



NEW GROUP LEADER VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SYNOPSIS

Course Title

New Group Leader Virtual Training Series

Professional Development Hours

3 professional development hours/points

Program Overview

The goal of this virtual workshop series is to provide first-time Group Leaders with the necessary information to feel confident to travel abroad with their students. Educators will hear directly from EF Staff, Global Education Ambassadors and EF Tour Directors on important topics such as safety on tour, group management best practices, and pre-departure logistics. Group Leaders will be asked to think critically about how they will navigate the on-tour experience with their students and ensure they and their chaperones are best prepared to lead a successful tour.

Online learning

Workshops – Each educator will view eight recorded webinars included in the virtual training library, cumulating in 60-minutes of online training, led by EF staff and Global Education Ambassadors around the world.

Homework – Educators will be asked to submit a reflection of their key learnings upon completion of the virtual training series.

Experiential Learning

Participants will apply information learned online to their virtual meetings, and to better prepare for future travel. By hearing from a diverse group of experienced Group Leaders, as well as EF staff, educators gain awareness of global perspectives and bring these learnings back to their colleagues, parents, and students.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of the New Group Leader Virtual Training, educators will be able to:

- Organize and prepare for a success student tour.
- Ideate with peer educators and EF staff on ways to improve international learning.
- Use valuable Group Leader resources and skills provided by EF and EF Global Education Ambassadors.
- Increase self-confidence, delegate important pre-tour and on-tour responsibilities, and encourage their students to become savvy international travelers.

Post-Workshop Reflections

Participants who wish to earn Professional Learning hours/ points must complete and submit a one-page reflection to EF's Education Department. This reflection should synthesize how your learnings help to guide your tour preparation and better support your role in encouraging your students to become confident international travelers. Specifically, this reflection paper should address the following questions:

1. What are your greatest takeaways as you reflect upon the workshop you attended? Please describe no less than 3 learnings.
2. As you prepare for your first tour, how do you intend to share these learnings with your students and chaperones?
3. What are some next steps that you can take to build on what you learned in order to increase global awareness and cultural curiosity with your students?

Registration and Transcript

Registration for this Virtual Workshop includes enrollment in the course "New Group Leader Virtual Training Series." Tuition is free. Credit is only available to Group Leaders who have not yet participated in an International Training Tour.

Upon conclusion of the workshop, attendees can send their one-page reflections to the Education department (education.department@ef.com). A transcript will be issued by EF, an accredited school, upon satisfactory completion of the workshop and related coursework.