



**Blended Training Course  
Information Pack**



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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Change the Story, Change the World (CSCW) is a 7-day blended training course (online and in-person) which aims to develop the capacity of youth workers to tackle poverty, inequality, climate change and other global issues through storytelling and global education. With this course we want to facilitate an experience to reflect on all these critical aspects of the information society, share and develop knowledge and competences, and explore the impact that mass communication is having on intolerance, development, democracy and global citizenship.

This project idea was born after years of successful trainings and collaboration with partners in the EU and internationally in the field of storytelling, critical media literacy and development education (or global education). In 2016 and 2018 we ran our own training "Spinning a Yarn" which focused on similar topics with more of a focus on how to create new narratives to counteract hate speech & single story media. With this range of experiences in mind, our overall goal for CSCW is to develop the capacity of youth workers to tackle poverty, inequality, climate change and other global issues through **storytelling** and **global education**.

## OBJECTIVES

- Highlight and explain the principles of effective storytelling
- Examine the importance and role of values and frames in our storytelling and public communications
- Introduce and develop concepts related to global education
- Explore the role of emotion and compassion in youth work
- Explore diverse methods of engagement related to global education and storytelling including 'Theatre of the Oppressed'

## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

We will welcome a total of 24 participants from 10 different countries. Below you can find each country along with the sending organisation and number of places available:

Participating Country	Partner Organisation	Places Available
IRELAND	Development Perspectives	4
ITALY	Cooperativa Muovimente Sociale	2
SLOVENIA	Drustvo Lojtra	2
POLAND	Medeina	3
GREECE	Fair Trade Hellas	3
SLOVAKIA	Partners for Democratic	2

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<b>PORTUGAL</b>	Par Repostas Sociais	<b>3</b>
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	Vice Versa	<b>2</b>
<b>ROMANIA</b>	Asociatia Be You	<b>3</b>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	Scottish Development Education Centre	<b>2</b>

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## *THE TEAM OF TRAINERS*



**NICK DORAN**  
(IRELAND)

Nick Doran is a trainer, facilitator and project coordinator in the field of development education. Nick Doran is currently working as Project Officer with 'Saolta'. His background is in Media and Critical Linguistics which he

has taught at youth groups and universities. 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!



**SARA HURLEY**  
(IRELAND)

Sara Hurley is one of the leaders with the 2021 Saolta SDG Advocate Training contributing on the connections between brains, behaviour and values. She lived in the UK for 10 years and went through third level education as an adult learner earning a BSc Hons in Psychology, returning to Ireland in late 2019 to complete a MA Hons in Gender Studies at University College Dublin. Her main academic interests have centred on Critical Discourse Analysis and

Phenomenology focusing on Gender Equality, Intersectionality and Representation. Through her work and activism, she finds the UN SDG a useful tool to communicate and effect change with particular experience in Gender Equality and Climate Action, with an interest in circular economies and consumption, and 'Just Transition' principles. Sara enjoys bringing an element of play to her work as these topics can be challenging at times. Sara will never say no to baked goods, videos of dogs or a good cup of tea.



**BOBBY MCCORMACK**  
(IRELAND)

Bobby McCormack is the co-founder and CEO of Development Perspectives and has been directly involved in Development Education / Global Citizenship Education since 2006. Bobby also worked as senior lecturer in the Humanities Dept. of Dundalk Institute of Technology from 2006 – 2019. In 2017, Bobby was the recipient of the

Dóchas, "Global Citizen of the Year". Bobby co-chaired the Development Awareness Raising and Education forum of CONCORD for two years and was one of five civil society representatives on the EU Development Education multi stakeholder forum. Bobby served on the National Council of IDEA for three years, the board of Upstate Theatre for five years and was the chairperson of VSI for three years.

# PROGRAMME TO PREPARE

## HOW WE WILL WORK?

Change the Story, Change the World will seek to examine and challenge existing global narratives related

Our project will consist of a blended mobility combining both online workshops and a 4-day residential training in Ireland. Successful applicants will be required to participate in all phases of the project. The key dates of our project are as follows:

- Online induction workshop – **11<sup>th</sup> April 11am-1pm (Irish time)**
- Residential Training – **25<sup>th</sup> April (arrival) to 29<sup>th</sup> April (departure)**

## ONLINE INDUCTION WORKSHOP

For the online workshops, we will use our zoom platform. The purpose of the online workshops will be for participants to get to know each other and the training team and to begin to understand the basic concepts in relation to storytelling and global education. This online component will allow us to dig deeper into the topics in a more experiential when the group meets in person. The session will last approximately 2 hours.

## RESIDENTIAL TRAINING

Our residential training component will allow us to develop our understanding of storytelling and global education through experiential learning and the promotion of informed action. The training will take place in Ireland in a location which will be confirmed during the online workshops. A more detailed information pack related specifically to the residential training will be given to participants who complete the online phase of the project.

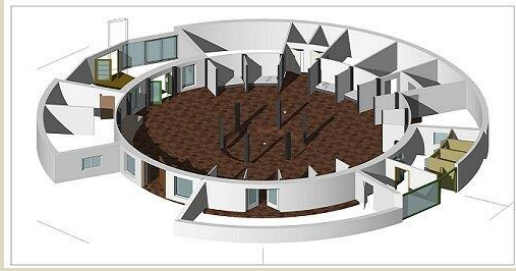
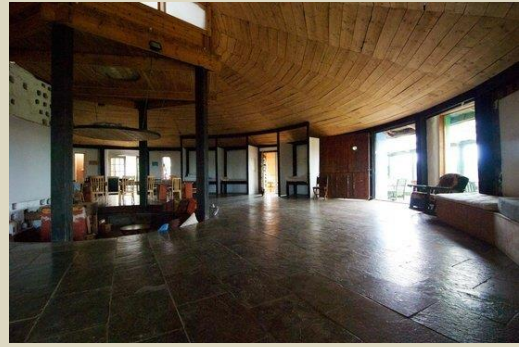
# ACCOMODATION

We will be staying in Bru Moytura Eco Lodge in Co. Sligo. This beautiful rural location includes accomodation and training spaces. We will have a dedicated training room to use throughout our programme as well as a dining area where our meals will be provided by the accomodation staff. **The food that will be served throughout the week will be vegetarian food** in keeping with our values in relation to sustainability and responsible consumption.

The accomodation itself will consist of some shared rooms as well as an open plan room with interior pods. **PLEASE NOTE: There are no single rooms available in this accomodation.** For more information about the lodge and its facilities, please visit:

<https://www.brumoytura.org/>





## HOW TO GET HERE

**NOTE: FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE IRELAND, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO CHECK THE CURRENT TRAVEL GUIDELINES AS LAID OUT BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT. ALL LATEST ADVICE CAN BE FOUND HERE -**

**<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/#travelling-to-ireland>**

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 April 25th with a group meal and some ice-breaking activities.

The end of the programme is scheduled for April 28th. There is no programme planned for the departure day – April 29th. 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 from/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 the 23 bus to Castlebaldwin (to be confirmed) bus stop.

Please see bus timetables here:

### **Bus Eireann – No. 23 (Dublin – Sligo)**

<https://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=406&form-view-timetables-from=&form-view-timetables-to=&form-view-timetables-route=23&form-view-timetables-submit=1>

If you are travelling by car, please find the coordinates here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bru+Moytura/@54.1027375,-8.3403993,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x485e9547f0ac0503:0xfa62ad85c29af8d5!8m2!3d54.1027375!4d-8.3382106>

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.

## *TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT*

The course is co-funded through the Erasmus+ European programme. We can reimburse only the cheapest transportation possible and only public transport 2<sup>nd</sup> class fares. Taxi is 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:**

<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>€0</b>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<b>€180</b>
<b>ITALY, PORTUGAL, SLOVENIA, POLAND, SLOVAKIA, CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>€275</b>
<b>GREECE, ROMANIA</b>	<b>€360</b>

**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.

## *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



# NAVIGATING THE COVID-19 SITUATION

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
- Participants and project staff will be asked to take an Anitgen test on Day 1 and Day 3 of the project.
- 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**
  - o Insurance
  - o Masks (we will have some, but bring your own also)
  - o Hand hygiene (We will have sanitiser, but bring your own)
  - o Social Distancing (Where possible)

## 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
- Adapter
- Hiking shoes and good socks - essential
- Indoor shoes or slippers
- Water bottle
- Small day pack rucksack
- Writing things: diary, paper, pencil, pens ...

## *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/TpGWpAZChGiXdUNy7>

After the selection and confirmation of attendance, participants will have 1 week to pay the €50 training fee in order to secure their place.

## *CONTACTS*

In case of any questions, please contact us at: [paul@developmentperspectives.ie](mailto:paul@developmentperspectives.ie)

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