



Application Guidelines

Young Education for Sustainable Development Leader Capacity Building Training Course

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 6th 2017

About the Course

As a follow-up to the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) (2005-2014), UNESCO launched the Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD which focuses on generating and scaling up ESD action at all levels and in all areas of education and in all sustainable development sectors. The GAP has five Action Areas, one of which is dedicated to 'empowering and mobilizing youth' who are recognized as key to the success of the GAP. ECO-UNESCO was selected as a Key Partner in recognition of the education and youth programmes that empower young people, and for being a leader in ESD in Ireland.

This 'ESD Leadership Training' will empower young people through interactive learning activities to inspire and mobilise others to take action towards building more sustainable, just and resilient communities. The course is open to young people aged 18-35 years old, who have demonstrated active engagement in ESD as an educator, trainer, member of a non-governmental organization, private sector professional, policy maker, researcher, or in any other relevant capacity in their communities.

• **Objectives**

This training aims to:

1. Empower youth leaders to inspire and mobilize others to take action towards building more sustainable, just and resilient communities
2. Build a youth-led ESD network for exchange and collaboration

• **Organizer**

There are 87 members of the GAP Partner Networks who are chosen from all regions of the world for their extensive outreach capacity and their ability to innovate and have major impact on ESD. In 2015, ECO-UNESCO, Ireland's Environmental Education and Youth Organisation, was selected by UNESCO as



a Key Partner for the implementation of the GAP on ESD under the Priority Action Area 4 (empowering and mobilizing youth) in recognition for its work on ESD.

- **Date**

Pre-training Online Session: 10 February 2017

Two-day In-person Training: 21-22 February 2017

Post-training Online Session: 27 February 2017 (tbc)

- **Venue**

Clock Tower, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, Ireland

- **Language**

Applicants must Have a good command of English (or the working language of the course), and be able to actively participate in all the sessions.

Who Can Apply

To be eligible for participation in the Training Course, you must:

- 1) Be between 18-35 years of age as of (date of application deadline).
- 2) Have demonstrated active engagement in ESD as an educator, trainer, member of a non-governmental organization, private sector professional, policy maker, researcher, or in any other relevant capacity.
- 3) Have a good command of English (or the working language of the course), and be able to actively participate in all the sessions.
- 4) Be able to attend the full program of the Training Course, including the 2-day, in-person training and the pre and post online sessions.
- 5) Wish to meet, collaborate and communicate with other ESD youth leaders from around the world.
- 6) Have success stories or innovative initiatives to share, and wishing to contribute to the global conversation on ESD.
- 7) Be a founder or member of youth network.
- 8) Be committed to mobilize at least 5 youth peers in their community within 1 year after participating in the Workshop for ESD Youth Leaders and empower them to be actively engaged with ESD activities.
- 9) Be interested in being invited to participate as ESD youth representative in conferences, seminars and workshops around the world.
- 10) Be willing to engage with making a report on their activities at 6 months and 1 year after the workshop.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:



- 1) Application form: Please complete the attached Application Form (Word format) in English.
- 2) Recommendation letter*: A letter from a head or officer of an ESD/youth-related organization or institution stating the applicant's engagement and relevant competency in ESD. The letter must be no longer than one page, written in English, and include contact information of the signatory.

*Please note this can be submitted at the training.

Please submit your application by email to Elaine Nevin at training@ecunesco.ie.

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Selection Criteria

Participants will be selected according to the following criteria:

- 1) Age: between 18 and 35 years old
- 2) Experience: engagement and expertise in ESD
- 3) Leadership: demonstrated leadership in their field, particularly among youth.
- 4) Motivation: willingness and ability to actively take part in the training sessions, and share their learning with a wider community of youth.
- 5) Commitment: integrity and commitment to advance ESD and contribute to the global youth network

* Geographic, gender, age balance, and field, sector diversity will be considered.

Selection results will be sent out to all applicants by email early w/c February 6th.

Training Costs

Flights, accommodation and meals will be covered.
Travel is based on the most economic direct flights.

UNESCO ESD Youth Network

Selected applicants who successfully complete the Training Course will be eligible to apply for membership in the UNESCO ESD Youth Network.

The Youth Network will serve as platform for the UNESCO ESD Youth leaders to:



- be invited to participate as ESD youth representative in conferences, seminars and workshops around the world.
- find mentors from the large variety of members of five GAP partner networks to get advice or support for the needs of ESD Youth leaders.
- be invited as mentor/facilitator of training workshops for ESD Youth Leaders around the world.
- share information with other ESD Youth leaders around the world to help each other and collaborate on joint projects etc.

Contact

If you have any questions about the application procedure, please contact training@ecunesco.ie or call +353 (0)1 662 5491.