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**Experts Lead Learning to Change the World Education Discussion**

*Celebration of Seymour Papert and Action Fundraiser*

Cambridge, MA (December 3, 2013) - Small Solutions, Big Ideas (SSBI) and One Planet Education Network (OPEN) will host an exciting panel discussion, demos, celebration, and fundraiser at the Cambridge Innovation Center from 6pm – 9pm on December 4th featuring leading education experts and technology innovators Brian Silverman, Artemis Papert, Gary Stager, Mitch Resnick, Meredith Hamilton, Danny Fain and Johnny Ronelus. They’ll share their experiences and insights about the latest developments in educational games and other related technology-based learning programs. The event will also honor constructivism pioneer and MIT Professor and founding member of the [MIT Media Lab](http://www.media.mit.edu/) Seymour Papert for his contributions to education, including his promotion of technology use in classrooms. With the generous support from R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company, Citizens Bank, and others, SSBI and OPEN will move forward with their educational and environmental endeavors in the U.S. and the world’s deeply impoverished areas.

Small Solutions, Big Ideas (SSBI) and Open Planet Education Network (OPEN) are partnering to launch a series of educational programs globally that encourage students to address real-world challenges. Inspired by Seymour Papert, OPEN and SSBI promote collaborative projects that connect students and support their personal interests while empowering them with necessary technology and skills to address global conservation challenges. SSBI and OPEN are committed to contributing to the development and improvement of education systems worldwide, gaining unique access to emerging market economies through their education systems, and finding partners for ongoing development and field use of your products and programs.

“We’re excited about our second phase of *Kids Worldwide Unite: Save the Black Rhino*,” said George Newman, CEO and Founder, One Planet Education Network. "This event kickoffs the fundraising campaign to bring the games to children in Africa, the Far East, UK, NYC, Los Angeles, Boston, DC, and Chicago." Sandra Thaxter of Small Solutions shares her passion for this project, “The *Save the Black Rhino* game encourages collaboration and critical thinking as they kids worldwide connect and play together.”

Education policy makers, developers, teachers and corporate supporters are welcome at this special celebration. For registration, make online donations, and learn more about this December 4th event, visit <http://smallsolutionsbigideas.givezooks.com/events/learning-to-change-the-world>. All proceeds go to Small Solutions, Big Ideas.

**About One Planet Education Network**

One Planet Education Network (OPEN) is a leading provider of online multiplayer adventure learning games that engage and inspire children to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills and to excel in science, technology engineer and math.OPEN’s mission is to transform teaching and learning by combining the power of 3D virtual video games with educationally rich storylines that challenge children and inspire a 24x7 passion for learning. Visit us at www.oneplaneteducation.com, like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/oneplanetEN> and follow us on Twitter @OnePlanetEN.

**About Small Solutions, Big Idea**

Small Solutions Big Ideas (SSBI), a non-profit, brings technology to rural communities in Africa. Founded in 2010, SSBI is committed to bridging the digital divide by empowering children with learning tools including laptops, the OLPC Sugar and XO technology. SSBI partners with grassroots groups to develop community education projects. Our latest projects link US children to their peers in Africa. To learn more, visit [www.smallsolutionsbigideas.org](http://www.smallsolutionsbigideas.org), follow us on Twitter @SmallXOSolution, like us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/smallsolutionsbigideasafrica>, and read our blog [smallsolutionsbigideas.wordpress.com](http://smallsolutionsbigideas.wordpress.com).