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Summer School Education for Social Change

22 June 2026 – 25 June 2026



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We're facing urgent societal challenges: there's climate change, biodiversity loss, social inequality. How do you help your students understand their place in this rapidly changing world? This Summer School for educators provides a toolkit on how education can help to address societal, global challenges today.

You will learn about **Experimental Pedagogics**: a powerful and adaptable framework for designing transformative, sustainable education. You'll also learn how this was used in the context of the Bildung Climate School, the first combined vocational-university education program in the Netherlands. It's a hands-on course: you're going to come out of this summer school with an inspiring and fun plan that you can implement in your classroom right away and ideas on how to reach across to types of education you might not normally work with.

A unique opportunity

The course is given in person by Ginie Servant-Miklos. It consists of four consecutive days in Rotterdam and is taught in English. **This course is for you** if you want to empower students to generate meaningful societal impact and you want to expand your practice of transformative education.

Thank you so much for facilitating your summer school in such an inspiring and personal way. Your approach has truly energized me and given me new tools and ideas to further develop our program and my own teaching. And yes, what a pleasure it is with this beautiful group of people!!

Lisa de Jonge-'t Hoen

Lecturer General Practice Training, Erasmus Medical Centre

Who is this course for?

The summer school is designed for teachers at various educational levels, from secondary schools to vocational and higher education, as well as other professionals working in the field of education and pedagogy.

Costs

The costs for participation are €975 (exempt from VAT).

The course fee includes study materials and catering.

Location

To be confirmed, but in Rotterdam.

Certificate

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be granted a certificate from DRIFT Transition Academy, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

This is a course by DRIFT. We are 30+ experts working on fundamental change towards just and sustainable futures. As a social enterprise, we support people, governments and companies striving for such change.

We do so by developing and sharing transitions know-how and how-to through research, consultancy, education and activism!

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During the course you will:

- learn how education can help address today's societal and global challenges;
- explore the principles of experimental pedagogics and how to implement them;
- design your own educational activity;
- experience the power of alternative pedagogical methods, including **serious games** and **embodied learning**;
- reflect on the process of learning, your own and your students';
- connect with inspiring international peers to exchange knowledge and experiences;
- build educational activities that cut across vocational, applied and scientific education.

Programme

(subject to change)

Session 1 – 22 June 2026 (afternoon)

- COLLAPSE! A serious game on resilience and climate catastrophe

Session 2 – 23 June 2026 (whole day)

- The Experimental Pedagogics Framework
- The Bildung Climate School
- Designing an educational activity for social change

Session 3 – 24 June 2026 (whole day)

- Embodied learning, with Suzan Tunca
- Workshop: Writing the Implosion (pedagogical method to unravel the global web of production and consumption, through the objects around us)

Session 4 – 25 June 2026 (morning)

- Workshop: Rethinking Reflection

Questions? Please feel free to contact us at transitionacademy@drift.eur.nl.