

The Leonardo Da Vinci Workshop 2020:

Creativity for Sustainability

Organisation of the Workshop:

The Da Vinci Workshop is organised in the context of the international celebrations of the 500 years since Leonardo Da Vinci's death in Amboise France.

Mission statement:

The project will bring together an international group of 10 or more exceptionally creative young people who are interested in the broad area of Global Sustainability for 4 days in Amboise, France to exchange knowledge and collectively develop one or two big, bold ideas that address sustainability and climate change. Two young journalists who work in the area of Global Sustainability will also be selected to join the young scholars group. Their task will be to document the Workshop for the public.

Our Goals:

The aim of this Workshop is to generate novel "solution" ideas derived from an open dialogue of science, technology, social sciences, arts and culture that can lead to clear socioeconomic benefits at all levels - individual, local and of course global. The selected young participants will be aided by a group of mentors 'Les Sages' in discussions inspired by one of the most proliferative and creative geniuses of all time - Leonardo Da Vinci. The final product: formulation of a big idea to promote global sustainability.

Structure of the Workshop:

The project will finance all the selected participants as well as two journalists. To incentivise the Workshop participants to think deeply about the "next steps" for the ideas they generate, the project will look for individuals, companies, and foundations to provide "start-up" funding of "the next step" to develop the idea(s) proposed by the Leonardo da Vinci 2020 Workshop.

2-4 Workshop co-ordinators will manage key elements of the Project, including the search and selection of candidates, the planning of the expert presentations to the Workshop participants, and running the Workshop. Workshop co-ordinators will receive funding to attend the Workshop at Amboise as compensation for their work on the Project. To ensure that the Workshop is optimally executed, the co-ordinators will be supported by the co-chairpersons of the project, plus a multidisciplinary team of volunteers who have signed up to help.

The Workshop Participants will be selected from candidates nominated by important International groups working on climate change and global sustainability and leaders of "IDEA" teams who submit applications to the Workshop. The Foundation expects the Workshop Participants will continue to help each other by collaborating and interacting beyond 2020, thus forming a unique inter-generational, multidisciplinary network focused on Sustainability and Climate Change. More Workshop details will become available here www.skelligfoundation.ie as planning progresses

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

- A) **The project is funded for 10 participants and one journalist. Additional funding/donations are needed to reach goal of 14 + young participants and 2 journalists**
- B) **Donations also needed to fund the next step "Start-Up" of the Workshop "IDEA(s)"**
- C) **Individuals, Companies, and Foundations wishing to help fully fund the project can make a donation here <http://skelligfoundation.ie/donate/> or contact those below**

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