



Vegetable Plots at MUSE



School Group at MUSE



Enjoying a Botanical Garden Visit

Introduction

LearnToEngage is an exciting new suite of professional development modules for botanic garden and museum educators in Italy, Portugal and the UK.

These blended learning modules (a mixture of online and on-site learning) will enhance engagement of your audiences, and support the vital educational role of botanic gardens and museums. LearnToEngage is funded through the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme and provides an interactive, collaborative experience with both online and on-site provision.

The four modules are:

- Interpretation
- Working with Diverse Audiences
- Science Communication
- Research and Evaluation

Course Content

Each module will take place over 12 weeks and will provide a minimum of 60 hours learning, including a one week on-site training element working face-to-face with tutors and colleagues.

This will be complemented by online learning on the PropaGate Learning online learning platform, before and after the visit. The online element will include a range of presentations, collaborative activities, independent research and various tasks, some of which will be assessed. You will also be expected to reflect on your learning, both online and on-site.

You will need to have a basic level of English, be prepared to take part in debate and discussion and be able to engage with academic literature. In addition, you should be a competent computer user i.e. online learning will be easier for you if you have experience of using websites, email and online forums. You will also need access to a computer (desktop or laptop) with a reliable internet connection.

Course Dates

Course module	Start/ Finish date	On-site module dates	On-site location	Number of funded places available per country	Closing date for applications
Interpretation	4 th Sept - 1 st Dec 2017	9 th - 13 th October 2017	MUSE (Science Museum), Trento, Italy	Italy: 10 places Portugal: 5 places UK: 5 places	30 th June 2017
Working With Diverse Audiences	8 th Jan - 8 th April 2018	5 th - 9 th February 2018	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, UK	Italy: 5 places Portugal: 5 places UK: 10 places	30 th June 2017
Science Communication	3 rd Sept - 30 th Nov 2018	8 th - 12 th October 2018	MUSE (Science Museum), Trento, Italy	Italy: 10 places Portugal: 5 places UK: 5 places	30 th April 2018
Research and Evaluation	Early 2019	To be confirmed	University of Lisbon Botanic Garden, Portugal	Italy: 5 places Portugal: 10 places UK: 5 places	To be confirmed

Who is this course for?

Applications are invited from botanic garden staff and museum educators at all levels who are responsible for, or interested in, public engagement and education. We particularly welcome applications from staff in smaller organisations and from those who have not had previous opportunity to participate in staff development in topics related to the LearnToEngage modules.

These modules are 'pilots' and we will be expecting our applicants to work jointly with us to evaluate and enhance these modules for future course delivery.

Limited subsistence bursaries for the on-site staff development sessions will be available to successful applicants which amount to €550 per person for travel, accommodation and food.

Please see the table overleaf for the number of funded places available for each module for applicants from the UK, Italy and Portugal.

Self-funded applicants from *other countries* may also be considered; the course for self-funded applicants is free of charge, however applicants will be required to fund their travel and subsistence.



How to Apply

For further information and to apply please visit:

<https://learntoengage.eu>



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Professional Development for Botanic Garden and Museum Staff



Working with Diverse Audiences

> with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, UK



Interpretation and Science Communication

> with MUSE (Science Museum), Trento, Italy



Research and Evaluation

> with the University of Lisbon Botanic Garden, Portugal