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It opens doors to the enjoyment of other human rights and freedoms. Literacy provides a foundation on which people can acquire broader knowledge, skills and values, as well as cultivate attitudes and behaviours, to foster a culture of sustainability and lasting peace, based on respect for equality and non-discrimination, the rule of law, solidarity, justice, diversity

¹ The word 'literacy' is used in this document to refer to reading, writing and numeracy skills. Literacy is herein understood as a continuum of proficiency in these skills, and as 'the ability to read and write, to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials, as well as the ability to solve problems in an increasingly technological and information-rich environment' ([UNESCO, 2015](#)). Numeracy is understood in this document in line with the definition given by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC): 'the ability to access, use, interpret and communicate mathematical information and ideas, in order to engage in and manage the mathematical demands of a range of situations in adult life' ([UIL, 2020](#)).

Mass Literacy

