

## Invitation to Train-the-Trainer-Online-Workshop:

# Transformative Learning – Global Citizenship Education for Radical Change

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The Covid-19 pandemic has amplified pre-existing injustices and other problems globally. It has given us a foretaste of the effects that even more severe external crises, like the looming climate change, will have on our systems if we continue with business-as-usual. A need for a profound change of our economic and social systems and their underlying culture has become more apparent than ever.

Education, and especially Global Citizenship Education, is commonly viewed as a key factor to promote local-global change towards a dignified and just future for all beings on the planet. **But do we address the right issues? Do we already live the transformative potential of education to the fullest?**

Bridge 47 offers this space for educational multipliers and activists to reflect, challenge and expand their theories of change and their concepts of learning. In order to deepen our understanding of transformative education we will explore the following questions:

- What are the (cultural) root causes of the global multicrisis? What does *system change* actually mean?
- What do we have to learn, unlearn or let go off - individually and collectively - in order to allow, embrace and foster real change?
- What characterizes transformative learning and how can education create holistic spaces to trigger, support and accompany such learning processes?
- How transformative is our own organizational and educational practice? Can we be more radical?

**Three interactive online workshops** offer impulses on transformation, decolonization and transformative learning and invite to a space for sharing and exploring questions with fellow educators. Small activities

between the online sessions invite the participants for more experiential learning and allow for a reflective transfer into their own organizational and educational practice.

Attendance of all 3 sessions is required to participate, for having consistency in the group.

## Program Overview

Date	Objective
<p>Online-Module 1</p> <p>Tue, 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:15-13:00 (EET)</p> <p>+ guided walk in lunchbreak</p>	<p><b>Transformation and System Change</b></p> <p>Cultural root causes of the multicrisis</p> <p>How we are complicit and what we need to (un)learn to change the system</p>
<p>Online-Module 2</p> <p>Tue 16<sup>th</sup>: 15:00-17:30 (EET)</p> <p>+ reflection questions</p>	<p><b>Transformative Education</b></p> <p>Approaches and practices of transformative learning</p> <p>How we can venture beyond the limits of Western knowledge systems</p>
<p>Online-Module 3</p> <p>Thu, 18<sup>th</sup>: 10:15-13.00 (EET)</p>	<p><b>Transfer to our GCE Practice</b></p> <p>Lessons learnt, next steps and collective support for developing our educational practice</p>

## About the Trainer



**Timo Holthoff** leads the Innovation and Capacity Building work of the Bridge 47 project, based at the German partner VENRO. He has designed and co-facilitated the Bridge 47 *Transformative Learning Journey*, an experiential and experimental 1-year-course with educational activists from around the world.

Timo has worked in the CSO sector on Global Citizenship Education for 10 years. He is a trainer, lecturer, author and filmmaker for transformative and decolonial education and systemic change. He is committed to radically re-imagine what we conceive as education, curiously searching for alternative ways of learning and relating that help us co-create a wiser future.

## Who is this training for?

This Train-the-Trainer Workshop is open for participation to **CSO staff and volunteers, educators, trainers, activists, facilitators and youth workers** with experience in the GCE field and for people with curiosity for transformative learning.

## Practical Information:

- To register, please **complete the registration form [here](#)**.
- There are 10 spots available for participants from Finland and 10 spots for participants from Estonia. After registration we will let you know as soon as possible if your registration is confirmed.
- Participation Fee: 30 euros (pre-paid before the training). The invoice will be sent after the registration is confirmed.
- Deadline for registration is by **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2021**.
- The working language of the training will be English.
- A certificate for participation to this training can be provided upon request.

## Technical Requirements:

- The Online-Workshop will be hosted through Zoom video conferencing. Access link and code will be shared after registration.
- You need a computer with good internet connection, camera, sound and microphone.
- A smartphone with internet connection will be of advantage for some extra tools, alternatively you can use a web browser.

## Any Questions?

Please, don't hesitate to contact us for any questions at: [jenni.tuominen@bridge47.org](mailto:jenni.tuominen@bridge47.org) (Fingo) or [agne.kuimet@bridge47.org](mailto:agne.kuimet@bridge47.org) (AKÜ).

## About the organizers

The workshop is co-organized by Finnish Development NGOs - Fingo ry and The Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation (AKÜ) as part of the *Bridge 47 - Building Global Citizenship* Project. Bridge 47 is a project of 12 European and 2 global partner organizations, co-funded by the European Union. The project aims at mobilizing and strengthening civil society worldwide to contribute to global change through Global Citizenship Education (GCE).



Fingo is an NGO platform and an expert on global development. Fingo functions as an umbrella organisation of 300 member organisations working in the areas of development cooperation and global education. Fingo and its member organisations work to make life better – for everyone.

AKÜ coordinates the work among Estonian civil society organisations, private sector enterprises and state institutions on Global Citizenship Education and Sustainable Development and shares the work of Bridge 47 in Estonia. This includes communication, advocacy, training and events.

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