

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **(14 – 23 July 2023 / 4 – 13 September, Ponta Delgada, Portugal)**

Course description

Course overview and purpose:

Climate changes transform our ecosystem and our lives every day. Global warming may seem inevitable, but there is still time to make an impact on our mindsets. Sustainable development begins with education. Agenda 21 recognises the critical role that education plays in the transition to sustainable development. Only through Education individuals can be aware of the issue of sustainability while providing them with related skills, in order to take actions and find solutions to the local and global challenges we face nowadays.

Although the question of sustainability has risen to the top of policy agendas worldwide, policy action is limited in adult education.

Adults are not explicitly mentioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, its goals seek to reconcile economic growth, environmental balance and social progress, ensuring that all people have the same opportunities and can lead a better life without compromising the planet. Thus, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 includes adults as one of the target groups of actions in education by speaking about lifelong learning and 'all learners'.

Sustainable development represents the transition from today's society to a more environmentally friendly one. With the world facing a potential climate crisis - water shortages, drought, hunger, extreme weather - sustainable development goals are to ensure a commitment and balance between economic growth, preservation of the environment and social well-being.

During this course, aimed at educational staff who want to develop in the area of environmental and eco-friendly education, adult trainers will become aware of climate issues our world is facing and learn how to implement principles of sustainable development into your teaching practice. They will become acquainted with why different goals were adopted, what their contents are and how to create and share your own learning resources in order to teach SDGs.

Target group

The course is aimed for teachers and professionals of Adult education.

Objectives of the course

- Gaining knowledge, skills and competencies about climate change and sustainability
- Knowing the methodology of teaching Climate Change Issues
- Knowing how to approach Sustainability and Climate Change in Adult Education
- Knowing the good practices, policies and systems on environment and sustainability education in Europe
- Applying more meaningful, relevant, and hands-on learning opportunities;
- Achieve significant ecological footprint reductions;

Learning outcomes

The course will help the participants to:

- o Improve knowledge of the different UN Sustainable Development Goals

- o Engage learners in global citizenship themes such as justice, inequality, development, and climate
- o Learn to use tools and practical activities to prepare creative lesson plans with the SDGs in mind
- o Devise practical strategies to teach students about carbon footprints, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and climate action;
- o Share their experience with the other participants

Methodology

The course methodology will have daily motivation activities, self-knowledge, self-improvement, working in pairs and groups, in the classroom but also in outdoor activities.

The course will have lectures, practical learning activities, teaching tools, and best practices based on SDGs, seminars and workshops to ensure full comprehension and every day assignment support.

At the end of the course, the participants will receive an **attendance certificate** and the **Europass Mobility Document**.

Modules:

- **Climate change Essentials**
- **Energy and Water**
- **Global Citizenship Education**
- **Culture and Landscape**
- **Creating your Sustainable and Healthy Environment**
- **Injustice, inequality, and poverty**
- **How to create an action plan to raise awareness regarding the cause, effects and risks of climate change**
- **Sharing successful experiences**

DATES & VENUE:

1. There are two dates available: from 14-23 July 2023 and from 4-13 September 2023 in Ponta Delgada - Portugal and it will involve small groups of participants coming from EU countries.

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILES:

- Educators, teachers and professionals of Adult education.

For any further information or to register, please contact: socioeurope@gmail.com