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«cultural heritage provides an opportunity to explore the past while looking to the future and becomes a tool to develop important skills for young people in the 21st century: critical and creative thinking, communication, empathy, self-awareness, leadership, intercultural understanding, respect for religious and other values»



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND HERITAGE EDUCATION

2018-2019





The programme

Within the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 and the UNESCO ASPnet Strategy 2014-2021, the Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO and the National ASPnet Coordinator in Cyprus launched the program “Global Citizenship and Heritage Education”. In addition to the acquisition of knowledge, the programme aimed at providing young people with the skills necessary to understand and respect cultural heritage and address contemporary challenges related to its safeguarding, assuming responsibilities as active citizens.

Objectives

- Transmission of knowledge and skills for the protection and promotion of cultural heritage.
- Development of innovative interdisciplinary heritage education approaches.
- Encourage critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills to address contemporary challenges for cultural heritage.
- Comparative approach of different forms of cultures and heritage, respecting differences and diversity.
- Activating youth to raise awareness about cultural heritage and encourage responsible actions for its protection (as visitors, citizens or professionals).

Connecting Heritage and Citizenship Education

ASPnet members in Cyprus were encouraged to explore cultural heritage and actively participate in its safeguarding and transmission in innovative interdisciplinary ways, through formal (existing curricula) and non formal education (extracurricular activities, projects and initiatives).

Beyond knowledge acquisition, students were encouraged to assume active roles for the promotion and transmission of cultural heritage, thus covering all three domains of GCED learning: the cognitive, the socio-emotional and the behavioural.

Heritage education in the curriculum

- mathematics (geometry in embroideries)
- music (ICH and music traditions).
- physics and technology (structural design of ancient monuments, sustainability and anti-seismic measures).
- chemistry (composition of ancient artefacts, historical evolution and relation to the knowledge about materials and their properties).
- economics (entrepreneurship and cultural heritage).
- physical education (traditional games & dances).



Main Activities

- Capacity-building seminar for ASPnet school coordinators on Heritage Education.
- Workshop series for the production of short documentary films (Archaeology-Ethnography-History) & presentation at the Cyprus Archaeological, Ethnographic and Historical Film Festival.
- Annual Student Forums:
 - “Our Heritage: Where the Past Meets the Future” (Nicosia, 2018).
 - “Cultural Heritage: Knowledge, development, evolution” (Omodos, Limassol 2019).
- Capacity building workshop for ASPnet schools to organise participatory forums (methodology of Future Youth Schools Forums: cross-field strategic partnership, to create a model for Global Citizenship Youth Forums to be run by schools, for schools—<http://www.fys-forums.eu>).
- Publication of a booklet on Global Citizenship and Heritage Education (articles and best practices of the programme).

Main Partners

Center for the Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology
 Cyprus Pedagogical Institute
 A.E.I. Audiovisual Forum
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