

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:** 1800 € 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

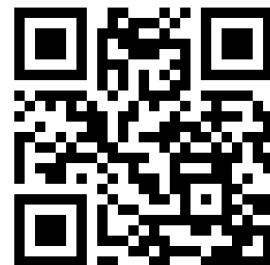
Online meetings continue with assignments, work on Ministry Projects, mentoring and supervision. The course ends with an online graduation ceremony.

**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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