

Call for Workshop Participants/Ideas

The Project Leonardo Da Vinci 2020: Creativity for Sustainability Workshop, Amboise, France.

The Skellig Foundation (Ireland), in collaboration with a group of young academics (graduate students), are developing an audacious project to gather a multidisciplinary group of 10 - 15 young people (aged 20-40), together with a smaller group of more senior mentors, for a Climate Change and Sustainability Workshop at the last residence of Leonardo Da Vinci (the Clos Lucé in Amboise, France). *This workshop is a culmination of the global events to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise.*

The goal of the Workshop is to stimulate the generation of BIG, ambitious, but realistic “SOLUTION” type ideas that address two huge, related global problems: Climate Change and Global Sustainability (see Summary- Leonardo 2020 Workshop at the Skellig Foundation here www.skelligfoundation.ie). A key element for the success of the Workshop Project will be “assembling” the most talented and creative young “ideas” people possible who can both hone their own brilliant ideas, and create new ones, with peers at the Workshop.

Our approach to highlight the most creative people (and their ideas) is two fold:

- A) **Individual Workshop Candidates selected from candidates proposed by an “Expert Nomination” Process:** We are asking leaders of International Groups, NGO’s, Academic Institutes, University Teams/Departments etc, who have talented young people working in their midst to identify 1-2 people that are interested in participating in the Leonardo 2020 Workshop. Once the Experts have identified interested candidates internally, they will then nominate them and also help them build their candidature dossier.

This dossier, which will be sent to the people at the end of document, will consist of

- i) The nominated person’s CV (including birth date)
- ii) A letter of nomination from the nominating Expert
- iii) A letter of motivation from the nominated person to the Skellig Foundation that includes the “Big” idea they would like to present to their peers at the Workshop ... and why, (maximum 2 pages + 4 power point summary slides simply outlining their idea).

- B) **Leaders of “Idea” Teams who will bring their “Team’s Idea” to the Workshop:**

Young people at Universities and other Research Institutes can either develop one idea, or hold internal team competitions for ideas for the Workshop (an “Idea HUB”). One “Team Idea” developed from each University/Institute will then be entered in the Workshop Team competition

“Team” application dossiers should be sent to the people noted below who are organizing the “Team Idea” search. This dossier will consist of

- i) A short, 1 page letter of submission that includes the title of idea to be presented, a very short summary of the idea, and the names and affiliations of all the team members.
- ii) The CV of the “Team Leader” that the team proposes to come to Amboise, France to

present their idea at the Workshop

- iii) A PDF document from the whole team describing the “Big” idea they would like presented to their peers at the Workshop ... and why (maximum 2 pages + 4 power point summary slides simply outlining their idea).

The Team leaders of the winning “Team Idea” competition will then come to the Workshop to present their teams winning idea. The Workshop co-ordinators are currently working on a suggested framework for an internal “Team Idea” competition

Questions and Submissions regarding the Nomination of individual “Idea” contestants contact ...

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