



## **Teach for America co-founder to speak at AUB**

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Under the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Teach for Lebanon is hosting Wendy Kopp, winner of the 2009 Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship, at the American University of Beirut.

Kopp will share her experience in founding Teach for America and Teach for All, which aim to eliminate educational inequality in American and throughout the world.

Kopp will speak on Thursday October 28, 2010, at 5:00 pm, in West Hall's Bathish Auditorium.

Teach For Lebanon is a Lebanese Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which aims to eliminate educational inequality while fostering youth leadership and promoting civic engagement.

Teach for Lebanon implements its vision through a program that places top-achieving university graduates in underprivileged schools in remote areas across Lebanon, to be full-time paid teachers for two academic years. Through this twenty-year sustainable program, our goal is to achieve measurable results that bridge the gap of quality education between urban and rural areas in the country.

### **Wendy Kopp, *Chief Executive Officer and Founder***

Wendy proposed the creation of Teach For America in her undergraduate senior thesis in 1989. Today more than 8,000 Teach For America corps members are in the midst of two-year teaching commitments in 39 regions across the country, reaching over 500,000 students, and 20,000 alumni are working inside and outside the field of education to continue the effort to ensure educational excellence and equity.

Wendy is also chief executive officer and co-founder of Teach For All, a global network of independent social enterprises pursuing this mission in their countries. Since 2007, Wendy has led the development of Teach For All to be responsive to requests for support from social entrepreneurs around the world who are passionate about adapting the model to their contexts. Teach For All has already grown to include programs in 14 countries across the globe, from India and China to Peru and Brazil to Lebanon.

Wendy is the author of *One Day, All Children: The Unlikely Triumph of Teach For America and What I Learned Along the Way* (2000) and of the forthcoming *A Chance to Make History: What Works and What Doesn't in Providing an Excellent Education for All*. She resides in New York City with her husband Richard Barth and their four children.