

Applications Open
15 January 2026

Leadership Experience EUROPE

A year long course that includes community research, online learning, mentoring, a major ministry project and a 4-week residential intensive.

One Year Course

It is a unique one-year course that provides the opportunity for children's ministry leaders to learn together with others from around the globe.

Designed by GCF

It is designed and facilitated by the **Global Children's Forum**, a collaboration of Christian child-focussed organisations who recognise the need to develop the next generation of leaders serving the local and global church.

Participants from across Europe*

Participants are drawn from across Europe and beyond, and are able to join the Leadership Experience while continuing to work in their own church or organisation.



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIAL

The LE experience has marked me in ways I did not expect. It touched and healed places in me that I had long kept closed, and it broadened my vision of ministry within the unfolding of God's greater story. What made this journey especially precious was the community: the trust we built, the encouragement we shared, and the life we lived together.

Matilda, Albania - 2020 LE Cohort

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications Open: 15 January 2025

Application Deadline: 31 March 2026

Total Cost: 1 800 € plus airfares to Tirana, Albania

Space is limited to 20 people

*As a regional Leadership Experience for Europe, priority will be given to applicants applying from the region. There may be a small number of participants from outside the region.

Leadership Experience Timeline



June 2026

LE begins online with regular meetings and includes a research assignment with children, parents and leaders in your local area.



20 September - 17 October 2026

The 4-week residential at Eden Park, Albania will run, and full-time attendance is essential. Through interactive, experiential learning methods and time and space to reflect, we will explore and share:

- The task of 'making disciples' of children in the diversity of our 21st century world
- Innovative models of holistic children's ministry
- What it means to be a Kingdom leader in children's ministry
- Skills and strategies in team facilitation, advocacy and collaboration
- The amazing things that God is accomplishing through and on behalf of children across the globe



November 2026 - April 2027

Online meetings continue with assignments, work on Ministry Projects, mentoring and supervision. The course ends with an online graduation ceremony.

Participants who complete all the requirements receive a certificate endorsed by Bethel Seminary, USA.

Successful applicants are those who...

- Have worked in children's ministry for some time and are already training others
- Are recognised by others for their leadership abilities
- Work well in a team
- Are likely to be between 20 and 45 years of age
- Are recommended by the church or Christian organisation that they work with
- Are committed to fulfil every Leadership Experience requirement
- Are competent in written and spoken English
- Are competent in computer skills and have regular access to internet
- Are able to raise all or most of the required costs

Scan the QR code for more information and to apply.



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