

Global Curiosity

Information sheet

'Global Curiosity' is a partnership between three European partners: in UK (Curious Minds), Greece (The Hellenic Theatre/Drama and Education Network -TENet-Gr) and Poland (The Malopolska Institute of Culture in Krakow). All three partners share the belief that there is a pressing need for young people to be able to think critically, behave compassionately and act democratically. We also believe that creativity and curiosity are vital to this.

'Global Curiosity' is a practice sharing programme, designed to increase the amount of 'global youth work' happening in communities across Europe, and to increase the involvement of arts and cultural venues and creative practitioners in the delivery of global youth work.

Our shared definition of 'global youth work' is:

“an approach that enables youth practitioners and the young people they work with to discuss and understand global issues in the context of their youth setting. It aims to encourage a critical understanding of the links between personal, local and global issues. It seeks young people’s active participation in bringing about change towards greater equity and justice”

<https://think-global.org.uk/our-work/for-youth-workers/background/>

Our objectives are:

1: to encourage 'Global Curiosity' between a variety of sectors, inviting the question, 'how does your sector deliver or contribute to global youth work?'

2: to encourage Global Curiosity between three European Countries, inviting the questions: 'what does 'global youth work' look like in your country?', 'how do you or could you use arts techniques to contribute to global youth work in your country?'

3: to develop Global Curiosity in young people; inviting the question, 'how can we support young people to replace assumption with curiosity and develop their citizenship, creativity and 'critical thinking' skills?'

Thanks to funding from Erasmus+, we are able to invite 24 youth, community or non-formal education professionals from a variety of sectors to take part in three international visits and practice exchanges. 8 from each country.

They will:

- Visit each country and learn more about how Global issues are affecting children and young people. For example, we may visit a refugee camp in Northern Greece.
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- Experience the techniques of sectors or professions that they are not familiar with, for example the UK's Development Education Centres
- Reflect on their own beliefs, values and practice
- Share their own understanding of and approach to global youth work;
- Experience the range of ways in which arts practitioners in other countries are also delivering global youth work through drama, dance, music, film, art and digital.

To apply you must

- Deliver work with young people aged 14-25 outside of the classroom and be willing to apply your learning through some action research*
- Be available for and willing to commit to all three 'visits' (dates on google form)
- Have a good level of English (training and visits will all be conducted in English)
- Have an existing practice or a specialism to share.
- Express interest by Friday 28th August 2020 via Google Form: [link - click here](#)
- Be available for a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 7th October 2020, from 13:30-15:00 UK time (formal invitation and link to follow), which is an opportunity for us to meet everyone and for you to find out more about the programme.

A steering group will then consider all applications, make their decision and let you know the outcome after 5th October 2020. If successful, you will need to book your flights as soon as possible. All costs relating to flights will be reimbursed (within the project's available funds) and all accommodation and food will be provided for participants.

* Action research element

There will be an expectation that each participant is able to apply their new learning to some direct delivery with young people aged 14-25. There will be some small financial bursaries available for action research proposals that can test out new ways of helping young people to achieve the following outcomes

- *Young people will play a more active role in society as 'global citizens' and 'cultural activists'.*
- *Young people will demonstrate a critical understanding of the world around them, particularly of the role the media plays.*
- *Young people will develop greater awareness of inequality faced by others and critique their personal lifestyle and attitudes*
- *Young people will notice and challenge discriminatory or prejudice language and behaviour*
- *Young people will take part in and encourage dialogue about issues of equality*

For our UK participants – Curious Minds are especially interested in action research that might explore themes such as young people as refugees and providing sanctuary, the impact of Brexit, navigating the media, being ready to vote, climate change/action.