Sarah Elizabeth Ippel, Founder and Director, Academy for Global Citizenship

Sarah Elizabeth’s vision for the future in a tweet: Let’s reimagine education— one that creates mindful leaders who positively impact their communities and world beyond

When she was 23 years old, Sarah Elizabeth Ippel rode her bicycle to the Board of Education with a simple request: to reimagine what is possible in public education today. Three years later, in 2008, the Academy for Global Citizenship opened in a former dental tool factory on Chicago’s underserved Southwest side where Sarah Elizabeth serves as its Founder and Executive Director. A Chicago Public Elementary School on a global mission, AGC is developing the next generation of critical thinkers and mindful leaders who take action to positively impact their communities and the world beyond. Since earning a Masters of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge in England, she has traveled to over 80 different countries across 6 continents, extensively immersing herself in educational philosophies and world languages, as well as creating international alliances that have informed the design and culture of the Academy for Global Citizenship.

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