

SPINNING A YARN



INFORMATION PACK

19th - 26th of June 2024

Brú Moytura. Castlebaldwin, Co.
Sligo, F52, D290



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Project Summary

Spinning a Yarn (SAY) is a 6-day training course which aims to support youth workers and educators to enhance their Global Citizenship Education competences through storytelling and theatre techniques. We will use non-formal learning approaches which centre the participant in engaging and immersive activities (active, collaborative, experiential, project-based, problem-based and inquiry-based learning). These skills are developed with a view to harnessing your power to mobilise, inspire and empower the individuals and communities you work with to take action as global citizens.

We welcome participants who have an understanding of Global Citizenship Education and, most importantly, are motivated to learn, share, collaborate, explore and wish to use their skills in their work or communities.

To note, the working language of the course is English. We don't require certification of proficiency but recommend participants are at least at upper intermediate level (can produce clear, detailed text and interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity).

Objectives

- To **enhance the storytelling skills** of participants, enabling them to share information creatively and effectively
- To introduce participants to the **principles and techniques of *Theatre of the Oppressed*** as a tool for social change and empowerment
- To support participants' **media literacy skills**, ensuring they understand the significant impact of media in shaping narratives and public discourse
- To develop participants' **global citizenship competencies** such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and active citizenship skills
- To create a **network of educators, trainers and artists** working with storytelling and Theatre of the Oppressed techniques at a local, national, European and global level

Participant profile

The course is aimed at youth and social workers, employment centre workers, educators and all those with an interest in education. 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 groups subject to violence, discrimination or intolerance;
- Those working with people or regions at socio-economic or cultural disadvantage.

The Group

Altogether, there will be 22 participants from 7 countries (Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Sweden)



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Host Organisation



Development Perspectives

Development Perspectives is a non-governmental organisation which specialises in Global Citizenship Education. It is based in Drogheda, Co. Louth but works with partners all over Ireland, Europe and the world. As an organisation, we believe transformative education and active citizenship have the power to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change.

Find out more via our website: <https://developmentperspectives.ie/>

Trainers



Paul Crewe

Paul Crewe has been involved with Development Perspectives since 2013 and currently works as the EU and Special Projects Officer. Paul holds BA (Honours) in Community Sports Leadership. Paul has been heavily involved in coordinating projects in the area of Migration and Integration. Paul also coordinates EU-funded projects which explore global citizenship education. Paul is particularly interested in the topic of income inequality and how it links to many other issues. He has a passion for sport (every sport), travel and retro gaming.



Bobby McCormack

Bobby McCormack is the co-founder and CEO of Development Perspectives. Bobby worked as a Senior Lecturer in the Dept of Humanities in Dundalk Institute of Technology from 2006 - 2019, has an MA in Development Studies and is a qualified mediator. Bobby is a board member of Dóchas and in 2017 was the recipient of the Dóchas, "Global Citizen of the Year." Bobby has produced 5 documentaries, is an avid Man United fan and loves Dogs.



Daniela Lopes

Daniela Lopes has a degree in Sociology and a Masters in Development and International Cooperation. She realised from an early age that her vocation was to work in the field of development. Daniela currently works at an NGDO as a development education and global citizenship project manager, a field she is passionate about. There, Daniela promotes education and reflection on the 2030 Agenda, Human Rights and Global Citizenship through interactive methodologies and non-formal education.



Katie Martin

Katie Martin has been involved with Development Perspectives since 2018. As Project Coordinator of the SDG Challenge Schools and Water Wise Explorers, she gets to share her passion for critical thinking and active citizenship with students and teachers. Katie holds a BA in International Relations from DCU and an MA in International Peacebuilding, Security and Development Practice from Maynooth University. She is a member of Comhlámh Justice for Palestine and believes in the power of active citizenship for imagining and creating more sustainable futures. Lover of sea-swimming, kayaking, running, reading, and travelling.

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Partner Organisations



Czech Republic

[Vice Versa](#)



Germany

[Eine Welt Netz](#)



Italy

[Travelogue APS - Associazione di promozione sociale](#)



Portugal

[Associação PAR - Respostas Sociais](#)



Romania

[Asociatia Be You](#)



Sweden

[PeaceWorks Sweden](#)

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When

19th - 26th of June 2024

Arrival Day: 19th June

Programme Activities: 20th - 25th of June

Departure Day: 26th June

Where

We will be staying in Bru Moytura Eco Lodge in Co. Sligo. This beautiful rural location includes accommodation 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 accommodation 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 accommodation 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 accommodation. For more information about the lodge and its facilities, please visit: <https://www.brumoytura.org/>



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 on the evening of June 19th with a group meal and some ice-breaking activities. The end of the programme is scheduled to end on the evening of June 25th. There is no programme planned for the departure day - June 26th. So you can leave the venue in the morning as early as you want. The entire group must leave the venue by 10:30am.

Travel

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)

If you are travelling by car, please find the coordinates [here](#):

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.

IMPORTANT: 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.

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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. Taxis and private cars are not refundable. 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
- CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY, ITALY, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN: €275
- ROMANIA: €360

Cost

A **€70 participation fee** is required from each participant. The full costs relating to food and accommodation will be covered by the grant. Travel costs will be reimbursed in full as long as they are within the Erasmus+ allowance for each country.



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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](#):
- 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.
- 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
- **IMPORTANT:** PARTICIPANTS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ENTIRE PROCESS, INCLUDING: READING ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY, COMMUNICATING IN A TIMELY MANNER WITH THE ORGANISERS, PREPARING ADEQUATELY FOR THE TRAINING COURSE, ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE DURING THE TRAINING COURSE, SUPPORTING EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION EFFORTS DURING AND AFTER THE COURSE

What to bring:

- 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 (optional)
- 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

Application Process

Participants must complete an application form to be considered for selection to the training course. The application form can be found [here](#)

The Application deadline is **Friday, the 19th of April**. We will announce successful applications by **Friday, the 26th of April**. After the selection and confirmation of attendance, participants will have one week to book their travels, and send us confirmation of their travel. Irish participants will be required to pay the €70 participation fee before the project to secure their place.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either of the coordinators via email paul@developmentperspectives.ie or katie@developmentperspectives.ie.

