

Spinning A Yarn



24th April - 1st May 2018

Castle Saunderson
International Scout Centre,
Ireland

www.developmentperspectives.ie

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Description :

The course is focused on developing and improving competences related to how to use storytelling in the specific context of global education. The course is aimed at people working in the field of global education (trainers, activists, advocates, communications).

The methodology will consist of non formal learning based approaches, practical workshops, sharing stories, global education activities and experiential learning (with an outdoors component). Reflective practice will also be a crucial feature of the project.

The course is designed for participants with at least a basic understanding of global education. Also, the participants must be motivated and willing to learn, share, explore and discover their skills in order to use their experience later in their jobs and/or communities.

People, Countries :

We will host 31 participants from 8 countries and partner organisations:

Ireland (7), Italy (3), Greece (3), Cyprus (3), Poland (3), Czech Republic (3), Slovakia (3), UK (3)

Objectives :

- ▶ Highlight and explain the principles of effective storytelling.
- ▶ Examine the importance and role of values and frames in our storytelling and public communications.
- ▶ Allow a space for participants to apply the principles of storytelling to their own practice.
- ▶ Explore the role of emotion and compassion in youth work.
- ▶ Explore diverse methods of public engagement.

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Host Organisation:



Development Perspectives (DP) is an Irish based NGO which specialises in Development/Global Education. Founded in 2006, DP has since built a strong national and global network of curious, critical thinkers and development practitioners working for social justice. DP's work involves engaging groups of people in non-formal programmes to bring about a deeper knowledge of Development challenges and to implement effective actions to lessen poverty and inequality. DP utilises an experiential learning approach which is participatory and action based in its essence.

Trainers:

Carmine Rodi Falanga's background is as a journalist, blogger, he has been involved in local and European youth work since 2002. Since 2011 he is fully established as a freelance trainer. He develops tools and resources for education and personal development using storytelling and games, and he likes to explore unlikely connections: from classic Greek myths to modern superheroes; from the European fairy tales to Hollywood movies. His latest project is to take the stand-up comedy scene in Prague by storm, for which he joined the collective "Desperate Comedians".



<http://trainers.salto-youth.net/CarmineRodi>

Bobby Mc Cormack is the co-founder and Director of Development Perspectives and also works as a Senior Lecturer in Dundalk Institute of Technology in Development Studies. In 2017, Bobby was the recipient of the Dóchas, "Global Citizen of the Year". Bobby has explored the link between storytelling and global education and its transformative potential in many contexts around the world with many Development activists and practitioners and is really looking forward to this edition of "Spinning a Yarn". Bobby has produced 5 documentaries, is an avid Man United fan and loves Dogs. The newest addition to his family is Macha, an 11 month old Great Dane.



Paul Crewe has been involved as a project worker with Development Perspectives since 2013. Paul holds BA (Honours) in Community Sports Leadership. Paul's role within Development Perspectives includes facilitation, project coordination and advocating on a national and global level. Paul is a member of the Steering Committee of GLEN (Global Education Network of Young Europeans). He has also spoken at the CIVICUS International Civil Society Week in Fiji (December 2017) Paul is happiest when working with groups. He is extremely passionate about equality and social justice. He has a passion for sport (...like...every sport), travel and retro gaming. He is a serial procrastinator and often tells some of the best worst jokes ever heard by human ears.



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When:

- ▶ **24th April 2018** – Arrival day – *We would ask that all participants arrive before 6pm as the programme will begin that evening.*
- ▶ **25th to the 30th April 2018** – Programme days.
- ▶ **1st May 2018** – Departure day – Participants will depart at 9:30am.

Where:

Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre, Belturbet, Co. Cavan, Ireland
<http://www.castlesaunderson.com>

More detailed information about the venue will be made available to successful participants.



Practicalities:

Food and accommodation: will be fully covered by the organisers

Travel costs: will be refunded at the end of the course, after providing all original tickets and receipts. We will cover 100% of your actual expenses, but only up to the maximum amounts listed below.

- Cyprus: €530,
- Greece: €360,
- Italy, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia: €275
- UK: €180

Participants have to commit to take part in the full duration of the course or they will not be eligible for travel reimbursement.

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Application Process:

To apply we will require a short video and a completed application form.

We would like you to send us a short video. In the video, please:

- Introduce yourself (What you do, your hobbies, your background, connection to training)
- Tell us your motivation to participate

The video should be longer than 30 seconds and shorter than 3 minutes.

The content of the video matters, not the quality.

Please upload your video on any platform of your choice (YouTube, Vimeo etc.) and send us the link; or (if the file is not too big) send it directly to info.spinningayarn@gmail.com with the subject of your email: SAY-YOURCOUNTRY-YOURNAME.

Then, please fill in the application form available at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/uMoF2JxdyzcccGhW2>

The deadline for applying is 9th of March 2018.

After the selection and confirmation of attendance, participants will have 1 week to book their travels, and send us confirmation of their travel.

In case of any questions, please contact us at:

Email: Info.spinningayarn@gmail.com

Phone: +353 85 825 2744

Successful participants will receive comprehensive information packs ahead of the programme.

