

Adventures in Global Education



15-22 June, Kilfinane, Ireland
Information Pack



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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project is a 6 day training course aiming to develop youth worker competencies and skills in using outdoor learning approaches to global education and critical thinking. THE CONCEPT of using outdoors and adventure education was developed in response to the need for delivering global education competencies for youth workers in new and ever more interactive ways. Providing outdoor education methods and tools for youth and community workers as an approach to educating about environment, equality and poverty emphasizes the importance of understanding natural and environmental systems as both a direct, active learning experience. Interacting, and knowing how to interact with nature and the outdoors is a declining skillset. However it is an important one which not only provides personal and societal health benefits but also contributes to cognitive development, values and principles.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Equip youth workers with the knowledge and skills to address key global issues through the use of experiential outdoor education approaches
- Examine the meaning and functions of outdoor education as a set of tools for exploring cognitive development of critical thinking, systems thinking and problem solving
- Explore the narrative provided by the SDGs through outdoor education methods
- Explore the power of using outdoor education as a basis for exploring primary guiding metaphors which inform our understanding of the physical and social world around us.
- Explore outdoors literacy and Edward Wilson's concept "Biophilia" – an innate affinity to the natural world - and their relation to active global citizenship

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

| Participating Country | Partner Organisation | Places Available |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| IRELAND | Development Perspectives/ Kildare Youth Services | 4/6 |
| PORTUGAL | Agoraveiro | 3 |
| GREECE | Youth Empowerment Center | 3 |
| POLAND | Stowarzyszenie Aktywnosci Przeroznych niemarudni.pl | 3 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Coyote Initiatives CIC | 3 |
| ITALY | EURO SUD | 3 |
| ROMANIA | Asociatia Be You | 3 |
| TURKEY | Mudem Refugee Support | 3 |

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

The course will primarily be aimed at youth and social workers, employment centre workers, educators, and all those who have a professional interest in the field of education and in its new trends, active citizenship education, outdoor education and the fight against intolerance.

We would especially welcome applications from:

- those who have little or no experience in international training courses;
- those coming from islands, rural or remote areas;
- those working with unemployed people, migrants, refugees, marginalized groups or subject to violence, discrimination or intolerance; or with people or regions in socio-economic or cultural disadvantage.

THE TEAM OF TRAINERS



NICK DORAN
(IRELAND)

Nick Doran is a trainer, facilitator and project coordinator in the field of development education. Nick is currently the Project Officer for Development Perspectives. His background is in Media and Critical Linguistics which he has taught at youth groups and universities. He also has a background in outdoor education. He's passionate about equality and sustainability, has published numerous pieces on unequal power distribution in society, and is predisposed to spontaneous debate! Nick kayaks, is an adventure fanatic, a board games aficionado, and kimchi lover!



PAUL CREWE
(IRELAND)

Paul Crewe holds a B.A Honours degree in Community Sports Leadership and has been working with Development Perspectives since 2013 as a project coordinator. Paul has coordinated many Erasmus+ trainings in the field of Youth Worker Mobility. Paul has been involved in development education projects in Ireland, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Vietnam, Fiji and Tanzania. He has been involved in both development education and employability projects with Development Perspectives. Paul also has experience in dealing with training course logistics, facilitation and preparing funding applications.

There will be a third trainer which we will confirm in the coming weeks.

RESOURCES: BOOKS AND VIDEOS

This course is vanguard in its approach wherein outdoors and natural world education are tied specifically into the principles of active global citizenship education. We will update this section of the information pack with relevant resources once we have selected the participants.

PROGRAMME TO PREPARE

We will update this section of the information pack once we have selected the participants.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

As this programme is based upon outdoor, natural world adventure learning and therefore many of the days' activities will be carried out outdoors. The weather in Ireland can be quite varied and we would therefore insist that participants pack and prepare for outdoor activities in all weather conditions and bring the following: Hiking boots, waterproof jacket and leggings, warm hat, warm under garments (i.e. fleece), swimming shorts, towel,

DISSEMINATION

Dissemination is a very important aspect of Erasmus+ projects. It increases the visibility and impact of the project by providing an opportunity to share outcomes with wider audiences. You will be required to actively take part in dissemination activities during and after the project. We will provide more detail and offer space for this during the training course.

ACCOMMODATION

Ballyhoura Luxury Hostel will be the venue for our training and also our accommodation during the project. It is a beautiful hostel in the small rural village of Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. To find out more about the hostel and its features, please visit the website:

<https://www.ballyhourahostel.ie/>



ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

As it takes some time to get to the venue from the closest airport, we would ask you to arrange your arrival in the morning hours. The programme will start on the evening of June 15th with a group meal and some ice-breaking activities.

The end of the programme is scheduled for June 21st. There is no programme planned for the departure day – June 22nd. So you can leave the venue in the morning as early as you want. The entire group must leave the venue by 10:30am.

Travelling to Dublin Airport

If you are travelling by plane, Dublin Airport will be the airport that most people can use. From Dublin, the easiest way to get to the location is by taking a bus from Busaras Central Station (Dublin) to Mitchelstown (Bus Number 245X from Bus Eireann). There are regular busses that go from the airport to Dublin Custom House Quay (Dublin Express Bus). From there, it is a short walk to Busaras.

Dublin Express Timetable:

https://www.dublinexpress.ie/media/7794/dublin_express_timetable.pdf

245X Timetable: <https://buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=406&form-view-timetables-from=Heuston+Station&form-view-timetables-to=Mitchelstown+%28The+Square%29&form-view-timetables-route=&form-view-timetables-submit=1>

PLEASE NOTE: The last 245X bus leaves Dublin at 18:00. It is advised to arrange your other travel to ensure that you make this bus on time.

When you arrive at Mitchelstown, we have staff who will be able to collect you from the bus station and take you to the venue. We will organise collection times the week before the course.

Our programme will include a free half day where you will be free to explore the local area. You can take extra days to organise and visit these places at your own leisure. You can take 2-3 days (before or after the course) and still be eligible for a travel reimbursement (not more). Accommodation costs and other expenses for extra days cannot be covered due to the financial rules of the grant.

TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE COURSE FROM BEGINNING TO END IS ONE OF THE BASIC CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. SO PLEASE ARRANGE TO BE THERE ON TIME. IN CASE OF ANY COMPLICATIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

The course is co-funded through the Erasmus+ European programme. We can reimburse only the cheapest transportation possible and only public transport 2nd class fares. Taxis are not refundable, as well as private cars. For the reimbursements, we will need:

1. An invoice with the itinerary of your trip, the names of the passengers and, very important, the price of the ticket. Usually all this information is available on the e-tickets for flights.
2. All your original travel tickets and receipts (train and bus tickets) which you wish to have reimbursed. We cannot provide reimbursement without the originals of these documents, so it is your responsibility to take care of them.

IMPORTANT: WE CAN ONLY REIMBURSE YOUR FLIGHTS IF YOU PRESENT US WITH YOUR BOARDING PASSES! IF USING A MOBILE BOARDING PASS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE THEM OR TAKE A SCREENSHOT AS THEY AUTOMATICALLY DELETE THEMSELVES AFTER SOME TIME

The following list shows how much is the maximum allowed per person for a full return journey (two ways), so please try NOT to spend more than this:

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| IRELAND | €20 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | €180 |
| ITALY, PORTUGAL, POLAND | €275 |
| GREECE, ROMANIA | €360 |
| TURKEY | €530 |

IMPORTANT: to determine where you are from, **RESIDENCE** is the counting factor, not nationality. This means that we can support the participation of somebody living in Italy (or Greece, Slovakia, etc), **AS LONG AS YOU TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY**, no matter what nationality is shown on your passport. Please don't ask for exceptions ("I'm originally from Czech Republic but now I live in Iceland can I travel from there?"), these are the rules and we cannot change them!

The reimbursement will be done after the end of the project, after we successfully get all the tickets and boarding passes also from your trip back home. Please allow 4-6 weeks while we process all the documents and organise the transfers. More information about when and where to send the tickets and the relevant reimbursement form will be given during the training course.

TRAINING FEE

The participation fee for this course is €70. **This fee must be paid before the course in order to secure your place.**

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Irish sockets have different standards to most parts of Europe so you will likely need a travel adapter for your electronic devices. More info can be found here: <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/ie/ireland/>
- Irish weather can be famously unpredictable. We may have a week of beautiful sunshine or many days of heavy rain and strong winds. Please pack with this in mind as we hope to be working outside during this project
- Internet is available at the venue, but the signal can sometimes drop. Do not plan important online meetings or deadlines during this course. The course will be quite packed anyway
- **PARTICIPANTS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ENTIRE PROCESS, INCLUDING: TO READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY, TO COMMUNICATE IN A TIMELY MANNER WITH THE ORGANISERS, TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY FOR THE TRAINING COURSE, TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE DURING THE TRAINING COURSE, TO SUPPORT EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION EFFORTS DURING AND AFTER THE COURSE**
- The participants are responsible for ensuring they have adequate travel and medical insurance.
- Pictures, images and videos taken during the course can be used to document the activities in reports, websites, promotional materials or social media platforms
- Providing information on special needs does not remove the participant's responsibility for ensuring their own health and safety

WHAT TO BRING?

- Sportive, comfortable leisure wear (pants, shirts, pullover)
- Warm clothes (thermals if possible)
- Hat and gloves
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers
- Toiletries and towel
- Hiking shoes and good socks - essential

- Indoor shoes or slippers
- Water bottle
- Small day pack rucksack
- (Head-) Torch
- Writing things: diary, paper, pencil, pens ...
- Insurance card and identity card
- Health insurance certificate
- If necessary: personal medications
- Local food or delights from your country
- Games, books, toys, music, musical instruments, things that inspire you & could inspire others.

COVID INFORMATION

The unprecedented circumstances related to COVID-19 means that both the organisers and participants must pay extra attention to health and safety measures as well as other measures designed to reduce risk for all who take part in the training course. Below you will find some key points in relation to COVID-19:

- It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you buy travel insurance in order to protect against any unforeseen circumstances (related to travel or health)
- Please keep an eye on the latest travel guidelines – link can be found above
- Antigen tests will be available for participants who have COVID symptoms
- If there are any positive antigen tests, we will follow the current government recommendations regarding PCR tests, quarantine and contact tracing.
- We will provide masks and hand hygiene material. But we also encourage participants to bring their own.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

- Insurance
- Masks (we will have some, but bring your own also)
- Hand hygiene (We will have sanitiser, but bring your own)
- Social Distancing (Where possible)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Participants must complete an application form to be considered for selection to the training course. The application form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/c6utfpwPGXUrUYrT7>

The Application deadline is **May 1st**. After the selection and confirmation of attendance, participants will have 1 week to transfer the €70 participation fee, book their travels, and send us confirmation of their travel. Irish participants will be required to pay their €70 participation fee before the project to secure their place.

CONTACTS

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