

# 14<sup>th</sup> ASEF ClassNet Conference

Gender Equality: Reprogramming STEM Education

27-30 November 2018, Helsinki & Espoo, Finland



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**ESSENTIALS****I am interested, what now?**

If you meet the criteria stated below, and are interested in joining us, please submit your online application [here](#).

All participants are selected through an Open Call for Application. The Open Call and screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring a balanced geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to the opportunity for all.

**When is the closing date?**

We accept applications until **Monday, 15 October 2018 01:00 GMT**

Look out for the confirmation email upon your successful submission; if you do not receive it, it might have landed in your junk/spam folder.

**When will the results be out?**

We will announce the application outcome during the second half of October 2018. You will receive an email with your result.

Do follow our [ASEFEdu Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) for all the latest updates.

**Who can apply?**

Citizen of any of the [51 Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\) partner countries](#)

A secondary, vocational or high school teacher or educator, preferably in a STEM subject or with a focus on gender equality

Proficient English skills (oral and written)

Solid knowledge in STEM related topics and/or gender equality matters in education

Keen interest in intercultural exchanges, expansion of networks and school cooperation across Asia and Europe.

**I am an ASEM country national living in a non-ASEM country. Am I eligible to apply?**

Definitely! As long as you are an ASEM national, you may apply regardless of your country of residence.

**I am a non-ASEM country national living in an ASEM country. Am I eligible to apply?**

Only nationals of the 51 ASEM partner countries are eligible to apply. See the list of countries [here](#).

**I am a teacher but I do not teach a STEM subject or focus on gender equality. Can I still apply?**

Of course! We always seek to gather a diverse group, including the “unusual suspects”. If you have a keen interest in the conference theme, able to contribute and share your views and are interested in Asia-Europe school collaborations, we welcome your application.

**PROGRAMME****Pre-Event Phase**

The organisers will share reference materials and online resources on the topic with all participants.

Do I need to prepare anything before the conference?

We warmly encourage you to submit an ASEFClassNet School Collaboration proposal for 2019. Please click [here](#) to have an overview of the past collaborations.

If you do not plan to propose a school collaboration, we encourage you to participate in one proposed by other teachers. The implementation of these collaborations may start before the commencement of the conference.

**On-Site Phase**

Please refer to the [Overview and Open Call and Programme](#).

**Post-Event Phase**

Are there any commitments after the project?

[Post-Conference Survey](#)

We always strive to understand the impact of our projects. All participants are expected to participate and complete the post-conference survey.

[ASEF ClassNet School Collaborations](#)

Participants who have signed-up for any school collaboration(s) should stay committed and engage your students to implement these activities after the conference.

[Bi-lateral Spin-Off Activities](#)

Participants who have arranged any bi-lateral school exchange programme are also encouraged to keep ASEF in the loop.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Will ASEF ClassNet14 be fully accessible?

All our projects aim at being as accessible as possible. We do our best to accommodate all participants' needs. Following the application process and upon selection to the project, we ask participants to provide us with their access needs in the registration form.

I have a disability and require a personal assistant. Can I bring my own personal assistant?

Of course! If you require to be accompanied by a personal assistant, you are welcome to bring her/him to the project. Simply communicate this information to us when filling out your registration.

Are the costs for my personal assistant covered?

Yes, we will be able to cover her/his travel expenses (subject to a maximum travel subsidy) as well as provide her/him with accommodation and meals throughout the project.

Can you provide me with a personal assistant?

We will make our best efforts to provide you with a local personal assistant in case you would request one. Nevertheless, we do recommended participants to bring their own assistant if possible.

Can I submit the application in formats other than the one provided?

To allow us to assess the applications smoothly, all applications need to be completed in English and submitted through the online form provided. However, if you have an access need related to the application form

which cannot be overcome, please get in touch with us and we'll try to accommodate your needs.

## FEES

Is there a participation fee?

There are no participation & registration fees required for the conference.

## LODGING & MEALS

Do the organisers provide accommodation during the event?

ASEF will provide accommodation from 27-30 November 2018 (3 nights, room charges only) for the participants who are travelling from abroad.

How about food?

Meals will be provided during the conference as indicated in the programme.

I have special dietary requirements. Will this be an issue?

The organisers will make, as much as possible, arrangements to adjust the meals for participants who have special dietary requirements.

## TRAVEL, VISA & INSURANCE

What about the travel costs?

We will be able to provide a travel subsidy to participants who need financial assistance to support their travel costs (return flight/train from country of residence to Helsinki, Finland). This travel subsidy will be based on a reasonable capped amount defined by the organisers and is considered on a case-by-case basis.

The amount will be announced to the selected participants in the confirmation letter. This travel subsidy will be disbursed after the Conference and only upon submission of all the required documents. Should the documents submitted do not comply with the pre-requisite requirements, the organisers reserved the right to revoke the travel subsidy reimbursement.

How about visa fees and insurance?

Visa fee (if applicable) could be covered in addition to the capped subsidy.

Insurance is considered a personal liability and the organisers will not cover insurance related costs. All participants are encouraged to purchase their own travel insurance.

Can I receive a support letter for the visa?

Of course, we will issue visa support letter(s) to those who require a letter for their visa application.

Can I receive a support letter to submit to my school?

A confirmation letter will be sent to all successful applicants outlining the details of the conference. This letter can be used as a supporting document to be submitted to your institution.

## OTHER ENQUIRES

I have enquiries that were not outline above? Who can I contact?

Drop us an email at [classnet@asef.org](mailto:classnet@asef.org) or call us at +65 6874 9716.

If everything is clear, then you are ready to [apply!](#)

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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy and public health.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications, and online platforms, together with about 125 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF's activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks and web-portals.

For more information, please visit [www.ASEF.org](http://www.ASEF.org)

### **VISUAL EXPLAINER**

The universe as we know it has revolved around the concept of duality: good and bad, positive and negative, light and dark. However, as Yin and Yang in Chinese philosophy describe, these evidently opposite forces are interconnected and interdependent. The popular English idiom, 'comparing apples and oranges' is often cited to highlight incomparable elements or characteristics of two apparently different items. But are they really that different? Should they be treated as two different entities or rather as one which is bound together, complementing each other to form a mutual whole?

The advent of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution presents us with opportunities beyond the principles of duality and rigid divisions. Comparing apples and oranges seems possible. And the origin and stimulus of developing fresh perspectives are rooted in innovative and equal education.



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