Year-Round Mentoring in Reaching Secular Youth Culture

with Luke Greenwood

Leaders



Luke Greenwood serves as the European Director for Steiger, a mission dedicated to reaching the Global Youth Culture for Jesus. Steiger has established a movement of dynamic missionary teams reaching secular culture in over 100 global cities. Luke wrote a book called *Global Youth Culture: The Spiritual Hunger of the Largest Unreached Culture Today*, which came out in 2019, and is the vocalist for a "riot rock" band called The Unrest. He lives in Wroclaw, Poland, with his wife Ania and their two children, Daniel and Sara.

Additional speakers: Luke will be inviting some of the key leaders from Steiger to teach in some of the webinars throughout the year, drawing from a diverse and international experience.

Overview

GOAL: To address some of the issues and opportunities raised in the current secularized Global Youth Culture and share principles for relevant evangelism and effective discipleship learnt through the experience of front line action among young people who would not usually walk into a church. Ultimately to encourage some new bold evangelists for Europe!

PLAN:

- An online kick-off session in September
- Four 1.5-hour webinars
- Join Luke and the Steiger team in street evangelism as part of Revive Europe in December 2022. Costs for conference and transportation to be covered by participants. See details here: <u>www.reviveeurope.org</u>
- Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum, on 19-20 May 2023, in Wisla, Poland.
 Participants will still need to apply for the European Leadership Forum and will be responsible for paying Forum fees to participate in the 2023 Forum. Participants must also pay for their own travel expenses.

PARTICIPANTS: Ten to twelve people with a call to share Jesus with people outside the church and reach their cities with the gospel.

QUALIFICATIONS: The expectation is that the participants are involved in some form of evangelistic work among 16–35-year-olds, or are involved with this age group in the church context and want to learn to reach youth outside the church. It is also expected that the participants have leadership experience and are between the ages of 18 and 35.

COMMITMENT: In addition to submitting an application, you must commit to:

- 1. Read the books and materials indicated for each webinar.
- 2. Attend all sessions and meetings.
- 3. Participate in all webinars on computer with a good Internet connection and using a head-set.
- 4. Secure a copy of the needed books.
- 5. Cover the costs for transportation, food, and accommodation for the in-person events.

2023 PRE-FORUM CONFERENCE: All participants will attend the Pre-Forum Conference with Luke on 19-20 May, 2023, (Friday evening and Saturday morning). For the *2023 Pre-Forum Conference* the fees are 80 Euros for a Double Room and 90 Euros for a Single Room, or 68 Euros for scholarship recipients.

Webinars: Dates, Topics, and Assignments

The Reaching Secular Youth Culture mentoring plan includes the following four 1.5 hour webinars.

You should purchase as soon as possible the following books:

- Luke Greenwood, *Global Youth Culture: The Spiritual Hunger of the Largest Unreached Culture Today* (Steiger International, 2019)
- Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God* (New York: Viking, 2008)
- Lindsay Olesberg, *The Bible Study Handbook* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect, 2012)

Webinar One: Know the scene

12 September 2022 @ 15.00-16.30 GMT

Please read the book *Global Youth Culture* by Luke Greenwood before the gathering in July, or at least before this first webinar.

In this webinar we will focus on chapter 7 "Know the scene" of the book *Global Youth Culture*. We will discuss the need to bridge the gap between the Church and the Global Youth Culture by going, knowing, and relating to the secular scene of our city, asking good questions, and sharing our lives with those outside the church.

Assignment: research of a particular scene in your city:

1. Observe some cultural or social opportunities to get to know new people. Ex.: Finding out where people are meeting, and what cultural events, clubs or festivals are happening.

- 2. Relationships: Meet someone new, introduce yourself and ask about their life, views, and passions.
- 3. Pray: After gathering your observations and the names of people you've met, pray for your city, for people, and for creative ideas.
- 4. Do something: Right an idea or vision you would like to act on. Try to put your idea into practise before the next webinar.

Write up in 500 words describing what you did and your experience with this. Send to <u>luke@steiger.org</u> by 5 September.

Webinar Two: Speak the Truth

Date: 7 November 2022 @ 15.00-16.30 GMT

Please read the book *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller, for this webinar.

In this webinar we will focus on chapter 8 "Speak the truth" of the book *Global Youth Culture*. We will hear from a few different leaders from Steiger about their work in street evangelism, looking at principles and best practises. We will also discuss how to respond to some of the most commonly asked questions in evangelism.

Assignment: plan and lead a street evangelism action in your city! Write up in 500 words describing what you did and your experience with this. Send to <u>luke@steiger.org</u> by 31 October.

Webinar Three: Discipleship relationships for a pandemic of loneliness

Date: 6 February 2023 @ 15.00-16.30 GMT

In this webinar we will focus on chapter 9 "Stay together" of the book *Global Youth Culture*. A generation with broken relationships and in identity-crisis is thirsty for community and truth. A discipleship relationship is sharing life with someone, not expecting them to come to us but going to where they are and intentionally showing them what it means to follow Jesus in their context. It means making prayer and the Bible accessible and understandable and helping them get connected with a local church community.

Assignment: develop a discipleship relationship with a friend or new contact who does not attend a church. Write up in 500 words describing what you did and your experience with this. Send to <u>luke@steiger.org</u> by 30 January.

Webinar Four: Bible studies for the non-religious

Date: 3 April 2023 @ 15:00-16.30 GMT

Please read the book *The Bible Study Handbook*, by Lindsay Olesberg, for this webinar.

We will be looking at how to apply the concept of community Bible study (or inductive Bible study) to an audience that considers itself "non-religious" and "apathetic to the church". This is

connected to the concept of discipleship relationships discussed in the previous webinar.

Assignment: Lead a Bible study with a group or an individual who does not attend a church. Write up in 500 words describing what you did and your experience with this. Send to <u>luke@steiger.org</u> by 27 March.

Application Process

To apply:

- 1. Complete the <u>online application</u>.
- 2. Once we have received your online form, your application will be considered complete. We will review completed applications and let you know if you are accepted into the program within four to six weeks.

If you have questions, contact us at initiatives@euroleadership.org