

Course information

Title	Environmental Stewardship: How to Reconnect With Nature
Concept by	<u>Petra Candida Mundy</u>
Course URL	<u>teacheracademy.eu/course/environmental-stewardship/</u>
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max.14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tenerife</u> - First Monday of the month • <u>Florence</u> - Third Monday of the month • <u>Nice</u> - Fourth Monday of the month • <u>Strasbourg</u> - Second Monday of the month <p>On request, we can organize this course directly at your school. Discover all the dates at <u>teacheracademy.eu/courses-dates/</u></p>
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	Starting from 480€ * * Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the Erasmus+ KA1 funds and several other programs.

Course contents

Description	<p>Whether they live in the city or in the countryside, children need to feel connected to their environment and develop a sense of personal responsibility for its preservation. In order to do that they need a practical understanding of how ecosystems work; through observation and experimentation with local examples, but also by understanding their common mechanics across the planet.</p> <p>Throughout the course we map a pathway to a greener future – through a series of hands-on activities: transforming a school garden into a ‘micro farm’, starting a classroom plant nursery, attracting birds and wildlife to the school center, recycling food waste using earthworms, growing mushrooms using recycled materials; we offer our students ‘green lenses’ to see all their actions from an environmental perspective.</p> <p>Working both inside and outside the classroom we will map a simple action plan to take home and share, so your educational center can introduce these natural connection projects and become more sustainably rooted in the landscape around, while its community also feels a greater sense of belonging to all of nature. With the certainty that this course brings, we can empower the next generation to truly make a difference in the preservation of our home planet.</p>
Learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect data on the impact of human activity on the environment and plan how to mitigate it;• Appreciate and encourage nature in an inner-city environment;• Plan a school micro-farm and community composting project;• Introduce principles of forest schooling and outdoor education into their school;• Evaluate practical school-wide environmental projects related to recycling and litter picking;• Manage an observation survey of wildlife and birds;• Make some natural cosmetics and cleaning products.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 – Course introduction	Day 2 - Nurturing attitudes to heal our planet
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing the participants and their schools, bioregions, and early experiences with nature;• Environmental stewardship and belonging to nature;• Activities on reading the landscape: How ecosystems work and how to move through them with awareness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paradigms for understanding climate change and other global challenges;• Recycle, reduce and reuse applied to schools, mushroom growing;• The classroom nursery, propagation, seed saving, and reproduction.
Day 3 - Nature connection in the city	Day 4 - Outdoor education and forest schooling
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice life bursting through the seams in the concrete jungle;• Wild plant identification, inner-city nature trail, litter picking projects, urban and vertical gardening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The principles of outdoor education and forest schooling;• Transforming skills, attitudes, and behaviors through direct engagement with outdoor settings;• Worm composting, bird feeders to support wild species, novel classroom pets.
Day 5 - Mapping a greener future	Day 6 - Course closure & cultural activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop on natural cosmetics and edible skincare;• Project: Mapping a greener future – What have we learned? What support do we need? What new seeds can we plant in our schools? What new perspectives can we offer our students? Action plan and strategy.	<p>Course closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance; <p>Cultural activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excursion and other external cultural activities.

*The schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session. Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

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