



*Empowerment for a better world through
Adult and Community Education.*

SDG Advocate Training 2021

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

Are you a change maker in your community? Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills? Do you want to join Ireland's network of Active Citizens and create long lasting change within your community whilst also contributing to achieving the Global Goals?

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

The SDG Advocate Training is part of a broader strategic partnership programme called Saolta; the Irish word for "Worldly- Wise" <https://www.developmentperspectives.ie/saolta>.

Development Perspectives is the lead partner in the consortium, which also includes AONTAS, Concern Worldwide, Irish Rural Link and the Adult and Community Education Dept of Maynooth University.



SAOLTA strategic goal: Increased accessibility, quality and effectiveness of development education within the adult and community education sector.

The Project

The 2021 SDG Advocate Training offers 26 Active Citizens living in Ireland, an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and be supported in the design and implementation of informed Action Projects in the Adult and Community Education Sector. The closing date for applications is the 26th of February 2021. There will be an information session available online on the 6th of March for those who have applied.

The SDG Advocate Training aims to engage participants in an 8-month Development Education learning journey that will challenge views, opinions, knowledge and awareness of the world around us.

OUR NETWORK

We offer a network to support, mentor, coach, learn and collaborate so advocates can develop personally and professionally.

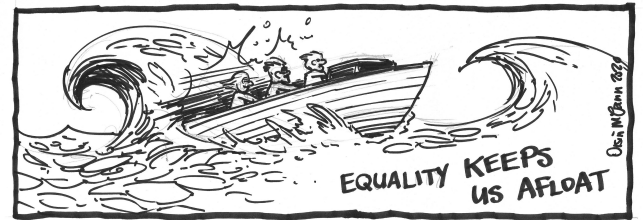


OUR TRAINING MODEL

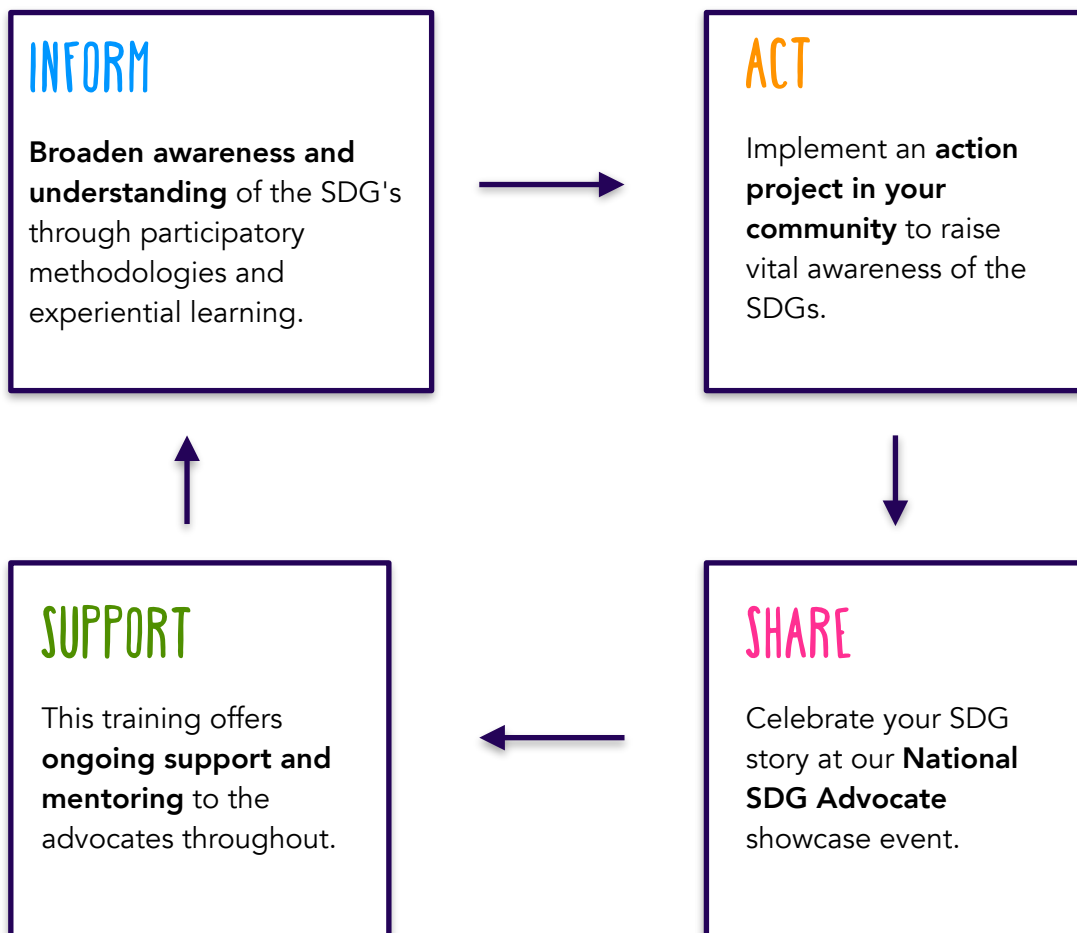
Our educational project is based on 'informed action'. We incorporate experiential learning and support advocates to become multipliers in the field of Development Education.

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, instincts, and abilities 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 community at a national event.



Project Structure



About the SDG Advocate Training

The project is designed around three separate stages

FIRST PHASE – EXPLORATIVE

The first phase will take place online in April 2021.

An introduction will be provided on the concept of Development Education, Development Theories, The Sustainable Development Goals and what these terms mean from an Irish and Global perspective. There will be an emphasis placed on critical analysis, discussion, problem solving and our role as active citizens.

SECOND PHASE – ACTION

The Action phase will consist of an exciting yet challenging 3-day experiential learning residential in June. Individual and group coaching and mentoring sessions will take place in July and August and a further 2 full day workshops in September. The emphasis will be placed on design thinking, discourse analysis, Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey and values and frames. The Action phase is planned to aid Advocates in the process of planning and implementing community projects aligned with the SDG's.

THIRD PHASE – REFLECTION AND NEXT STEPS

The final phase will incorporate a 2day residential in October and an exhibition of experience where project learning and reflection on action will be showcased to the general public.

The four pillars of Development Education will be weaved through workshops during the journey.

Problem Solving - Systems Thinking - Active Citizenship - Critical Thinking

Read about previous Advocates Action Projects and Reflections on Development Perspectives website:

Booklet - [SDG Advocate Reflections 2020](#)

Booklet - [Stories of Action 2017-2020](#)

Video - [SDG Advocate Action Projects 2020](#)

How we work:

A range of educational training techniques and approaches will be used throughout the eight-month journey to ensure that everyone is engaged, interested, and has an opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

Participant Profile

- Preference will be given to those who are involved in Adult and Community Education / Community Leadership.
- Have some basic knowledge and/or experience of development education / active citizenship.
- Have a desire and willingness to participate in a range of development education/ citizenship or advocacy issues upon completion of the project.
- Committed to attending and participating in the full duration of the training course and facilitating/organising/sharing the SDG Advocate experience to a wide audience on completion.

Logistics

Financial Consideration

- Residential accommodation, venue, food and facilitation costs will be met by Development Perspectives.
- Travel costs will be met by advocates
- €50 project contribution must be paid on acceptance of place.

General Information and Contact Details

*Applicants must be over 18yrs.

Advocates must be able to commit to all aspects of the SDG Advocate Training.

Closing date: 5pm, 26/02/2021

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

Email for further information: mog@developmentperspectives.ie

TAKE THE CHALLENGE – BE THE CHANGE!



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