



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK CAMP: DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG STUDENTS OR MEMBERS OF YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE

An initiative promoted by the European project “Ecoality: Youth and Local Authorities together for climate and gender justice”

The call is open until **May 22nd, 2026**.

Two participants will be selected.

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1. ORGANIZING BODY

This is a call for applications within the project “Ecoality: Youth and Local Authorities together for climate and gender justice” (NDICI CHALLENGE/2023/451-832) funded by the DEAR: Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (call 2022) by the European Commission.

Ecoality is a collaborative project involving 10 partner countries, targeting young people, teachers, and educators working with youth. In Finland, the project is coordinated by the Rauhankasvatusinstituutti ry (RKI, in English: Peace Education Institute), an independent non-governmental organization founded in 1981.

Ecoality is implemented in 2024-2026. It seeks to raise awareness and foster a sense of shared responsibility among young European citizens. It promotes climate and environmental justice, gender equality, and equity.

The project provides participating young people with opportunities for peer learning and collective action on these themes. It encourages youth leadership and civic engagement to address ecological and social challenges. You can find more information here: [Rauhankasvatusinstituutti](#) & [Ecoality](#).

2. FRAMEWORK

“Ecoality: Youth and Local Authorities Together for Climate and Gender Justice” focuses on the interconnection and intersectionality of ecological crises and gender inequalities, emphasizing the impact of individual and collective behaviour.

The climate crisis stands as the defining challenge of our era, with complex and evolving dynamics: ecological changes, poverty and inequality intricately link and profoundly influence the following three dimensions:

1. Inequalities regarding carbon emissions.
2. Impact on affected communities.
3. Communities’ capacities to respond to the climate crises.

Both at the local level and globally, response initiatives to climate change can downplay or suppress democratic, equity-enhancing politics. Inequality among women and men and climate change (and more broadly ecological crises) are interconnected and exacerbate each other across societies, but the impacts of climate change affect women and men differently. We must address both issues to contribute effectively to climate justice. Gender often intersects with other categories of vulnerability such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, ability. An intersectional approach between the environment and gender enables solidarity and agency across and beyond social categories. The Action adopts an ecofeminist lens to facilitate this intersectional approach.

“Ecoality’s” ecofeminist lens promotes:

1. The relevance of everyone embracing cross-cutting principles and values such as care, participation, non-violence, inclusion. This implies shared responsibility and participation based on concepts of equity as well as equality.
2. Transforming mind-sets, skills, attitudes, actions, which are sensitive to both gender and ecological equalities.
3. Examining relationships (power and privilege) between people as well as between people and the planet, which help and hinder sustainable development.

The project aims to train and mobilise young people to commit to global challenges and strengthen their cooperation with Local Authorities (LA’s), to raise awareness and sensitise them to the urgency and shared responsibility of taking collective action to support and promote Climate and Gender Justice. “Ecoality” fully embraces the key role of young people as allies for the transition towards sustainable development and youth’s collective agency as one of the most significant resources to combat climate change and social inequalities among women and men.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK CAMP

- Mobilise young people for ‘ecofeminist activism’.
- Raise awareness among young people and the broader community about climate justice, gender equity, and global interconnectedness through an intersectional perspective.
- Contribute to Global Education in Europe by engaging youth and wider communities on climate justice and gender equity.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK CAMP

- Learn about a new culture through local voices and their narratives on global crises.
- Engage in projects that promote climate justice and gender equity.
- Develop awareness of the environmental and social challenges of a country in the Global South, such as Mozambique, and learn about local strategies to combat them.
- Understand the role of Non-Governmental Development Organization (NGDO) and activism in ecofeminism.
- Explore the relevance of public policies for ecofeminism.
- Gather firsthand insights in Mozambique to inform and develop awareness campaigns in Finland, engaging youth and wider communities on climate justice and equity among women and men.

4. TARGET GROUP

Young people aged 18-29 living/studying in Finland, including school students and youngsters in non-formal settings such as volunteer groups and youth associations.

5. TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE

The International Fieldwork Camp comprises of mandatory preparatory trainings online and in Lisbon, Portugal followed by a trip to Mozambique. Please note that the plan is subject to change due to external and internal factors.

TRAVEL PLAN

- **Friday, August 21st, 2026:** Travel to Lisbon.
- **Saturday, August 22nd, 2026:** Training and team building, in Lisbon, from 9:30AM to 6:00PM;
- **Sunday, August 23rd, 2026:** Travel from Lisbon, Portugal to Maputo, Mozambique (TAP – departure at 7:05PM (Lisbon), arriving at 06:45AM (Maputo), on August 24th).
- **Monday, August 24th, 2026:** Rest, logistics and Get to know the City
- **Tuesday, August 25th, 2026:** Travel to Chibuto (AIDGLOBAL location), departure at 06:00Am, arriving around 10:30AM
- **From the August 24th to September 4th several activities will take place, between Chibuto and Maputo, such as:**
 - Visit local projects (businesses, community development initiatives, etc.) promoted by young people and/or women, which are good examples of climate change mitigation/adaptation and/or that foster gender equity;
 - Learn about success stories of female empowerment;
 - Promote a debate, together with local associations, on female empowerment and gender equity and/or climate change;
 - Collaboration with young people in various activities
 - **Friday, September 5th, 2026–** Departure from Maputo, Mozambique at 8:30am (airport at 6:00Am) to Lisbon (TAP), arriving at 6:40PM, on **September 5th.**
- **Friday, September 5th or Saturday, September 6th, 2026:** Return to Finland.

6. ACTIVITY FOR CALL WINNERS UPON THEIR RETURN FROM MOZAMBIQUE

On returning from the trip, participants will carry out one or more awareness raising activities within their local communities. This action has the objective of sensitising and engaging young people and the community in general in issues related to climate justice, gender equity and global interconnection through an intersectional perspective.

Each action must be concluded by the **1st of December 2026**.

Example of possible actions:

- Round-table – debate – talk;
- Street action;
- Blog or article (school or community newspapers);
- Posters or murals;
- Educational workshops;
- Educational Materials and its application;
- Podcasts or educational videos;
- Exhibition;
- Manifestos;
- Improvements of the association work plans to better integrate the promotion of ecofeminism, gender equality or climate action;
- Other.

Example of possible themes:

- Best practices of community engagement in Mozambique;
- Success stories of women empowerment in Mozambique related to climate change;
- Reflecting on how your local association or school can better integrate gender equality and climate action into their action plans, incorporating the knowledge gained in Mozambique;
- Innovative solutions that are currently addressing climate change in Mozambique.

7. HOW TO APPLY

- Fill in the Application Form (available on the Website)
- CV (no longer than 3 pages)
- Send a motivation letter (no longer than 1 page).

[For example, explain why you want to participate, share any previous experience in activities related to climate and gender justice (such as the “Ecoality” project or other initiatives), describe how this experience could be transformative in your personal journey of awareness, etc.].

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation.
- Experience in volunteering at the local level.
- Ability to communicate and express effectively in English.
- Availability to actively participate in three preparatory online training (6 hours in total), on the 27 of May (Session on Eco-feminism) 11 or 12 of June (Session on Colonialism) and 14 or 15th of July (Session on cultural context and Logistics).

Notes:

- Attendance at the online training sessions is mandatory. However, if you are unavailable on any of the three dates indicated, please do not let that stop you from applying — get in touch with us and we will find an alternative solution.
- Selected participants will be required to sign a commitment letter, which includes a code of conduct ([check it, here](#))

Prioritisation criteria:

- Being 21 years old or older;

- Having participated in the activities of the “Ecoality: Youth and Local Authorities together for climate and gender justice” project;
- The European panel will prioritise gender equality, diverse backgrounds, and balanced age-group representation;
- Being the participant’s first experience in a social project in a country from the Global South.

Note: The selection team will select two young people from each country.

9. EVALUATION

Phase 1 – Application

Phase 2 – Interview

Note: the selection board may ask candidates for additional information to help it assess and justify its decisions.

10. PANEL

In the first phase of selection, the panel from Rauhankasvatusinstituutti Ry will select the candidates for interviews based on the applications and will conduct the interviews. Following this, a European panel from the ‘Ecoality’ project partnership will make the final decision, taking into account the balance of gender, age, and diverse backgrounds.

The members of the selection team are obliged to keep the content of the meetings and the voting decisions of the other members confidential.

11. EXPENSES PAID BY THE CALL ORGANISATION

Expenses related to Mozambique:

- International travel
- Air travel insurance
- Visas
- Vaccinations
- Local travel
- Meals
- Accommodation
- VISAS (eTA & eVisa)

Note: EU citizens are visa-exempt for tourism (up to 30 days) but must apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) before traveling. The cost of eTA is around €10, check information [here](#)

Expenses related to Lisbon:

- International travel
- Local travel
- Meals
- Accommodation

12. EXPENSES PAID BY CANDIDATES

- Passport
- Traveller's consultation
- Telephone card/calls abroad
- Wi-Fi.

Any other expenses that may arise, including personal items, which the document does not specify.

13. APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Application deadline: May 22nd, 2026
- Pre-selection decision: May 26th, 2026
- Interviews: June 3rd-4th, 2026
- Decision and acceptance communication: June 9th, 2026

14. ENROLMENT

Send your application to ecoality@rauhankasvatus.fi, with the following attachments:

- Application Form [available on the Website]
- CV [No longer than 3 pages]
- Motivation Letter [No longer than 1 page]

15. WITHDRAWAL

In the event of cancellation due to force majeure, the participant must provide a valid justification (e.g., medical certificate or bereavement).

If the participant does not provide a valid justification, they must reimburse Rauhankasvatusinstituutti Ry for any expenses incurred.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For clarifications and requests for information, please contact: ecoality@rauhankasvatus.fi