

Goal of Learning Compass and accountability

The Goal of Learning Compass is to financially support children in Thailand who don't have the financial resources to complete secondary education and continue with professional training. Only lower secondary Education is free in Thailand, which is why many children drop out around the age of 15.

Learning Compass started in 2017 with two upper secondary students and one university student, which grew to nine students. Tuition fees and necessary schools expenses are reimbursed. Our first student graduated as an accountant in 2019. Two other students completed secondary and did not continue with professional studies. All other students go to university to pursue a profession, which they can do thanks to the support of Learning Compass. They are expected to graduate between 2024 and 2026. Learning Compass' aim is to continue to find sufficient donors until these students have graduated. Learning Compass will no longer recruit new students, because it is not easy to find financial donors. The network of board members have always been supportive and most of them are willing to support Learning Compass and her students during these last years. In addition, the board members also act as a financial safety net.

The board has three board members:

Rob Rijnders, chair (Netherlands)

Dominique Boucher, secretary (Canada)

Salilla Kulwirottama (Thailand).

They act on a voluntary basis without compensation.

Carla Rijnders-Matti and Caroline Routhier also act as volunteers.

The board of Learning Compass is in close contact with students and has regular consultations with other board members, which often happens via Whatsapp. A formal meeting with minutes takes place at least once a year, during which decisions are made about continued support per student, a budget is determined and it is discussed how donors can be approached. Students are required to submit receipts for tuition fees and expenses before they are paid and are asked to write a small report to send to donors once a year. Every donor may gain insights into the books upon request.