



We are used to hearing that some things "can't" be done.
That some conflicts can't be resolved. That some ecosystems
can't be saved. That some communities can't get education,
healthcare, or hope.
But at UWC schools and colleges, "can't" doesn't hold us back.

We need new leaders and role models who will take on the world's problems, not ignore them. Because saying that something "can't" be solved won't address climate change, or raise a single person out of poverty.

"CAN'T" WON'T HELP.

At UWC, we believe that education has the power to transform a student's life. But it can do so much more.

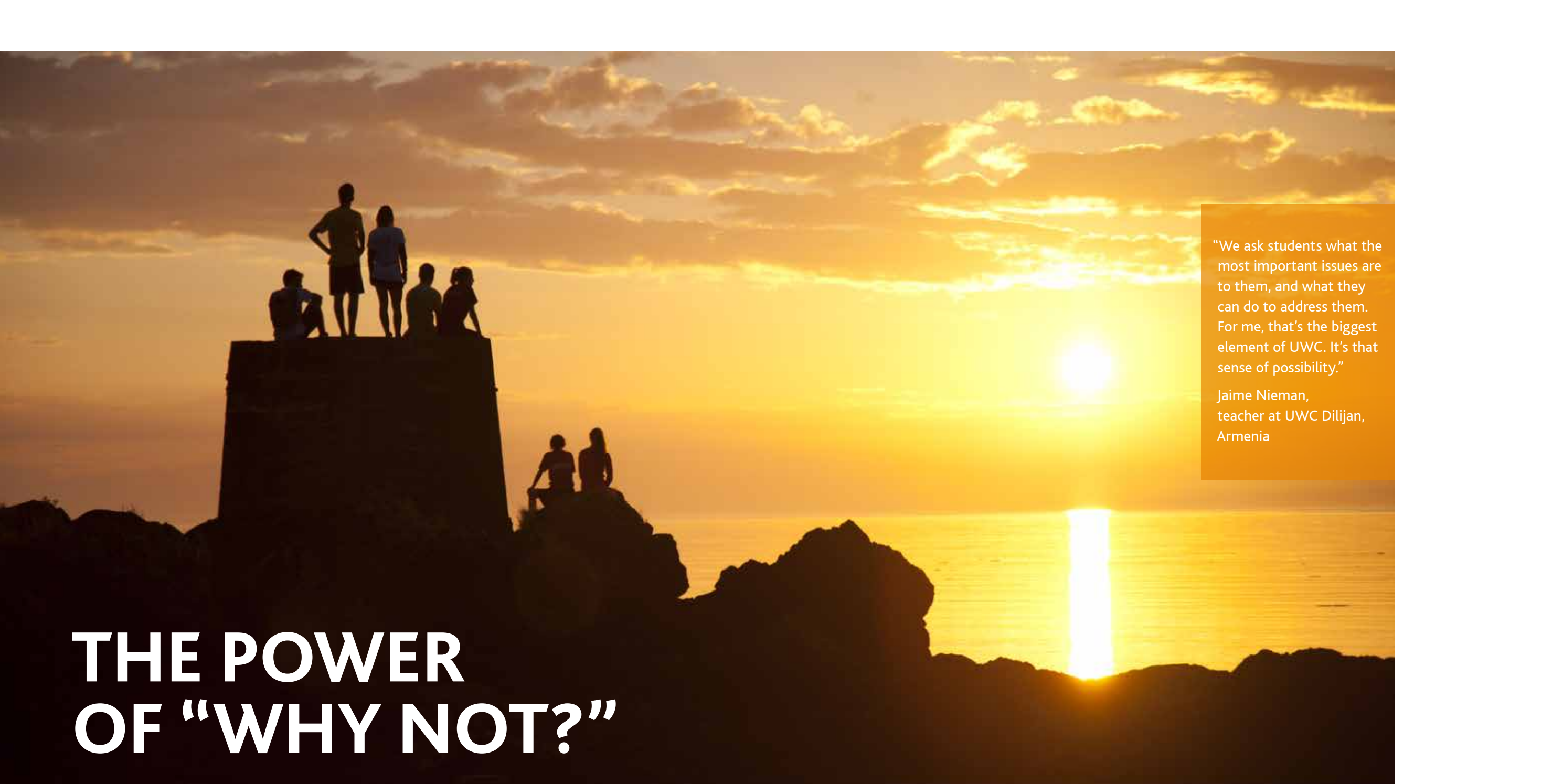
It can help us understand each other better. It can help us see the world with more compassion. It can give courageous people the tools to try, and push them to question "what can't be done".

We can't ignore the future until tomorrow.

So let's look beyond "can't". And ask: "why not?"



IT'S TIME FOR SOMETHING MORE.



“We ask students what the most important issues are to them, and what they can do to address them. For me, that’s the biggest element of UWC. It’s that sense of possibility.”

Jaime Nieman,
teacher at UWC Dilijan,
Armenia

THE POWER OF “WHY NOT?”

How do you teach someone to make the world better?

At UWC, we give our students an education that is based on values, as well as knowledge. We invite them to listen, and embrace new perspectives. We encourage them to give back to their communities, and stand up for people who need it. Because the world is full of opportunities. But it is also full of challenges.

A UWC education prepares our students to go on to the world’s best universities, and then to fulfilling careers in whatever field they choose. But more importantly, it helps them discover their power to make the world a more sustainable, compassionate and peaceful place for everyone. Tomorrow’s changemakers don’t know all the answers. But they never stop asking the questions. **Because “can’t” won’t help.**

WHAT IS UWC?

UWC is a global network of 18 international schools, located on four continents. Most of our students are between 16 and 19 years old, although some UWC schools provide education to younger children. They come from all kinds of backgrounds, and more than 150 different countries. Most of them receive scholarships. We offer the globally-recognised two-year International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, as well as short courses and summer programmes that help students develop their leadership skills and understanding of the world.

Our students become part of a global community, and learn values that can transform communities. Values such as:

- Responsibility and integrity
- Compassion and service
- Intercultural understanding and idealism
- Respect for the environment
- The celebration of diversity

The power of a great education isn’t that it makes one person’s life better, but that it empowers them to transform the lives of others, for the better.



AM I A UWC STUDENT?

We do not select students based on how much they can pay, or where they come from.

UWC students come from many different cultures, countries and backgrounds. But they are all compassionate, courageous, and motivated to use their education to improve lives and solve issues around them.

We're looking for students who are:

- Curious to learn more about the world
- Committed to acting responsibly
- Willing to engage with different perspectives
- Resilient, and full of integrity
- Passionate about making the world a better place

"One thing I've really learned to do in life is to be able to see human beings, rather than countries or religions. See through those constructs, and don't let others tell you that other people are different. We are all human. Treat everyone with respect."

Saijai, graduate of Pearson College UWC in Canada

IF THAT'S YOU, GO TO WWW.UWC.ORG AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO APPLY.

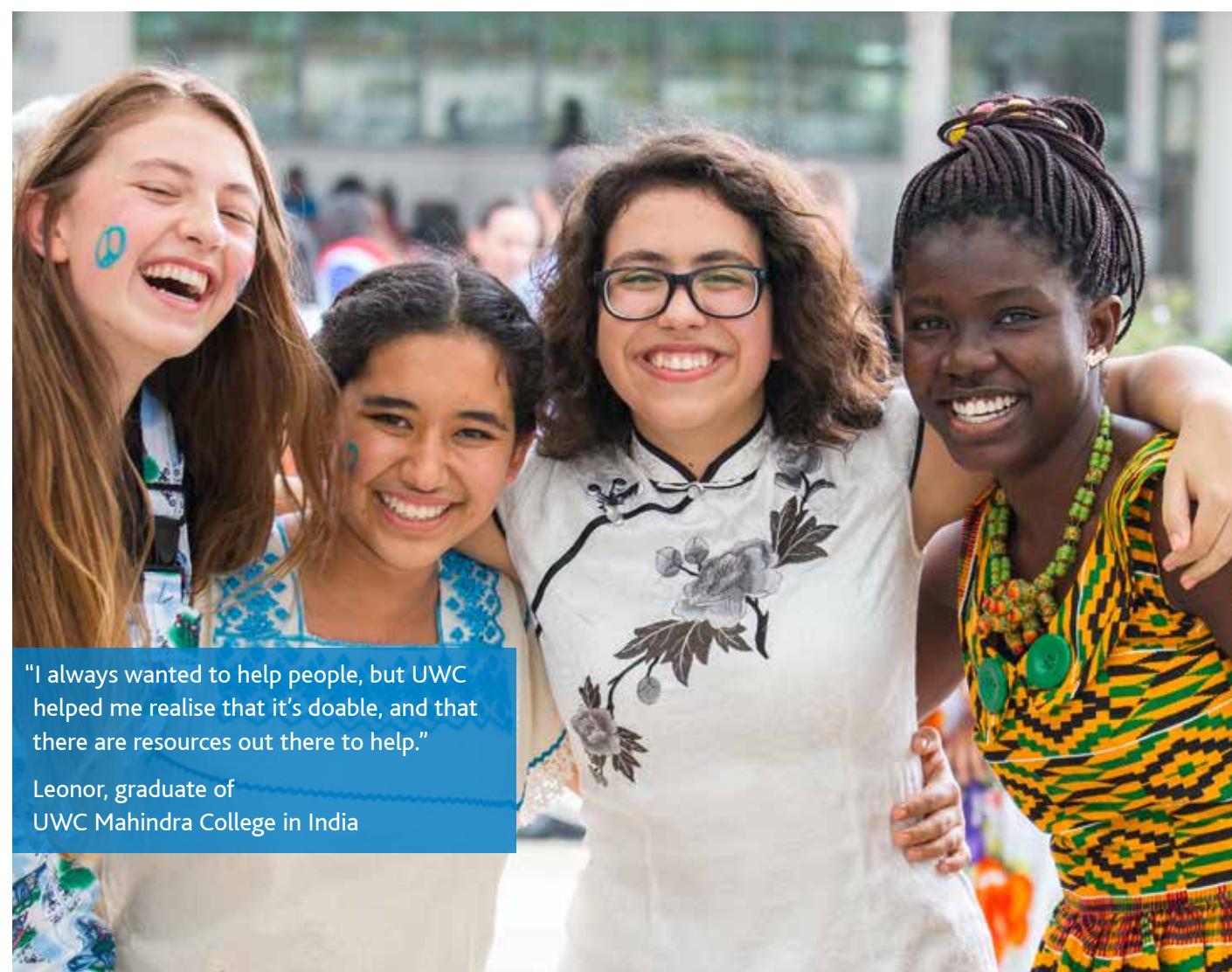
A QUALITY EDUCATION, FOR EVERYONE

Everyone has the right to a quality education. That's why we offer one of the most comprehensive international scholarship programmes in the world.

Our global network of donors ensures that students get help in funding their education if they need it. More than 80% of the students selected by our national committees are awarded full or partial scholarships.

Our fees and costs vary by school, but we believe that money shouldn't be a barrier for someone with potential. That means that promising young people benefit from an exceptional education, and our schools benefit from fresh perspectives, diverse cultures and backgrounds – and powerful voices.

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"I always wanted to help people, but UWC helped me realise that it's doable, and that there are resources out there to help."

Leonor, graduate of UWC Mahindra College in India





DISCOVER THE IB DIPLOMA

Are you looking for an education that will give you the tools to make a difference?

UWC helped to develop the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme back in 1968. Today, it is taught in more than 5,000 schools worldwide, and is recognised by the world's best universities.

So what makes the IB Diploma special?

Flexibility The IB Diploma allows you to choose from a wide range of subjects, and to select the ones you are most passionate about. You will study three or four subjects at a higher level, and three at a standard level. The IB will give you a broad understanding of language and literature, the sciences, mathematics, and the arts. It gives you a solid academic foundation, and offers you multiple options in your university and career choices.

Critical skills The IB encourages you to explore and debate what you know and consider different perspectives. It helps develop your ability to write clearly, form compelling arguments, and master the critical skills that are vital in today's careers.

Taking action The IB isn't just about tests and essays. It's about experiences. You will be encouraged to get involved in community service, and to work as a team on projects that benefit others.

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OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMME
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"It was a huge challenge, but it means I'm not so afraid of challenges anymore. It can be overwhelming and crazy, but you have a support system and I loved learning about different countries and cultures."

Luísa, graduate of UWC-USA



DOING MORE AT UWC

Creativity

Discover your skills and passions. Learn an instrument. Get involved in theatre or dance. Be inspired by a new city or country, or by stories from your diverse group of peers.



Responsibility

Start up your own society or sporting activity. Create an initiative that benefits a community or the world. Tackle humanitarian issues in local communities, from refugee education to women's health. The power is yours.



Activity

Each school has its own character, from the forests of Vancouver Island to the mountains of eSwatini. Get involved in sports such as basketball, swimming, or football. Or make the most of nature, and try climbing, scuba diving, kayaking, or orienteering.



Become part of our global family, and you'll learn valuable changemaking skills, and achieve more than you imagined possible.

Community

Working in the local community can be an amazing experience. Our students organise street art festivals, clean up beaches, teach English in local schools and run HIV awareness campaigns.



"If you really want to change something, you have to be determined and passionate. That's important, even at the beginning when people might laugh at you and not understand. If you continue to let your passion guide you, you can change things. And then – eventually – people will hear your heart."

Xueying, graduate of
UWC Changshu in China



WHAT'S NEXT?

UWC graduates go on amazing journeys.

Some attend respected universities.
Some become doctors, artists, lawyers,
educators, entrepreneurs, or scientists.
Others work with aid organisations
or charities.

Above all, they're taught to follow their
own path, and that even the smallest
act can make the world better.

A UWC education will give you the
opportunity to succeed. But it's what
you do with that opportunity that counts.

Here are just a few ways that UWC students –
past and present – are making a difference:

- Delivering training to local schoolchildren in China on how to identify and report abuse
- Working in global health research, looking for solutions to life-threatening diseases in Africa and beyond
- Co-founding a business that rescues raw materials and transforms them into luxury lifestyle accessories, donating half the profits to charities
- Setting up Armenia's first project to recycle electronic waste

There are many ways to make a difference.
But they all start with the willingness to change,
and the confidence to say "why not?".

"The virtue and the strength of UWC is that it provides small but powerful cells of innovation, catalysts for change, breaking barriers of habit and opening broader vistas of experience for both pupils and educationalists."

Nelson Mandela, former Honorary President of UWC



APPLYING TO UWC

UWC selects students based on their passion for change,
and their commitment to learning about the world.

UWC IB Diploma Programme students can apply in two
different ways:

Our national committees promote UWC to
prospective students and their parents, and help
us find and select the next generation of UWC
students. They offer scholarships to successful
applicants who need financial assistance. Our
committees are located around the world, and are
made up of more than 3,000 volunteers.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE
APPLICATION PROCESS IN YOUR
COUNTRY AND CONNECT WITH A
UWC NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEAR
YOU, GO TO [WWW.UWC.ORG/
NATIONALCOMMITTEES](http://WWW.UWC.ORG/NATIONALCOMMITTEES)**

Our Global Selection Programme (GSP) offers
a limited number of places for students wishing to
study at UWC. Students can apply 9 to 12 months
before the beginning of the school year, but must be
able to pay the full fee for the school once they are
accepted.

The GSP is coordinated by UWC International, and
16 of the 18 UWC schools and colleges are currently
participating.

**FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY AT
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Hong Kong



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Canada



UWC Adriatic
Italy



UWC Atlantic
United Kingdom



UWC Changshu China
China



UWC Costa Rica
Costa Rica



UWC Dilijan
Armenia



UWC East Africa
Tanzania



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UWC Maastricht
The Netherlands



UWC Mahindra College
India



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