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*Co-founders of Project World School discuss the benefits of worldschooling via recent TEDx talk*

**MAY 16, 2016** – Project World School co-founders Lainie Liberti and Miro Siegel recently delivered a presentation at TEDxAmsterdamED, a conference held for educators.

In their presentation, Siegel quoted Liberti, “What could we possibly say about education in front of a group of educators at a TEDx conference focused on education?” By the end of the presentation, however, Siegel and Liberti had discussed their journey in unschooling and worldschooling while explaining the difference between education and learning.

“I realized my job as a parent was to decide how I would educate my son,” said Liberti. Through research, Liberti says she discovered unschooling, a method that encourages learners to delve into their interests and by which parents and children co-create a partnership through learning.

As an example of unschooling via worldschooling, Siegel said, “I’ve never studied Spanish. In 7 years of traveling through Latin America, I’ve never opened a textbook or attended a formal class. Now, I’m fluent.”

At the core of worldschooling, the objectives are to develop critical thinking skills, build global perspective, become sensitive to other world views, be inspired to take personal action, and develop a love of learning.

According to Liberti, “I realized that through travel experiences, it was helping me change the conversation from education to one about learning. Now, the only thing I want for my son is for him to grow into a passionate lifelong learner.”

Liberti and Siegel discussed how saying “yes” had led them to learning experiences, and the two also discussed Project World School and the immersive community learning events they plan around the world.

This year has been a busy year for Project World School, and Liberti and Siegel are planning exciting new events for the remainder of the year. In 2016, Project World School is producing 5 retreats in Mexico, Peru’s Amazon Jungle, Cusco & Machu Picchu, Wales Organic Farming, and Thailand. This year, Project World School held their first-ever Family Worldschooling Summit-Conference.

Project World School addresses a challenge that Liberti and Siegel experienced: community. By planning immersive learning events around the world that families can join, temporary communities and natural, active learning experiences are offered.

“The community aspects blew my mind. I never expected the deep friendships I made during the retreat. I really never expected that,” said Dylan Hickcox, 16. Another retreat student, Katie Johnson, said, “Before the retreat I didn’t feel at peace with myself or the world. But after the retreat I feel great. I feel more at peace with myself, who I am and my life choices. Also more in control of my emotional self.”

A recent video explains more about [Project World School retreats](#). More information can be found at <http://projectworldschool.com>.

### About Project World School

Founded by Lainie Liberti and Miro Siegel, mother and son, Project World School coordinates immersive learning events around the world for homeschoolers, unschoolers, and democratic learners alike.

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