



Global Citizens Initiative

2020 GCI Seminar for Educators

July 27-30 at the University of St Andrews, Scotland

Objective:

The GCI Seminar is a 4-day residential program for 12 secondary school educators and administrators who are interested in exploring how to prepare young people for leadership roles and how to equip them for initiating real change in their communities. Educators who attend the GCI Seminar will gain an understanding of the GCI Method with the objective of adapting what they have learned for their own schools.

Description:

The GCI Seminar runs concurrently with the GCI Summit for secondary school students and shares faculty and some sessions and activities with the Summit. The Seminar is an intensive program combining discussion with peers, observation of students in action at the GCI Summit and guided reflection. It offers an ethics-based leadership curriculum with instruction entirely in English and an emphasis on developing students who are ethical and effective leaders.

During the Seminar, Educators will explore the GCI Method, which consists of discussion-based learning, design thinking and human connectivity. Specifically, Educators will:

- learn the Harkness® discussion-based learning methodology, taught by faculty from Phillips Exeter Academy, where the methodology was initially developed and has been incorporated in classrooms for nearly 90 years;
- learn Design Thinking - the human-centric problem-solving framework - taught by an expert in this field with an emphasis on fostering the design of creative solutions to social issues;
- observe the 28 secondary school students participating in the GCI Summit as they participate in Harkness® sessions and apply design thinking techniques to develop service projects ("Glocal" Service Projects) that they will execute in their home communities;
- hear from inspirational speakers on topics related to social entrepreneurship, leadership, ethics and global citizenship;
- have the opportunity to learn from other educators from around the globe, discussing their unique classroom experiences; best practices, challenges and insights, during a session devoted to sharing and reflection; and
- begin to establish meaningful and hopefully continuing relationships with other Seminar participants who represent schools from around the world.

Dates and Info:

July 27 – 30, 2020 at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through Monday, March 16 at 11:59 PM EST

- For questions and information: support@gcici.org

- For application: <https://gci.smapply.io/prog/seminar2020/>