



TRANSATLANTIC EDUCATORS DIALOGUE (T.E.D.)

SPRING 2022

February 6 - May 8, 2022

What is the Transatlantic Educators Dialogue?

The Transatlantic Education Dialogue (T.E.D.) is an opportunity for educators in the United States of America and Europe to come together online for shared exploration and examination of a variety of educational topics related to issues of identity and difference, with a particular emphasis on representations of “the other” in the classroom.

This experience of educational diplomacy and exploration, from multiple perspectives, will enable educators to overcome cultural misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Who is involved with T.E.D.?

A total of 50 educators in the US and Europe will be involved. Participants may be current teachers, pre-service teachers, university education students, school administrators, graduate students, and university education faculty.

Where Does T.E.D. Meet?

Participants can participate anywhere, provided they have access to the internet. Program sessions are scheduled and synchronous; group collaborations and discussion board responses take place asynchronously.

Synchronous sessions take place weekly for ninety minutes using Zoom. This online application enables registered participants to simultaneously communicate with their peers using microphones and webcams connected to their computers, typing into a shared chat space, and sharing videos, presentations, and images.

Prior to each live weekly session, participants will respond to thematic essential questions on a discussion board to initiate the conversations and represent diverse U.S. and European perspectives for each of the weekly topics. Articles, videos, and various other resources will be shared through a shared program website (Moodle).

Why Participate in T.E.D.?

- Learn about transatlantic educational systems, education policies, and classroom realities
- Explore networking opportunities with transatlantic educator counterparts
- Focus on career development, professional reflection, and growth, acknowledged in an official capacity at the end of the program.
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills, with a focus on making connections between current events and topics covered in our discussions.
- Share experiences with other educators, maintain connections with other participants, and have your students engage in online classroom exchanges with their peers in other societies.
- Develop personal relationships with other teachers interested in doing international collaborative projects.

How Much Does it Cost?

There is no fee to participate in T.E.D.

How to Participate?

Apply at <http://europe.illinois.edu/ted> by January 7, 2022

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Scheduled dates and weekly topics:

February 6 - TED Program Orientation & Introductions

February 13 - Meeting your Panel Groups and Organizing for Future Sessions

February 20 - Panel #1 - Teacher Education: Policies and Norms

February 27 - Panel #2 - Technology in the Classroom and the Future of Education

March 6 - Panel #3 - Creative Pedagogies and Instructional Practices

March 13 - Panel #4 - Migration/Immigration & Cultural Awareness

March 20 - Intersession #1

March 27 - Panel #5 - Student and Parental Involvement in Education

April 3 - Panel #6 - Building Safe Spaces: Inclusion & Approaches to Violence/Bullying

April 10 - Panel #7: Youth Culture and Student Life

April 17 - No Session (Western Easter Holiday)

April 24 - No Session (Orthodox Easter Holiday)

May 1 - Panel #8: Supporting Diverse Learning Needs

May 8 - Intersession #2

Testimonials

"T.E.D. is an invaluable opportunity to meet and collaborate with international teachers. An outstanding programme for peer learning, networking and mutual enrichment. A step further in my continuous professional development. A community I am now grateful and proud to belong to." – Julia Gracia (Cordoba, Spain)

"The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue group solidifies my belief that outstanding teachers practice their craft all over the world and those educators are more than willing to share their thoughts and ideas to anyone. I am now a better educator because each week, my teacher toolbox was filled with great ideas on pedagogy and educational theory. I cannot recommend the TED program highly enough." — Rhett Oldham (Ste. Genevieve, Missouri)

"The TED program is a unique experience for whoever decides to take it up. Firstly because it brings together educators from two completely different parts of the world. Secondly, because through the different topics presented every week, you get a better understanding of what happens in other schools and how educators act and react according to different situations. Thirdly, because the weekly meetings create strong bonds among the participants. It was the experience of a lifetime and I do believe that this is just the beginning for greater partnerships in the future!" - Georgia Maneta (Kala Nera, Greece)

"With TED, there are no borders, no divisions. Our goal is unified. TED allows me to interact with peers around the globe and provides a means to share educational methods on how to better engage my students. The program enables participants to collaborate creative ideas and discover ways to help make this world a better place through education. I am thankful for the personal growth TED provides by helping me to become a better educator, and a better person."

- Kit Brown (Homer, Illinois USA)

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