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CASTLE SAUNDERTON



PROJECT SUMMARY

Games 4 The Goals (G4TG) is an eight-day training course which aims to develop Global Education competences of youth workers and educators through games-based learning, with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The idea for this project results from the growing need within development education and youth work organisations to find new and interactive ways to engage with young people on global issues such as poverty, inequality and climate change. Our hope is to harness the power of games to develop media literacy and critical thinking skills, examine values within society and encourage young people to take informed action related to the SDGs.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Explore meaning and principles of Gamification and its uses in non-formal education
- Use games based learning approaches to explore key global education pillars such as critical thinking, problem solving and active citizenship
- Examine the use of video games and online games in Global Education
- Equip youth workers with knowledge and skills to tackle key global issues such as climate change, conflict and migration
- Allow a space for youth workers to use Gamification tools to explore the SDGs

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

We will welcome a total of 28 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	3
CYPRUS	Future Worlds Centre	2
POLAND	Active Women Association	3
GREECE	Fair Trade Hellas	3
SLOVAKIA	Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia	2
PORTUGAL	Par Repostas Sociais	3
CZECH REPUBLIC	Vice Versa	3
ESTONIA	Noored Uhiskonna Heaks	2
UNITED KINGDOM	Scottish Development Education Centre	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, media literacy and 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



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 is currently coordinating a project which involves supporting the integration of refugees into local communities in Ireland.

Paul has been involved in 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.



CARMINE RODI FALANGA
(IRELAND)

Carmine Rodi, trainer, facilitator and consultant from Napoli, Italy. He currently lives in Prague. Active in European youth work and education since 2002, he has experience as a journalist, author and blogger; currently is active as a stand-up comedian and is a psychotherapist in training (following the Pessio-Boyden approach). During his

17 years of experience, he has worked for a vast number of public bodies, NGOs, educational agencies and businesses. He has delivered more than 120 full time, week-long, residential trainings both at national and international level. His main areas of focus are communication skills, public speaking, the use of humour, intercultural understanding, conflict management, personal development, rites of passage. He loves to use storytelling techniques, outdoors experiences and game-based learning tools to activate learning processes.



KATIE LYNCH
(IRELAND)

Katie Lynch works with Tearfund Ireland as Advocacy and Communications Officer, and is one of Development Perspective's SDG Advocates 2019. She has an MSc in International Development from the University of Edinburgh and a BA in Sociology and French from Trinity College Dublin. While she is relatively new to the Development

Education world, Katie has facilitated a number of workshops as part of her advocacy role, and loves learning about the impact that Dev Ed can have on how participants see their role in the world. She believes that good storytelling and challenging conversations can change situations for good.



NICK DORAN
(IRELAND)

Nick Doran is a trainer, facilitator and project coordinator in the field of development education. Nick coordinates the #SDGchallenge for Development Perspectives. 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!

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

The project will take place in Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre (pictured below). The centre is located near the small town of Belturbet, County Cavan and is situated next to the castle ruins previously owned by the Saunderson family.

This accommodation is regularly used for our training courses. There are multiple training rooms and work spaces, a huge open/chill-out space complete with a fireplace and a kitchen and dining room in the lower floor. The upper floor contains bedrooms and showers (2 male and 2 female). 3-6 people will be accommodated in each room.

Accommodation and food will be provided free of charge throughout the entire training course.



The house will be self managed by the group during the course. This aligns with our educational approach which encourages sharing, responsibility and development of community spirit. Participants will share responsibility for everyday tasks such as washing up, cleaning and sorting garbage.

Food will be prepared by our staff who have vast experience of preparing food for large groups. In an effort to promote sustainability, the menu will be vegetarian with efforts made to use local produce where possible.



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 at 7pm on December 4th.

The end of the programme is scheduled for December 11th. There is no programme planned for the departure day – December 12th. So you can leave the venue in the morning as early as you want. The entire group must leave the venue by 10:30am.

If you are travelling by plane you should fly to Dublin airport. From there you can take the 30/X30 bus (Dublin – Donegal). You can catch this bus at Zone 11 outside the airport. If you take the 30, you should get off at “Belturbet”. The X30 does not stop there, so if you take the X30 you should get off at “Cavan”.

It is slightly cheaper to buy a ticket online than at the station or from a driver. Please note that drivers will only accept cash. Tickets can be bought on the Bus Eireann website: <http://www.buseireann.ie/>

You can check bus timetables here: <http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=406&form-view-timetables-from=&form-view-timetables-to=&form-view-timetables-route=30&form-view-timetables-submit=1>

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 with the option for people to spend 2-3 hours in Cavan town. No trips to Dublin or other larger cities will be organised. 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. 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:

IRELAND	€0
UNITED KINGDOM	€180
ITALY, PORTUGAL, ESTONIA, POLAND, SLOVAKIA, CZECH REPUBLIC	€275
GREECE	€360
CYPRUS	€520

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 based on a sliding scale €50-€80. Participants will be free to choose their own contribution based on this scale, their own financial circumstances and the value they place on participating in this training course. For participants outside Ireland, this fee can be paid by cash on arrival. For Irish participants, this fee must be paid by bank transfer upon selection for the programme 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 sweater and shirt
- Hat and gloves (gardening gloves would be very handy)
- Waterproof jacket (and pants if possible)
- Toiletries and towel



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

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/RvaK1fsNyiX3ZC48A>

The Application deadline is October 20th. After the selection and confirmation of attendance, participants will have 1 week to book their travels, and send us confirmation of their travel. Irish participants will be required to pay their €50 participation fee before the project to secure their place.

CONTACTS

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