

By-Law - Guiding Statement

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Legal Basis of this By-Law

1. This By-Law and all other By-Laws are made in accordance with the Charter of UWCD (Dilijan International School of Armenia Foundation) which was registered on the 1st September 2011 as amended.
2. This By-Law and all other By-Laws were duly presented by the Head in accordance with paragraph 5.11.7 of the Charter and duly approved by the Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, on the day and date set out above and so recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting of that date.
3. This By-Law sets out the vision which is to underpin all the By-Laws and the Procedures put in place by the Board and the Head. The core principles and the approach to education set out here are intended to guide the management, staff and students and to set a direction for the development of education and of relationships within the community of UWCD and between that community, Dilijan, the region of Tavush and Armenia.
4. In this By-Law, the Board is establishing the Guiding Principles which underlie all the By-Laws and Procedures of UWCD.

The Guiding Statement and Vision of UWCD

5. The Guiding Statement and Vision of UWCD is as follows:

UWCD is a diverse international community working towards a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world through a challenging education based upon high academic standards and strong intercultural understanding. The College is an integral part of Dilijan and Armenia and aims to have transforming personal, and positive local and regional impact.

UWCD strives for excellence in an innovative and inspirational educational experience within a joyful, open multi-cultural community which will contribute towards a peaceful and sustainable future.

As a learning community, those at UWCD challenge themselves to be sustainable, self-aware and exemplary and to approach our aims with understanding, determination, creativity and intelligence.

UWCD is working towards being a cross-cultural college focussed on the transformation of students and staff through creative, passionate use of innovative, holistic, experiential education with an overall goal of impacting the wider community, both in the short and medium term as well as in the long term as our students spread out across the globe.

UWCD harnesses the ideals of the UWC movement and RVVZ Universe to create a flagship educational institution that:

- **develops young people who are culturally-rooted and internationally-minded;**
- **empowers students and staff to be innovators, life-long learners and to embrace diversity;**
- **aims to nurture effective, ethical leaders;**
- **aims to nurture lifelong fearless learners;**
- **gives students the opportunity to work independently and to set up their own initiatives;**
- **pursues experiential learning as a means for radical personal development;**
- **uses its wonderful natural setting as part of its experiential education;**
- **expects students to contribute positively to the development of the college and its programmes;**
- **expects students to engage fully with the college curriculum and to learn to take responsibility for their own organisation and education, equipping them to become proactive lifelong learners;**
- **aims to link various aspects of the curriculum into an interdisciplinary, meaningful programme;**
- **has a culture of service rooted in meaningful impact at its heart;**
- **nurtures and encourages ambition, personal responsibility and excellence in all things, from service and academics to physical activity and the arts;**
- **utilises the RVVZ network to promote project management, development education and social entrepreneurship;**
- **educates its students about the history, politics and culture of the Caucasus and Armenia in particular;**
- **aims to contribute to the social, economic and cultural development of Dilijan, Armenia and the Caucasian region.**