

## COMENIUS PROJECT OUTLINE PROPOSAL

### Sustainable creativity (Working title)

#### **Important: updated information**

Dundee College proposes to lead a Comenius Project which will stimulate a better understanding of different cultural attitudes and approaches to sustainability while at the same time developing, through design, a better way to share that understanding.

The project will bring together a transnational partnership of Colleges and Vocational Training Institutions which will create an inter-College Design competition on the theme of sustainability. **A school may participate as a full partner if the students are in the age range 16-19 and are studying fashion, or photography, or design, and are interested in the use of materials which are sustainable. In this case the school can be a full partner and these students can take a full part in the project.** The project will culminate in the creation of a Virtual Gallery where all the work developed will be displayed and shared. It is not the intention for colleges to compete against each other but rather to collaborate in the development of design work using, for example, recycled materials or environmentally sound approaches and working in areas such as fashion, graphics, photography where a transnational team approach is possible.

Participating students will collaborate on the choice of transnational themes with a sustainability topic, sharing ideas and designs and eventually working together to produce the finished products – each having an agreed participating role in the process.

Colleges could use websites, VLEs, Blogs, Skype and Wikis to support full communication and dialogue between partner teams. This approach to communication reiterates the emphasis on the sustainability theme.

Students should also agree on the focus of collaboration – this may be fashion, or 3D product design depending on interest and specialism, but all entries should be appropriate to the sustainability issue and facilitate cross cultural dialogue and learning.

**It is important in Comenius projects for the students and teachers to learn about the other project partners and their regions. Regular communication will be essential. Meetings of teachers and some of the students will be held during the project, to enable partners to introduce their college (or school) and their region.**

The work produced during the project can be viewed by partners and other organisations either on the Virtual Gallery or at an exhibition in Dundee to mark the final partner event.

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At this stage the details of the precise work of the project have been left sufficiently fluid to allow partners to have an input into the development of the project.

A planning meeting of potential partners will take place in Dundee, Scotland from 12:00 noon on Wednesday 21 January to lunchtime on Thursday 22 January 2009. This has been postponed from the dates originally proposed in order to allow partners more time to find funding to travel to the meeting. It may be possible for partners to obtain Comenius preparatory meeting funding which is available through their National Agency for Comenius:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html)

As this meeting is close to the submission date for Comenius 2009 projects (20 February 2009) it will be necessary for some communications to take place before the January meeting in Dundee. To make it easier to communicate with interested partners, we would ask that you fill in the form attached with this update and **send it by 5 December 2008 at the latest**, to confirm your interest in the project.

Further details about local travel and hotels will be sent in December.

Please return this form to Jim Forrester on [j.forrester@dundeecollege.ac.uk](mailto:j.forrester@dundeecollege.ac.uk)

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**Please return this as soon as possible, and at the latest by 5 December to:**

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**Comenius Project Preparatory meeting  
Sustainable creativity**

**21 to 22 January 2009 at  
Dundee College, Dundee**

**Registration for the meeting**

Name of college/school

Type of college/school  
(general, technical, vocational etc.)

Name of director

Age range of students

Address

Postcode

Country

Name(s) of person(s) who will attend the meeting:

Responsibility, subject(s) taught etc.

Email address(es)

Telephone (including country code)