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Portugal, Spain & Gibraltar

Creating Global Professional Learning Networks



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A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

This model is designed so that you (1) acquire the skills necessary to incorporate global perspectives into curriculum, (2) are inspired to design special, co-curricular programs on and off campus, and (3) supply a 'critical mass' of fresh ideas to infuse curriculum going forward. This model, **Creating Global Professional Learning Networks**, is intentional; it's designed so you may explore exchange programs for your students and research opportunities for yourself.

1 • Pedagogical Approach

During your interactions with university faculty and students, you will explore the approaches and outputs of education policy and delivery in Portugal, Spain – and Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory. You will explore education policy and practice in each country. This PD will give you ideas on designing curriculum informed by the perspectives of the Iberian peninsula – and Europe as a whole.

2 • School Visits and Classroom Observations

This trip represents the chance to observe real-life students and teachers in real-life classroom situations. You will learn about the schools that you visit: You'll observe classes specializing in climate change instruction at the elementary level; gamification; and music, dance & theater. You'll hold substantive discussions with principals. You'll observe how classes are taught, and how students learn. You will work with small groups of students, perhaps helping them out in a lab or a lesson. In addition to any teaching opportunities you might have, you'll enjoy all manner of purposeful exchange with teachers and students in focused activity.

3 • Partners in Education

You'll visit neighborhood-level after-school art, sport, and life-skills programs for young Spanish and Portuguese students seeking to expand their active learning following the regular school day. You'll interact with the students and hear presentations from program leaders – individuals promoting and advancing education programming for youth in the local community. Some of these wonderful programs host theoretical events, exhibits, and musical performances.

4 • Historic & Cultural Encounter as Context

The cities you will visit boast an important cultural and artistic heritage. We'll make time for cultural encounters on certain afternoons and evenings. Workshops and discussions take place roughly from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each weekday, with time left over for cultural awareness modules and a bit of sightseeing. On work-week afternoons as well as on weekends, we'll increase our awareness of these countries' unique culture and history.

5 • Program Benefits

Whether your interest is learning about global trends in education or designing a contemporary issues course, this **Educator Project 2020: Creating Global Professional Learning Networks**, will speak to you. It is a carefully planned, 11-day interactive academic experience for faculty, staff,

and school administrators. Working visits to Spanish & Portuguese universities, schools and after-school locales serve as the core experiences – even as we also connect with local educators & literacy promoters, journalists, activists, and policymakers.

You will discover ways to enrich your courses with globally relevant ‘plug-ins’ – in this case, from Portuguese and Spanish perspectives. This trip is designed and packaged creatively to encourage maximum interactive engagement. If you seek a way to develop professionally while broadening your own perspectives and those of your colleagues, or if you are looking to encourage your students to think critically about a range of global issues, this program will interest you.

6 • Partnerships

This PD experience will open up opportunities for you to explore long-term relationship-building initiatives. For teachers and school administrators, this PD encourages you to identify and explore international research opportunities. These include student-and-teacher exchange arrangements, and long-term collaborations with Spanish & Portuguese schools and NGOs. Exchange arrangements and school partnerships—even informal ones – allow your students to see that their lives are part of a much larger global community. When you establish an exchange with a Spanish or Portuguese school, your students will begin to engage with peers and allies on the other side of the world – youth who think like they do; youth striving for the same goals.

7 • Level of participation

During the workshops and dialogues you attend, your Spanish and Portuguese colleagues will also want to hear from you around your own teaching experience – and how contemporary US education trends, perspectives, and policies play out at your school. Please let us know if you’re interested to present as part of an informal, interactive discussion on a topic relevant to your school or school district during your 5 days of professional development in Spain and Portugal. We seek first-year teachers and experienced educators alike!

Dates, Pricing & Daily Agendas

Visits to Lisbon, Seville, and the Costa Del Sol

PRICING: Early bird registration \$2599 per person sharing if registering with a deposit by November 8, 2019. Regular price \$2799 per person sharing. (Single room is an additional \$450.)

Pricing includes:

- Registration for 5 days of professional development, to include workshops, professional programming, university and school-visits, and academic honoraria.
- Round-trip international airfare from Boston’s Logan International Airport
- 9 nights shared international-class accommodation (Single room additional \$450)
- Daily breakfasts throughout, plus 5 lunches (Monday through Friday)
- Luxury coach transport in Spain & Portuguese, with professional local guiding
- Daily luxury transfers to/from all meetings/professional events (Monday through Friday, except on intercity travel days)
- Orientation and cultural tours on Saturday & Sunday (excluding lunches)