

SDG Advocate Training 2024

Become one of Ireland's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Advocates!



Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in Global Citizenship Education (GCE)? Do you want to join Ireland's network of Active Citizens and create long-lasting positive change at a local and global level by contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals?

Apply today to become one of Ireland's SDG Advocates.



What is Global Citizenship Education (GCE)?

Irish Aid defines Global Citizenship Education as “a lifelong educational process, which aims to increase public awareness and understanding of the rapidly changing, interdependent and unequal world in which we live. By challenging stereotypes and encouraging independent thinking, GCE helps people to critically explore how global justice issues interlink with their everyday lives and how they can act to build a better world. This is particularly important in an increasingly globalised world faced with immense challenges, such as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, entrenched poverty and growing inequality, as well as misinformation-fuelled radicalisation.” – Irish Aid.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) / Global Goals?

In September 2015, world leaders from 193 countries came together to adopt the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs became a framework to guide our social, economic and environmental actions to achieve a better future for all by 2030. As a result, everyone is responsible for making the SDG agenda a reality.

The Training

The 2024 SDG Advocate Training offers 26 Adult and Community Educators an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Global Citizenship Education and be supported in the design and implementation of informed SDG Action Project within their practice. The closing date for applications is the 15th of March 2024. All applicants will be invited to attend an online information session on the 6th of April from 11am-1pm.

Our network

We offer a network of support through coaching, mentoring, learning and collaboration to encourage Advocates to develop personally and professionally.



Our training model

Our educational project is based on ‘informed action’. We incorporate experiential learning and support advocates to become multipliers in the field of Global Citizenship Education

Why take part?

You will – Broaden your awareness and understanding of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

You will - Gain practical action-orientated skills and experience. Discover best practices in creating social change.

You will - Enhance and strengthen the skills in Global Citizenship Education that will advance your professional development.

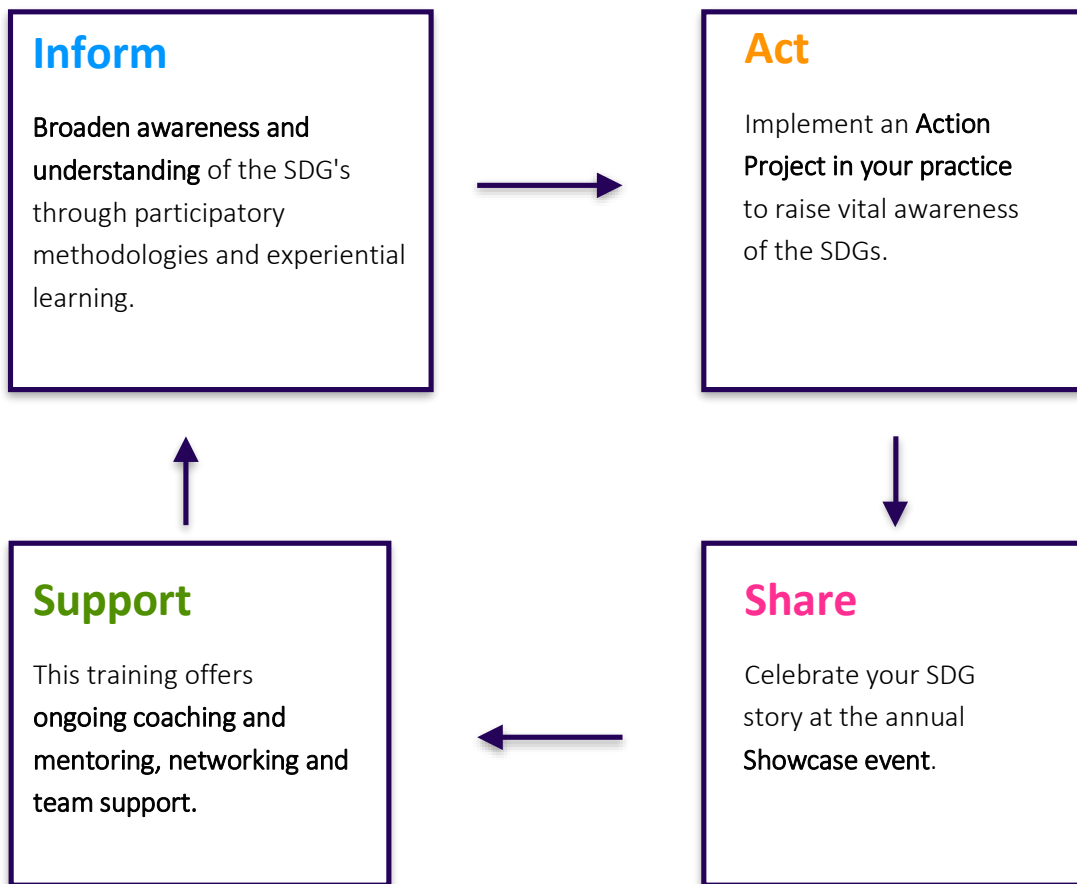
You will - Build your network and learn key engagement strategies to drive community involvement.

You will - Become one of Ireland's leading SDG Advocates

You will - Be offered the opportunity to showcase your project and represent your organisation, institute or community at a national event.



Project Structure



About the SDG Advocate Training

The project is designed in three phases

First phase – Explorative

The first phase will take place online in May 2024. An introduction will be provided on the concept of Global Citizenship Education, Development Theories, The Sustainable Development Goals and what these terms mean from an Irish and Global context. There will be an emphasis placed on Critical Analysis, Problem Solving and our role as Active Citizens. Online group Coaching and Mentoring will be scheduled for the end of May.

Second Phase – Action

The Action phase will consist of an exciting yet challenging 3-day Experiential Learning residential in Bru Moytura, Co Sligo in June. Using Global Citizenship Education, we will delve deeper into the three pillars of the SDGs inviting advocates to engage theoretically and practically in the process.

The emphasis will be placed on Design Thinking, Discourse Analysis, Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey, Systems Thinking, Value and Frames, and Emotional Development Activities.

Individual and group Coaching and Mentoring sessions will take place in July and August with further workshops online and in-person scheduled for the end of August. The Action phase is planned to support Advocates in the process of design and the implementation of informed SDG Action Projects.

Third phase - Reflection and Next Steps

The final 2-day residential in October will focus on group Coaching and Mentoring, reflection, evaluation and preparation for SDG Advocate Showcase Event. Read about previous Advocates Action Projects and Reflections on Development Perspectives website.

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Video - [SDG Advocate Training 2023](#) – Watch a short video of the 2023 SDG Advocate journey.

Booklet - [Stories of Action 2020-2023](#) – Read about previous Advocates Action Projects

Resources - [SDG Information Packs](#)

How we work

We use a range of educational training techniques and approaches throughout the seven-month GCE journey to ensure that everyone is engaged, interested, and has an opportunity to contribute and develop personally and professionally.

Participant Profile

- Preference will be given to those involved in the Adult and Community Education Sector.
- Who have some basic knowledge and/or experience of Global Citizenship Education.
- Who demonstrate a desire and willingness to design and implement an Action Project to further the achievement of the SDGs in Ireland.
- Who can commit to the full duration of the training course.
- Who show a willingness to participate in the annual SDG Advocate Showcase Event on the 17th of October.



Logistics

Closing date for applications – 15th of March 2024

Online Information session for all applicants - 6th of April (11-1 pm)

Placement offers - offers will be sent out by email on the 15th of April

Project Timeline

Explorative Phase	What	When	Time	Venue
	Workshop (Three hours)	May 11th	10am – 1pm	Online
	Workshop (Three hours)	May 12th	2pm – 5pm	Online
	Group Coaching and Mentoring	May 23rd	7pm – 9pm	Online

Action Phase	What	When	Time	Venue
	Residential	June 14th-16th	2 days	Bru Moytura Eco Lodge, Co. Sligo https://www.brumoytura.org/venue
	Individual Coaching and Mentoring	July/August	Scheduled with each Advocate	Online
	Online training	August 24th	10am-1pm	Online
In person training	August 25th	10am-4.30pm	Sonairte Ecology Centre, Laytown Co. Meath https://sonairte.ie/	

Reflection and Next Steps	What	When	Time	Venue
	Residential	Sept 27 th -29 th	2 days	TBC
Showcase	October 17 th	TBC	TBC	

Financial Considerations

- All residential accommodation, venue, food and facilitation costs will be met by Development Perspectives
- Travel costs will be met by Advocates
- €100 non-refundable contribution must be made upon acceptance of a place by May 3rd 2024.

Email for further information: mog@developmentperspectives.ie

Closing date: March 15th 2024

Apply today: www.developmentperspectives.ie/advocate.html

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