LEARN TO DISCERN (L2D)

Learn to Discern (L2D) builds critical thinking and healthy habits for engaging with information, online and offline. It reaches youth and adults in classrooms, libraries, community centers, youth clubs, fellowship programs, peer-to-peer networks, online, and other contexts.

PROBLEM
Misinformation, disinformation, propaganda, and influence campaigns present challenges worldwide. Information is abundant and spreads far and fast in our polarized, hyperconnected, and impatient world. There is a need to prepare citizens to navigate such a chaotic information environment.

SOLUTION
L2D empowers individuals, communities, and systems (education, media, and others) to identify and use good quality information to make decisions, curb the spread of mis- and disinformation, recognize and avoid manipulative information, and participate in the digital space without undermining their own and others’ wellbeing, dignity, and humanity.

L2D PRODUCES CONSISTENT IMPACT ACROSS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIES, AUDIENCES, AND FORMATS OF SKILL-BUILDING.

AWARENESS
of media and social media incentives, agendas, functions, and algorithms that impact what information we see.

ABILITIES
to analyze and evaluate information, differentiate between fact and opinions, and recognize data manipulation, hate speech, and polarizing narratives.

BEHAVIORS
such as using reliable sources of news and information, cross-checking and consulting multiple sources, and responsible engagement with information.

CONFIDENCE
in people’s ability to navigate today’s information environment – be selective, proactive, and in control of information engagement.
PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING:
In settings as different as Jordan, Serbia, and Georgia, IREX’s youth-led peer-training model for L2D skill-building has produced consistently positive (and statistically significant) results.

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION:
Integrating L2D competencies into instruction of history, language, literature and other subjects to mainstream media literacy through the education system has been proven effective in L2D-Education program in Ukraine.

ONLINE LEARNING:
Participants who have used IREX’s online course on media literacy – Very Verified, supplemented with practical workshops led by a facilitator

TRAINING FOR ADULTS:
In Ukraine, 15,000 adults have built skills to avoid being manipulated through trusted community leader trainings. 1.5 years after the program, an assessment that compared their information engagement habits with those of Ukrainians who have not been trained showed that the L2D group scored

RESULTS:
IREX is a global development and education organization. We strive for a more just, prosperous, and inclusive world—where individuals reach their full potential, governments serve their people, and communities thrive.