



# Call for Mentors

## Reinventing Democracy in the Digital Era

**Future Worlds Center** is inviting experienced professionals engaged in youth work, media and communications and the science of Dialogic Design to participate as mentors in a global initiative that aims to reinvent a new system of governance by proposing new and innovative actions. The initiative aims to engage youth with mentors who will assist them with their tasks throughout the duration of the project.

### About the Project

**Reinventing Democracy in the Digital Era** is a two-year project funded by the **United Nations Democracy Fund** that is being coordinated by Future Worlds Center (FWC) in Cyprus with the assistance of local partners Talents Coaching & Consulting Kenya Ltd in Kenya, Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan and the National University of Patagonia in Argentina. The key objective is to increase youth participation in democratic governance by empowering young people from across the world to invent and propose new, innovative and concrete actions.

The initiative will engage more than 1100 young people from across the world to contribute with ideas (face-to-face and virtually, using ICT tools and the structured dialogue methodology) to create and implement regional action plans, and collectively author an e-book and a Manifesto for 21st Century Democracy:

The project will work both at a regional and a global level; at first by bringing together participants at a regional level and then later at a global level with virtual meetings.

### About the Mentorship Program

The mentorship program aims to:

- Engage experts and inspiring individuals to this global initiative and use their knowledge and experience to enhance global change
- Assist participants with further improving their knowledge, reaching their full potential and keeping them motivated and active throughout the project
- Create global networks of youth activists that are supported by established individuals.

### Expectations

Mentors are expected to:

1. Provide guidance and support to five core participants, one per region
2. To maintain a personal page on the Reinvent Democracy Pedia.
3. Keep the five participants in communication with each other, facilitate dialogue and cross-fertilize ideas between them, while enabling an ambiance of open communication and trust between participants
4. Respond timely to requests from mentees and have at least three separate skype meetings with them
5. Create a personal plan for action with mentees and develop an activity timeline
6. Transmit their knowledge and experience to mentees in order to help them develop strategies for taking global action
7. Encourage participants to have ongoing commitment to aims and goals of the projects
8. Provide feedback to the project coordinator on the process and activities of their mentees
9. To support the organization, production, and dissemination of the project's Webinars.
10. The commitment to document and submit communication and ideas to the project team.
11. Mentors serve without remuneration.



12. Mentors have the right, and are also expected, to use the project, its data and findings to promote their own research, projects, or activities on the conditions explained below.

### **Mentor Profile**

There will be three kinds of mentors: Peer, Media and SDDP Mentors.

#### **1. Peer empowerment and Support Mentors**

These are other young people from across the world who have already demonstrated a unique ability and braveness to pursue their personal aspiration in some aspect of life. They will serve both as inspiration and as resource for ideas. Their role is to engage in brainstorming together with their mentees about options for taking action and also empower them in taking the steps needed to convert their visions and ideas into action.

#### **2. Mentors in Digital Communication and Strategy**

These are interactional experts and/or scientists in the fields of communication strategy, communication policy, promotion and dissemination of results. Their role is to mentor the mentee in all her/his efforts from developing a strategy to promote her'/his messages all the way to identifying, contacting and convincing relevant stakeholders and./or decision makers to support them in all their endeavours.

#### **3. Mentors in the science of Dialogic Design**

These are scientists and experts in the Science of Dialogic Design. Their role is to support and help the Mentees to learn more and master the theory and practice of the Science of Dialogic Design. They will also support the Mentees learn the different roles in organizing an SDD Co-Lab and help them launch their own regional dialogues.

**Each mentor will mentor 5 Mentees, one per region. The Mentees will choose their Mentors using the available information in their respective pages and their personal videos.**

### **Benefits:**

1. Being part of an international network of change makers
2. Participate actively with your opinions and ideas in the process of changing the current problematic systems of governance
3. Network with young people from across the Globe with whom one can launch new projects
4. Maintain your page in the RD pedia, thus creating opportunities for further networking

### **Organisers**

Future Worlds Center, Cyprus  
[www.futureworldscenter.org](http://www.futureworldscenter.org)

### **Information**

- **Deadline to apply:** 02/01/2016
- **Feedback on application status:** 09/01/2016

### **How to apply**

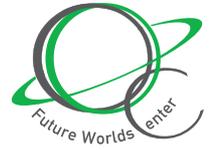
To become a mentor please fill in the online application below:

[http://reinventdemocracy.info/w/index.php?title=Apply to serve as Mentor](http://reinventdemocracy.info/w/index.php?title=Apply_to_serve_as_Mentor)

### **About the Organizer**

Future Worlds Center (leg. Reg: Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization based in Nicosia, Cyprus. FWC operates as an umbrella organisation with its four units; the New Media





Lab Unit, the Global Education Unit, the Humanitarian Affairs Unit and the Futures Design Unit working towards positive social change. FWC has an international character enabling it to pioneer in the promotion of regional peace, intercultural communication and understanding, while at the same time responding to the needs of vulnerable groups on the island.

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