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Solvay partners with CommonLit for literacy advancement in the US

Three-year investment will support schools in 55 zip codes in the US.

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Today, global science innovator [Solvay](#) announced a new partnership with [CommonLit](#), a nonprofit education technology organization with a mission to unlock the potential of every child through literacy education – reading, writing, speaking, listening, and collaboration. Through this partnership, Solvay will support access to this program within all 55 zip codes where Solvay operates in the United States.

“Today’s students need access to the latest technology to prepare for 21st-century careers. That’s valued both by Solvay and CommonLit,” said Mike Finelli, Chief North America Officer and President of Group Growth Initiatives at Solvay. “By working with CommonLit, Solvay is helping to close the learning gap between children from high and low-income families, while continuing to build connections between our operations, our employees and the communities we work in.”

“We’re thrilled to be working with Solvay to provide teachers with the resources they need to set their students up for success, while also encouraging best practices in the classroom,” said Michelle Brown, founder and CEO of CommonLit. “We’re excited to provide more opportunities to teachers and students across the United States.”

Solvay is proud to support CommonLit’s efforts to close the education gap and ensure that more students in low income schools graduate high school with the reading and writing skills they need to be successful. To accomplish this goal, CommonLit has developed an innovative digital literacy program that helps teachers advance their students’ literacy through high-quality digital curriculum, analytic dashboards that track student growth and personalized support for students.

Solvay will support CommonLit’s work with financial commitments made through the Epic Foundation, a global organization connecting nonprofits creating solutions to today’s pressing challenges with individuals and businesses who want to drive positive change. The Epic Foundation will help direct resources from Solvay to meet CommonLit’s needs most efficiently.

This partnership is a new venture in Solvay’s extensive [Corporate Citizenship](#) program, designed to make a positive impact on society at large, the company’s partners, employees,



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investors, local communities, customers and others. Solvay's corporate sponsorships are aligned towards making meaningful contributions to society in ways that are at once idealistic and pragmatic, humanistic and business-oriented. These programs fall into three categories: fostering education, nurturing innovation, and protecting the planet.

"Solvay is deeply committed to supporting education initiatives in the United States and around the globe," said Finelli. "We are looking forward to this important partnership, which goes hand-in-hand with our broader commitment to invest in local communities and support science careers."

For further information, please see the [CommonLit page](#) on Solvay's website.

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About Solvay

Solvay is a science company whose technologies bring benefits to many aspects of daily life. With more than 21,000 employees in 63 countries, Solvay bonds people, ideas and elements to reinvent progress. The Group seeks to create sustainable shared value for all, notably through its Solvay One Planet roadmap crafted around three pillars: protecting the climate, preserving resources and fostering a better life. The Group's innovative solutions contribute to safer, cleaner, and more sustainable products found in homes, food and consumer goods, planes, cars, batteries, smart devices, health care applications, water and air purification systems. Founded in 1863, Solvay today ranks among the world's top three companies for the vast majority of its activities and delivered net sales of €10.1 billion in 2021. Solvay is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (SOLB). Learn more at www.solvay.com.

About CommonLit

CommonLit is a nonprofit education technology organization dedicated to ensuring that all students, especially students in Title I schools, graduate with the reading, writing, communication, and problem-solving skills they need to be successful in college and beyond. CommonLit believes in providing teachers with all the resources they need to set their students up for success, while also encouraging best practices in the classroom. CommonLit's program is built on a foundation of over 2,800 high-quality free reading passages for grades 3-12, in English and Spanish, complemented by aligned interim assessments, growth-oriented data, and expert-led teacher development.

About Epic

Epic is a global foundation which seeks to empower and protect children, youth and our planet. Groundbreaking nonprofits often fall short of smart money to drive impact. Donors want to give more, but are held back because they lack trust, time, and knowledge. Epic bridges the gap between the social entrepreneurs forging solutions to today's pressing challenges, and the individuals and businesses who want to pool their resources to drive positive change. Epic curates and monitors highly-vetted portfolios of organizations that it backs in order to foster lasting change. It operates strictly on a pro bono basis: 100 percent of donations received go directly to the organizations in Epic's portfolio.



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