



## Request from The LEAD Group to be considered as a Partner in the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

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The LEAD Group Inc. endorses the goal and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP) and wishes to be considered a Partner in the work of the Lead Paint Alliance, as our Committee and Technical Advisory Board members Elizabeth O'Brien and Professor Mark Taylor attended (respectively) the inaugural 2010 GAELP meeting in Geneva and the 2012 GAELP meeting in Thailand.

We would like to continue to support the work of the Alliance as described below:

- Continue to run Volcano Art Prize [www.volcanoartprize.com](http://www.volcanoartprize.com) – an annual electronic art, photo and film competition where each entry includes a lead-safety message, to raise awareness of the health impacts of exposure to lead in paint (and other products, lead in people, other organisms and environmental media);
- Based on The LEAD Group's successful advocacy which saw a ban on the addition of lead to paint (household, automotive, marine and industrial) in Australia in 2010 (a global precedent), to serve as a non-government mentor to provide expertise and advice to other non-government organisations interested in advocacy to establish legal limits on lead paint in their own countries. See <http://www.lead.org.au/lanv18n2/lanv18n2-5.html> - "Australia's legislation banning lead compounds in paints and inks";
- Provide knowledge about the interpretation of laboratory analysis lead results of paint, dust, soil and water via LEAD Group Kits from [www.lead.org.au/lanv18n2/lanv18n2-5.html](http://www.lead.org.au/lanv18n2/lanv18n2-5.html) - to NGO's in other countries, in order to allow them to advise local residents on how to reduce exposure to lead in paint.

I understand a copy of this letter requesting to become an Alliance partner and the name of The LEAD Group Inc. will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site ([www.unep.org/noleadinpaint](http://www.unep.org/noleadinpaint)).



2018 Volcano Art Prize Entry. Artist: Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.  
Title: International Lead Poisoning prevention Week 2018.  
**Lead-Safety Message:** •Lead is a cumulative toxicant that affects multiple body systems and is particularly harmful to young children. • Lead in the body is distributed to the brain, liver, kidney and bones. It is stored in the teeth and bones, where it accumulates over time. Lead in bone is released into blood during pregnancy and becomes a source of exposure to the developing fetus. • There is no known



level of lead exposure that is considered safe. • Lead exposure is preventable. From 21 to 27 October 2018 the international lead poisoning prevention week of action will take place, with a particular focus on eliminating lead paint. Lead poisoning is preventable, yet the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation has estimated that, based on 2016 data, lead exposure accounted for 540 000 deaths and 13.9 million years lost to disability and death due to long-term effects on health, with the highest burden in developing regions. Of particular concern is the role of lead exposure in the development of intellectual disability in children. Even though there is wide recognition of this problem and many countries have taken action, exposure to lead, particularly in childhood, remains of key concern to health care providers and public health officials worldwide. Keywords: Eliminate Lead Paint, Ban Lead Paint, Lead free Environment, Keep Our Children Safe, Lead poisoning awareness week!  
<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/international-lead-poisoning-prevention-week-2018/>

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