



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

## SDG Advocate Training 2020

**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 skills and knowledge? Do you want to join Ireland's network of active citizens and create long lasting change within your community?

***Apply today to become an Irish SDG Advocate.***



The SDG Advocate Training will offer 26 active citizens an opportunity to become one of Ireland's SDG Advocates through this innovative project. This training course will allow the advocates to deepen their understanding of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, represent the project internationally and lead transformative change in Ireland.

The mission of Development Perspectives is to contribute to lessening poverty, inequality and climate change through transformative education and active global citizenship. The SDG Advocate Training helps us achieve this mission. The focus is on poverty, human rights, trade, globalisation, conflict, sustainability, systems thinking, social change and aid. We will engage participants in an experiential learning journey that aims to 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

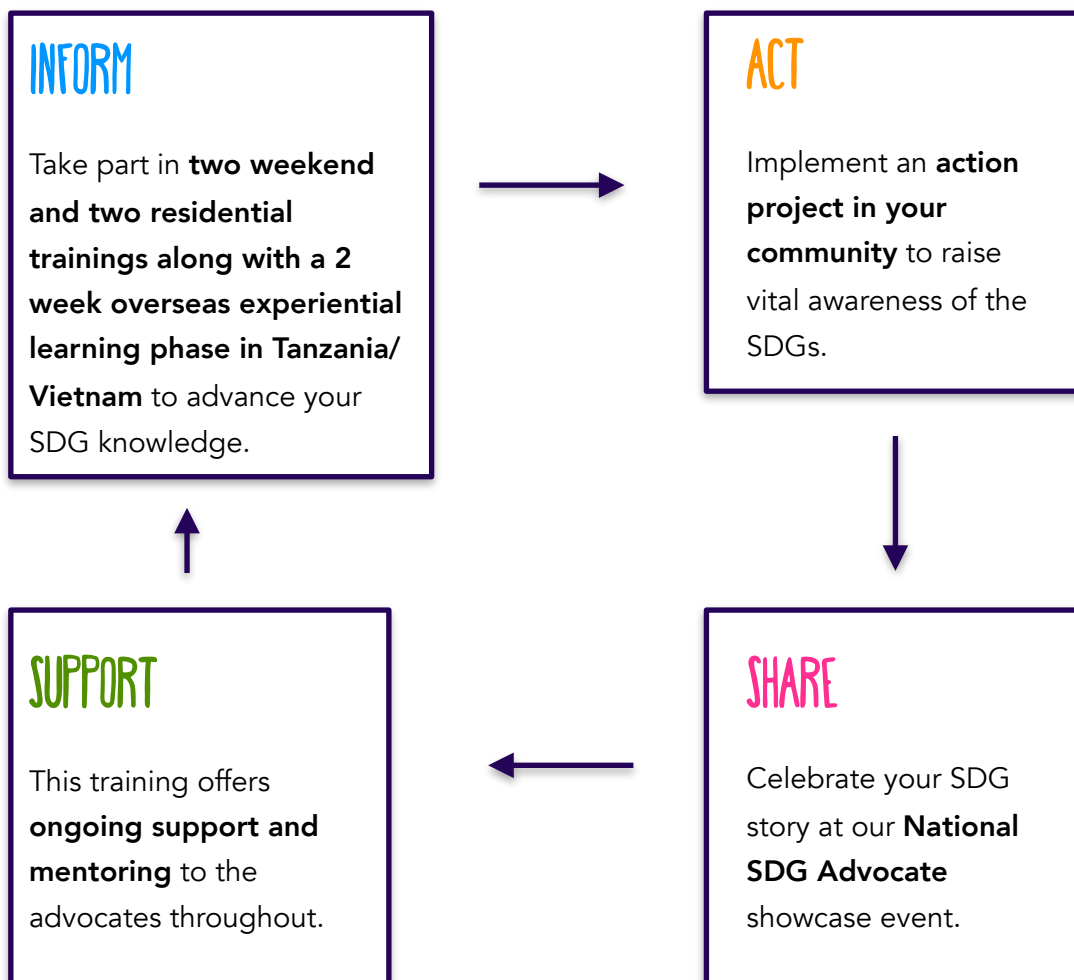
Our educational project is based on 'informed action'. We incorporate experiential learning and support advocates to become multipliers in the field of Development Education.

### Why take part?

- **You will** - Learn essential knowledge and skills regarding the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- **You will** - Gain practical action-orientated experience. Discover best practices in creating social change in both Ireland and Vietnam/Tanzania.
- **You will** - Be offered the opportunity to represent the project at both national and international events.
- **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.



## Project Structure



# About the SDG Advocate Training

The project is designed around three separate stages

## FIRST PHASE:

One weekend long workshop (Saturday and Sunday) and one residential weekend will be held between April and May 2020. The first phase will focus on an exploration of the concept and theories of development as well as examine the Sustainable Development Goals. Comprehensive preparation for the experiential learning (second phase) will be facilitated.

## SECOND PHASE:

In 2020, we will be working with partners in Tanzania and Vietnam. The second phase will take place over two weeks between June and July 2020. This phase of the training will consist of a practical work project chosen by the local community and a continuation of theoretical workshops. The experiential learning phase provides an opportunity to experience the lifestyle, culture, political and economical systems of the host community.

*Development Perspectives recognises the negative impact of the travel involved in the Second Phase and will make efforts to offset the carbon footprint involved through environmental projects and tree planting.*

## THIRD PHASE:

The Third Phase involves one weekend long workshop (Saturday and Sunday), one residential weekend and an SDG showcase event, between September and October 2020. The focus will be on becoming active within the area of development as a multiplier, with a view to engaging more people in Ireland and abroad in development issues and the SDGs. The advocates will work collectively on facilitating an awareness raising campaign. Four representative advocates from Tanzania and Vietnam will have an opportunity to participate in the final phase in Ireland as part of a reciprocal visit.

To understand more about what involved in this project watch our documentary: Insight 2015 - <https://youtu.be/VKxjFdByDEI>

## 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 return.

## Logistics

### Financial Consideration

Accommodation, food, internal travel in Tanzania and Vietnam, residential and facilitation costs will be met by Development Perspectives.

Flights, insurance, visa costs and medical costs to be met by the advocates.

There is also an expectation to **fundraise** a contribution to the overall cost of the SDG Advocate Training. (before you leave for the experiential learning phase).

**Tanzanian Edition:** €650

**Vietnamese Edition:** €750

## General Information and Contact Details

\*Applicants must be over 18yrs.

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

### Project dates:

#### **First Phase**

Information Session: 2pm - 5pm, 7th March, Barlow House, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Preparation and team building weekend: 18th and 19th April.

Residential Weekend: 22nd, 23rd and 24th May.

#### **Second Phase**

Edition in Vietnam: June 2020 (*Two weeks*)

Edition in Tanzania: June / July 2020 (*Two weeks*)

#### **Third Phase**

Reflection and Next Steps: 12th and 13th September.

Residential Weekend: 16th, 17th and 18th October.

SDG showcase event: 23rd October.

\* Please note for accepted applicants: The total fundraising amount is due on the 12th of June. Failure to submit this, without proper correspondence with the team, will result in cancellation of your placement.

**Closing date: 5pm, 25/02/2020**

**Apply today: [www.developmentperspectives.ie/advocate.html](http://www.developmentperspectives.ie/advocate.html)**

**Email for further information: [deborah@developmentperspectives.ie](mailto:deborah@developmentperspectives.ie)**

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