children varies in between symbolic 60 pesos and 500 pesos/ month (which would be around 6-50 Dollars). The tuition is intended to cover the cost of education and includes no room for any financial profit by the association, which owns the school.

7. Ecomundi is a school, which principally serves a community of modest means, so the tuition fees are not enough to support the maintenance, enhancement and growth of the school. Therefore, in order to ensure the Ecomundi's ability to further enrich the educational career of its students, the school needs the economic support of concerned and proactive people, like you, who think that education is the means to improve life and create a sustainable future.

8. In addition to receiving cash donations, educational materials, equipment, real estate, etc. to support the maintenance, enhancement and growth of the school, Ecomundi has set up a scholarship campaign called "Plan Padrino" through which you may donate an amount equal to the tuition for one school cycle for a youngster whose family could otherwise not afford it.

Unless you earmark your donation for a specific purpose, Ecomundi uses all donations for the benefit of the education of socioeconomic disadvantaged children. The school's transparent operations policy guarantees this.