

## **Education for Sustainable Development, 5 Day Course, Oulu, Finland**

*Education for sustainable development in school and adult education settings facilitates change, in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours, towards leading more sustainable lifestyles. Tools such as documentary film-making can encourage and empower students to take action on local and global sustainable development issues.*

### **Target Participants**

The training is for all teachers and non-teaching staff in mainstream and special needs primary, secondary, and upper secondary schools, as well as youth and adult education. Participants require some familiarity with email, word-processing, and the Internet.

**Training Venue:** Valve Cultural Centre, Oulu, Finland

**Accommodation:** Hotel to be confirmed

### **Course leader:**

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### **Preparation**

Participants are requested to fill in a questionnaire before the course and prepare a short presentation describing their teaching context and how education for sustainable development is formally or informally addressed in their country. Participants will give their presentations at the beginning of the course.

### **Objectives**

The course aims to provide teachers/educators with:

- an overview of different approaches to education for sustainable development
- a transformative pedagogical framework promoting education for sustainable development
- experience making a documentary film
- classroom activities which motivate and engage learners
- opportunities to meet and share practices with participants from other countries
- information about European Union funding, school partnerships and projects

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## **Course Contents**

### **Sustainable Development Themes**

Ecosystems

Natural resources

Local and global political, social, economic, cultural, and environmental issues

Needs and rights of present and future populations

Policies in practice

Global citizenship

### **Digital Tools**

Digital photographs & videos

Introduction to documentary film-making



### **Pedagogy**

Approaches to education for sustainable development

Theories and practices for transformative learning

Intercultural dialogue

## **Methodology**

The course emphasises hands-on, collaborative learning.

Participants are requested to bring their laptop and digital camera (or digital camcorder), to become more familiar with their own equipment. Details about free software to be downloaded will be given prior to the course. Microsoft Windows is the main operating system used; support is available for Mac users.

Visits to places of educational and cultural interest are integrated throughout the course.

All course and additional materials are given to participants in electronic format.

## **Follow-up**

A post-course questionnaire will be given to participants on the last day of the course to collect feedback about the course, its contents, organisation, teaching methods, trainers, and materials, as well as to assess if and how the course succeeded in empowering participants with the skills and confidence to introduce new activities in their teaching contexts.

Participants will be encouraged to remain in email contact with each other and the trainers, to support and share activities undertaken after the course, disseminate resources, and plan future collaborations and international projects.

The main trainer will contact participants 6 months after the course, requesting participants to review new activities they have tried with their students as well as identify any barriers preventing implementation.

## **Certification**

A certificate of attendance is presented to participants at the end of the course and the EuroPass Mobility Certificate is also available.

## **Fees**

750€ course fee

650€ accommodation fee (includes up to 6 nights hotel room & breakfast, plus 4 lunches & 1 dinner)

## **2012 Course Dates**

Monday 13 August - Friday 17 August

Monday 17 September - Friday 21 September



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