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# Peer Group Mentor Open Call

## Academy 2021

Are you interested in becoming one of the peer group mentors for the Academy 2022? Find out more about this opportunity in this Joint Communication.

The Academy 2021 is scheduled to take place from 27 October to 7 November 2021. Peer groups will be central to this year's Academy. Most of the sessions will be dedicated to self-directed learning and peer group projects while live sessions will run during the weekends to allow greater flexibility of the learning experience.

In this context, supporting the organisation of the peer groups as a Peer Group Mentor will be a key mission, and it could be your mission.

During the Academy, at least six peer group meetings are currently planned:

- 27 October 2021: launching of the peer groups (the mentors will receive all the details of the session they will have to deliver) in order to allow the crew members to meet and to discover different aspects of the Academy
- One meeting during the first weekend to determine the main objective of the peer group project
- Two meetings during the second week to work on the project
- One meeting before the closing ceremony and the presentation of the project
- 7 November 2021: closing ceremony

In addition, you are invited to all social activities during the event (the exact schedule remains to be defined) and are expected to join the closing ceremony on 7 November 2021. The schedule is flexible and can fit outside working hours.

Before the Academy, the Content Managers will provide at least 2 sessions dedicated to the peer group mentors in order to explain their mission, answer their questions and present the platform used for the Academy 2021. The draft agenda of the experience will also be shared.

An evaluation webinar dedicated to peer group mentors will be provided after the Academy.

## Desired Skill Set for a Peer Group Mentor

Let's break it down:

- Are you familiar with the mentoring approach?
- Have you facilitated team discussions?
- Can you find questions to trigger deeper reflection?
- Can you facilitate a productive evaluation?
- Can you be an active listener?

Whether you are doing this kind of work professionally or as a volunteer, we would love to have you as a peer group mentor at the Academy 2021.

You do not have to be a facilitator at the Academy to serve as peer group mentor. However, if you are an Academy 2021 participant, you cannot be a peer group mentor as you will need to partake in the activities of your own peer group. As a peer group mentor, you will not have to pay any participation fee.

## Peer Groups at The Academy 2021

In 2021, at a gamified Academy, peer groups become crews to discover space and its planets and galaxies. In space, spaceships are the anchor point of the crews: the learning experience will be focussed on self-directed learning and peer group support. To increase the wider gain of knowledge, each crew will be encouraged for its participants to interact collectively with a broad selection of sessions.



Peer groups will be made up of six crew members and one engineer mentor (the peer group mentor). The crews will be put together based on the participants' choice of sessions rather than on their role within their association, just like it was the case during the previous Academies. During the Academy, participants will be required to prepare a peer group project. This is to encourage productive networking with their peers, but also to share the word for the impact of Scouting & Guiding. In addition, their crew mission will be to complete a wide range of training activities in order to gain key resources to keep their crew alive and their mission on track.

### **Objectives of the Peer Groups and Learning Paths**

Through a collective project and the crew life, each participant will have the opportunity to explore and gain learning in the following paths:

- The Gaia System (focussing on sustainability, SDGs, community involvement *etc.*).
- The Expanding Galaxy (focussing on retention and recruitment (growth), advocacy, governance *etc.*).
- The Umbrella Constellation (focussing on diversity, inclusion and youth participation).

As a peer group mentor, or “engineer mentor”, your role will be crucial in the facilitation and support of the crew and its peer group project. Your mission, if you accept it, will be to support the development of a peer group project and the networking & reflection between participants.

More specifically, your mission is:

- **To support the crews to create and present their project:** each crew will have the mission to create a “time capsule” (= their peer group project) in order to deliver its project to the other crews and to Earth
- **To facilitate the crew life and work:** the Content Team will provide you with toolkit activities which will allow you to animate the life of the crews throughout the Academy

Do you want to take part in this amazing adventure? If your answer is “yes”, then you can apply as Peer Group Mentor (“Engineer Mentor”) for The Academy 2021 by completing [this application form](#) by 15 August 2021 latest.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Content Managers via [content@thesgacademy.eu](mailto:content@thesgacademy.eu).

We are looking forward to receiving your application.

To the infinity and beyond!

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