



**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 20 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

	Change Slovakia	
PORTUGAL	Par Repostas Sociais	3
CZECH REPUBLIC	Vice Versa	2
ROMANIA	Asociatia Be You	3
UNITED KINGDOM	Scottish Development Education Centre	2

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



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 Mc Cormack 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:

- 1st online workshop – **16th November (afternoon)**
- 2nd online workshop – **17th November (afternoon)**
- 3rd online workshop – **18th November (afternoon)**
- Residential Training – **24th January (arrival) to 28th January (departure)**

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

For the online workshops, we will use our zoom platform to host our facilitation sessions. 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. Therefore, attendance on the online components will be a mandatory requirement for participating on the second phase of the project. The online sessions will take place on three consecutive afternoons in November (16th, 17th and 18th). Each session will last approximately 3 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.

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.

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, SLOVENIA, POLAND, SLOVAKIA, CZECH REPUBLIC	€275
GREECE, ROMANIA	€360

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 €50. **This fee must be paid by bank transfer upon selection for the programme in order to secure your place.**

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>

The Application deadline is **October 22nd**. 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

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