

The enlightED Awards are the Oscars of the education sector

Gigas and Educsi are recognized by the education community for their “Gigas for Schools” project

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Madrid, 26 October, 2021 - Gigas, a Spanish multinational company specialized in providing converged telecommunications, cybersecurity and cloud services for companies, and Educsi-Jesuit Education, have won an enlightED Awards prize, which recognizes the most innovative projects in the education sector.

The award – presented as part of EnlightED, a global conference on education, technology and innovation organized by the Telefónica Foundation, IE University and South Summit – is one of the most prestigious in the education sector. The company received this recognition for its Gigas for Schools project, a Gigas and Educsi initiative, set up with the aim of training students in entrepreneurship and technology for the future.

The fourth edition of EnlightED – a hybrid event – enjoyed 300 international speakers and a total of 470,000 spectators from 46 different countries. Over 700 entries from 15 countries were submitted to participate in four categories: *Newly created companies, startups and entrepreneurial ecosystems; Corporate training programs, lifelong education, upskills and formal and non-formal permanent training; Universities, Vocational Training and Higher Education institutions; Primary, Secondary and Post-compulsory Secondary Education schools.* Gigas for Schools is among the three winning projects in the last category.

Gigas' project, developed in collaboration with Educsi, emphasizes new teaching methodologies to get students in Secondary Schools, those studying for their High School Diploma, in Basic Vocational Training and Technical Training, to become interested in new technologies and entrepreneurship as a career option, and places particular emphasis on female students. This long-standing initiative – in which more than 2,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 18 have already participated – is holding its fifth edition this year, and understands the need for professionals to address the extensive digital transformation that companies are undertaking.

For Diego Cabezudo, CEO and co-founder of Gigas, *“It’s a true honor to have received this prestigious award. But, above all, at Gigas we’re extremely proud to have a program that’s really having an impact on the lives and futures of thousands of students who’ve participated in the project – an innovative and inclusive project that’s closely linked to our technological DNA.”* In addition, *“this recognition would not have been possible without the people, institutions and companies that have taken part. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the teachers, students, management teams and companies that collaborated directly or indirectly,”* stated Cabezudo and Lucía Rodríguez Olay, general coordinator of the project.

Throughout these five editions, Gigas for Schools has been made possible thanks to the involvement of the following companies and entities: PwC, DreamShaper, Seruni3n, Mar de Niebla Foundation, Camilo Jos3 Cela University, ALSA, Bolsa de Madrid (Madrid Stock Exchange),

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RockCamp, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Esplai Foundation, Alusín Solar, Samsung, IsYourDay, Interxión, Gradiant, Gomserbus, Endeavor and numerous people related to the worlds of entrepreneurship and technology who, individually, contributed with their talks or as part of the judging panel throughout the course of the project.

About Gigas

Gigas is a Spanish multinational specialized in converged telecommunications, cybersecurity and cloud services for companies, and is listed on the BME Growth market (GIGA.MAB). Set up in 2011, the Gigas group today provides services to over 10,000 clients all over the world helping them in their digital transformation and offering Peace of mind as a Service based on four values; advanced innovative technology, security, flexibility and proximity. It has offices in 8 countries and 11 datacenters in Europe, the USA and Latin America.

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