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## Annex 2 to Joint Communication 08 2021

### Reminder - Call for Peer Group Mentors: new deadline

**Do you want to be a peer group mentor for the next Academy? Find out more for this amazing opportunity!**

The Academy 2021 will take place from the 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, six peer group meetings, at least, are expected:

- 27 October 2021: launch 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 a bit about 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
- Closing ceremony

You are invited to all the social activities during the event (exact schedule to be defined) and expected to join the closing ceremony on the 7th of November.

The schedule is flexible, and it can fit outside working hours :)

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

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

### Skills

But what do you need to be a peer group mentor? Let's go through the next questions to understand a bit more the skills needed:

- 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?

Either you are doing that professionally or voluntarily, we would love to have you as a peer mentor at the Academy 2021!

You don't have to be a facilitator in the Academy to be a peer group mentor.

Moreover, if you are an Academy 2021 participant, you cannot be a peer group mentor as you will need to follow your own peer group ;)

Note that you will not have to pay any participation fee.

### Peer groups during the Academy 2021

In 2021, in 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 by 6 crew members and 1 Engineer mentor (the peer group mentor).

The crews will be built regarding the participants' choice of sessions more than their mission within their Member Organisation, just like it was the case during recent 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.

Moreover, 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 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 peer group project. Your missions, if you accept it, will be briefly to support the creation of a peer group project and the networking & reflection between participants.

More specifically:

- **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 that will allow you to animate the life of the crews throughout the Academy.

**Do you want to take part in this amazing adventure?**

**You can apply to The Academy 2021 project as an Engineer Mentor (Peer Group Mentor) through [this form](#) by 6 October 2021.**

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

Looking forward!

To the infinity and beyond ;-)

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