

Call for Workshop Participants/Ideas

The Project Leonardo Da Vinci: Creativity for Sustainability Workshop, Amboise, France (May 19-22, 2021).

The Skellig Foundation (Ireland), in collaboration with a group of academics, graduate students, independent scholars, business people, etc, are developing an audacious project to gather a multidisciplinary group of >10 young people (aged 20-40) with a small group of mentors, for a Climate Change and Sustainability Workshop at the last residence of Leonardo Da Vinci (the Clos Lucé in Amboise, France) and at the nearby Chateau Gaillard. *This workshop was conceived to be one of the global events to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise (but delayed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) .*

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. A key element for the success of the Workshop Project will be “gathering” the most talented and creative young “ideas” people possible who will both hone their own brilliant ideas, and create new ones, with peers at the Workshop.

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

- A) **Individual Workshop Candidates selected from idea people proposed by an “Expert Nomination” Process:** We are requesting 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 and available to participate in the Leonardo Workshop from May 19-22, 2021 . 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)
- iv) Four power point slides simply outlining their idea.

- B) **Leaders of “Idea” Teams who will bring their “Team’s Idea” to the Worksop:** Young people at Universities and other Research Institutes can work together to develop an idea proposal for the Workshop. People could also organize team competitions for ideas for the Workshop (an “Idea HUB”). One “Team Idea” per University/Institute will be accepted for 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 send 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)
 - iv) Four power point slides simply outlining their TEAM idea.

The Team leaders of selected “Team Idea” competition will come to the Workshop to present their teams winning idea.

Costs of housing & meals + 225 Euro towards travel will be awarded to each of the young Workshop participants and journalist selected.

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

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