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Educating Children to the Love of Nature

Apor Vilmos Catholic College, Vác



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Katolikus Főiskola

14 April (online day), 17-21 April (in-person programme in Vác)

Garden-based and outdoor education can enhance children's social, physical, cognitive and affective skills, and can also help children to appreciate and respect their natural environment more.

The aim of the colourful and interactive programme Educating Children to the Love of Nature is to encourage students' engagement in intercultural dialogue promoting cultural awareness through the sharing of cultural values and professional knowledge about the topic.

The short-term blended intensive programme consists of a five-day workshop with physical presence in Vác (17-21 April) preceded by a day of virtual learning (14 April).



Topics in Focus

- ✿ Fostering environmental consciousness, oikophilia and conservation issues
- ✿ Care of Creation in early childhood education - songs, rhymes, proverbs and activities
- ✿ The role of outdoor space and school gardens in education
- ✿ Outdoor (risky) play
- ✿ Environmental projects in early childhood education
- ✿ Outdoor games, drama and storytelling



Objectives

- ✦ to promote networking among students through group work aimed at the preparation of cooperative projects
- ✦ to support students' participation in intercultural dialogue through activities developing creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking
- ✦ to encourage students to share experience about their care of their local area
- ✦ to develop students' skills, competencies, and various types of intelligence in expressing their love and care of nature

Activities

- ✦ lectures, interactive workshops, group work
- ✦ thematic programmes in Vác
- ✦ cultural events in Budapest
- ✦ visit to Vácrátót Botanical Garden
- ✦ visits to preschool and primary institutions with best practices

**International staff members
are also welcome!**



Practical Information

- ✦ Language: English
- ✦ ECTS: 3
- ✦ Accommodation: students' dormitory (€15/night) or other discounted accommodations in the town near the college campus.
<https://avkf.hu/english/useful-inf/accommodation>
- ✦ Costs: travel (railway ticket between Budapest and Vác with international student card: appr.: 1 EUR, public transportation fee in Budapest: appr. 1 EUR) and food (€10-15/day)
<https://avkf.hu/english/useful-inf/travel>
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Application deadline: 15 February 2023

