

Welcome to the second G. EDU project newsletter !



If you are a trainer, a teacher, a youth worker, a gender expert, or a teenager this may interest you!

THE G. EDU PLATFORM

We are happy to announce that we have created [the G.EDU platform](#); an educational toolkit aiming to provide educators/facilitators (including trainers, teachers, youth and NGO workers, gender experts, gender and LGBTIQ+ activists, policy makers and other stakeholders) with curriculum and lesson plans for the implementation of online

lessons on gender/gender-sensitive education. The lessons can be offered to teenagers of all genders between 15 and 17 years old but they have been developed with particular emphasis on the needs of teenage boys.

The G. EDU platform includes two main tools:

1. The [Guide to Facilitator](#), where one can find instructions on how to use the platform and the steps one needs to take to implement the lessons.
2. The [Workbook for Participants](#), where learners/students can find the activities and the educational material they will need during the implementation of the lessons

The G. EDU platform:

- is open and accessible in three languages: English, Spanish, and Greek
- can be used for the facilitation of all lessons or of selected activities
- can be also used in the form of the G. EDU [mobile application](#) in Androids

The G. EDU Platform includes four modules, each one focusing on particular subjects of gender education and following different educational approaches:

1. What's Gender?

CREATED BY THE GALE FOUNDATION, NETHERLANDS

A module that introduces the participants to basic terms and concepts on gender and the mechanisms of categorization and discrimination. It explains terms like sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, LGBTI, stereotypes, and bias, and it offers activities to play around with these words and concepts, which allows the participants to explore them in relation to their own identities.

2. Healthy Relationships

CREATED BY THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (CSI),

CYPRUS

A module that delves into the vital topic of how we build and maintain healthy relationships. A module that addresses themes such as dating, intimacy, the male and female bodies, safe relationships and safe sexual behaviors. Great attention is paid to dating violence as well as consent. The idea of the family unit is also discussed from a number of different approaches.

3. Combating Gender-based Violence

CREATED BY THE CONEXUS ASSOCIATION, SPAIN

A module that helps reflect on how traditional masculinity is related to violence. It delves into gender based violence, and emphasizes psychological and sexual violence: what they are, their types and consequences. It offers an online educational experience with activities and questions for reflection that are particularly appropriate for questioning ideas and prejudice which teenage boys usually have on these matters.

4. Be the change

CREATED BY THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND HISTORY, CYPRUS

A module based on experiential and interactive activities designed for online education exploring diversity, identity, equality, and change. It is particularly appropriate for challenging stereotypes, prejudice, and all forms of discrimination with emphasis on gender.

Piloting the G. EDU platform



Pilot workshops

The project team has organised a series of pilot workshops aiming to assess the educational content and the usability of the G. EDU platform. The workshops took place in Cyprus, Netherlands, and Spain with an overall participation of 79 participants between 15 and 21 years old, most of them being boys belonging to the 15-17 age group. In Cyprus, two workshops were conducted in English and one in Greek, while the workshops in the Netherlands and Spain were conducted in Dutch and Catalan, respectively. Moreover, the pilot workshops took place in different socio-economic settings (privileged and less privileged schools, private and public schools).

Educating Teenage Boys about Gender: The G. EDU Conference

Online International Conference

As the final and larger event of the project, aiming to share the educational content and the potentials of the G. EDU platform as an educational toolkit, the project team organised an online international conference titled "Educating Teenage Boys about Gender!" on Friday, 18 February, at 9:00-12:30 CET time. More than forty participants joined the online conference while many others watched it via social media as it was live-streamed in Facebook. The

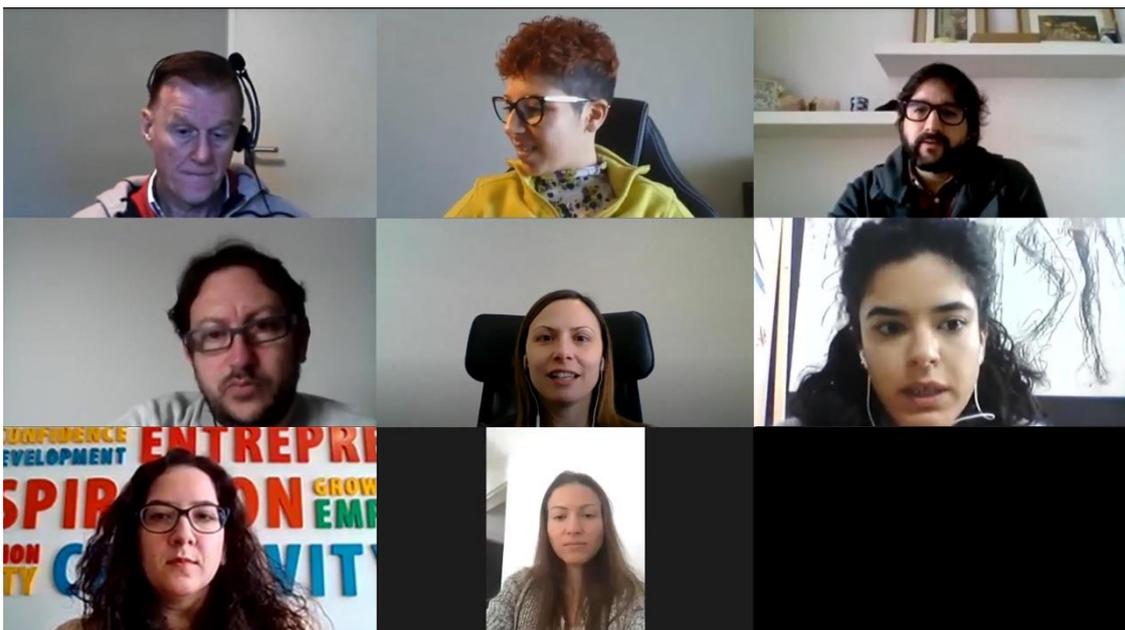
conference included lively presentations by both members of the project team and by guest speakers followed by discussions.

Subjects presented and discussed during the conference refer to:

- challenges of developing lesson plans on gender education
- challenges of conducting gender education courses
- how to engage boys and men in gender education
- how not to reinforce gender stereotypes and gender binary while discussing gender
- how to use the G. EDU platform
- the experiences of the project team and associates during the implementation of pilot workshops to teenagers

To watch the conference, press [here](#).

Our Team



The project is implemented by:

- . The Cypriot NGO, [Center for Gender Equality and History \(KIIF\)](#)
- . The [Center for Social Innovation \(CSI\)](#) in Cyprus, a social enterprise specialized in digital and interactive learning environments;
- . The [Gale Foundation](#) in the Netherlands, a non-governmental organization focused on LGBTIQ+ education, and;
- . The [Conexus](#) in Spain, a non-governmental organization, specialized in combating gender-based violence.

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