



DONE 021

Development of New Environments

Dear brothers and sisters.

Following the successful completion and development of the DONE educational programme over the past 12 years (2008 – 2019), and after an unfortunate forced break in 2020, we are happy to announce the opening of registrations for DONE 021. We are aware that the ongoing pandemic remains an ongoing obstacle, but we are hopeful that there will be the opportunity to gather in September 2021.

Overview

The educational training programme, DONE 021, is designed for Blessed Children over 18 years old, who are interested in participating in spiritual training and education. The programme is open to those who have just graduated from high school, as well as young adults who wish to take time for their spiritual education at a later stage in life. From our experience, DONE is especially suitable for those who want a trusting and supportive environment with a serious spiritual focus; rooted in the Principle, but with enough space and freedom to develop and shape your experience independently.

The DONE programme is made up of 4 modules, beginning in September 2021 and ending in August 2022. On completion of each module, participants can then decide if they wish to sign up for the next one. The programme offers participants down-to-earth education and care in aspects of building their relationship to God and furthering their understanding of life. Through the varied schedule and educational opportunities, participants are given the chance to make their spiritual life and knowledge lasting and real. The education takes place through the content, mentoring, personal reflection and sharing throughout the programme; learning useful skills and wisdom for life from the educators, peers and by searching inwardly. The education will focus on strengthening your life of faith and becoming a more responsible adult; deepening your relationship with God and True Parents, developing self-awareness and character, and building lasting friendships with brothers and sisters.

We believe that Blessed Children need to have a healthy understanding of who they are, seeing their potential and role in taking a lead to develop new environments wherever they go and whatever they do. In line with this, DONE aims to provide participants with the opportunity to strengthen their confidence and maturity so that they can believe in their capacity to take responsibility and the positive difference they can make in this world.

DONE 021 is organised, guided and managed by the ESGD staff team.

Directors: Julius Alexy and Patrick Hanna

Educational support: Yebuny Hanna and Martin Alexy

The organisers and educators have a substantial amount of experience and expertise in supporting Blessed Children of different backgrounds and situations. We are dedicated to supporting participants to find their place and peace within the Unificationist community and to be encouraged and supported on their path towards the Matching and Blessing.

Whilst we aim to offer the key components of the usual DONE programme, we are ready to respond with flexibility to the possible changing circumstances related to Covid-19. It is therefore planned that this year's programme will combine in person as well as online education and experiences. We have gone through a very challenging period as humankind, and our spiritual education is a worthwhile investment for the future; for ourselves and the world in which we are all creating.

Application and programme fee

Application deadline: 21st July 2021 (see details below)

Programme fee: 1500 EUR

The fee must be fully paid at the start of the DONE 021 First Module regardless of whether the participant will continue on to other Modules.

The fee is calculated to cover costs, not to make a profit. However, we are aware that this fee is higher than the usual DONE fee of 1000 EUR. This is because of the financial implications that will be on the programme running costs this year, due to the likelihood that there will be no fundraising as part of the schedule. At the same time, we are also aware of the financial impact that the recent pandemic has had on Blessed families and individuals and will do our best to minimise the participation costs. If this is possible, we will let you know.

In any case, we would encourage participants to look for sponsorship opportunities in their communities to support their participation fee, and to find ways to earn their own money.

Application steps:

1. **Register** latest by **14th July 2021** online at <https://esgdmedia.org/registration/>.
2. We will send you the application form with further details regarding how to proceed. You will have to **submit your** completed **application form** (including your CV and motivation letter) **by 21st July 2021**.
3. We will send you a confirmation letter of acceptance latest by **8th August 2021**.

Please note that DONE 021 is limited to 28 participants. We therefore advise you to fully complete the application as early as possible.

Programme Details

As explained above, the DONE programme is made up of 4 modules, and follows the schedule of the European academic year, this year beginning in September 2021 and ending in August 2022. On completion of each module, participants can then decide if they wish to sign up for the next one, with the aim of putting the training they received into practice and by giving something back in follow-up modules.

Participants can therefore see this as a full-year programme with a valuable break in between each of the four modules. Indeed, the break periods have been very useful for past participants and formed an important part of their whole year programme experience. Past participants have used these break periods to travel independently, fulfilling personal desires and making the most of the precious opportunity between studies. Others have invested in developing connections with new DONE friends, and many have used that time to work or apply what they have learnt by investing into their families and communities back home.

Special note: We are constantly monitoring the situation related to travel restrictions and safety regulations related to Covid-19. Based on the recent situation and forecast, we have had to make adjustments to the usual programme. There are still details we will need to finalise as things become clearer regarding travel regulations, and so we appreciate your flexibility and patience. We are, however, committed to running DONE 021 if it is possible, and below are the programme details as they currently stand.

1) DONE First Module (The Core Training Programme)

Provisional dates: starting between 5th and 12th September; ending between 17th and 24th October 2021 (exact arrival and departure dates will be confirmed with the acceptance letter by 8th August at the latest).

Location: The programme will begin and end in Slovakia; arrival to, and departure from, Bratislava or Vienna. If it becomes possible, we will travel to some other European countries also. But, due to the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are currently planning to be only in Slovakia, at 3 or 4 different locations.

The first module is the foundational DONE educational programme; all participants considering DONE need to complete this core programme. It will be a five to six week-long programme. And due to the current circumstances, we will most likely not include the usual fundraising training.

The module consists of:

- 25-30 days of educational workshops (Divine Principle studies, Intercultural Communication Training, Character and Personal Growth Education, Marriage and Blessing education)
- Possibly 4-5 days of service project (depending on the final size of the DONE 021 group)
- Possibly 4-5 days of mountain challenge (depending on the final size of the DONE 021 group)

NB: If necessary, we will be flexible to modify and adjust the schedule based on the changing circumstances.

2) DONE Second Module (DONE Online Course – DOC)

Provisional dates: starting between 4th and 7th November; ending between 12th and 19th December 2021 (this gives a break of approximately 2-3 weeks between the first and the second module).

The DOC will focus on strengthening personal responsibility as we progress on our spiritual path and personal development. It will be organised online, which allows participants to return home. This module will provide an opportunity to study and learn together and independently, with regular team activities and chances to interact as a group. The staff team will also offer additional support in the form of mentoring and personal care.

The time involvement of participants will be between 12-24 hours per week, divided between online education, team activities and personal assignments.

3) DONE Third Module (DONE Mission One)

Provisional dates: starting between 20th and 27th February; ending between 8th and 15th May 2022 (this gives a break of approximately 10-12 weeks between the second and the third module).

This third module offers the chance for participants to put the training from the previous modules into practice and grow further by taking more responsibility and leadership for themselves and others. The structure and content are flexible and finalised, to some extent, by both staff and participants. This module provides the chance to build on what was learnt in the initial training periods, as well as providing opportunities for new experiences e.g. international projects, service projects, leadership training, organising education for European Blessed Children of high-school age.

In the case of another wave of the pandemic and related travel restrictions, we will offer this module as an online programme. If this becomes the case, based on our experience with DONE Mission One in 2020 (successfully assisting participants to travel back home safely at the start of lock-down and transition to educational activities online), we are again confident to make it work well.

We highly recommend that successful graduates of the first two DONE modules consider this third module to go much further and deeper in their journey of growth. We fully understand, however, that for some participants, a full-year commitment is not possible and that the initial 5-6 weeks of DONE (Module 1) is a great catalyst for moving on to personal plans for the remainder of the year, or before returning to work or education.

4) DONE Fourth Module (Summer Programmes)

Provisional dates: July/August 2022 (this gives a break of approximately 12 weeks between the third and the fourth module)

The fourth and final module is an opportunity to staff European summer workshops by taking an active role in educating and caring for younger Blessed Children. In addition, there is the opportunity to end the year by participating in the *Original Divine Personality Plus Workshop* (ODP+ WS); connecting to others outside of the DONE programme and practicing what they have gained throughout the year.

After the third module, we understand that many participants from outside of Europe will return home for their own summer plans/ local activities/ preparing for work or study. However, we would still encourage all successful graduates to consider the potential of the fourth module; for personal growth as well as a chance to offer something to others.

If you have any questions, please feel free to address them to done.europe@gmail.com or call Julius +421 905 430 939.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Yours Sincerely,

The ESGD Team
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Reflections from previous DONE Participants

“When I talk to other people, it’s impossible not to refer to time as “life before DONE” and “life after DONE”. I think this expresses very beautifully and accurately, how big of an impact the programme had on me. Taking time, while I was young, to practice being present internally, learn about God, life and relationships, gave me a huge advantage. At a defining stage of life, DONE helped me get my priorities sorted out, and have a compass that guided me on the journey of growing up. And on top of that, becoming part of the DONE family created a love-net around me that has supported and taken care of me ever since.”

Participant from Hungary, DONE 016

“I would describe the education I received on DONE as realistic, applicable, inspiring, hopeful, and grounded. It confronted me and at the same time brought me peace. The encouragement and push to grow and the honest portrayal of the challenges that may accompany that, really pave the way for sustained growth.

The honesty from the staff and the extent to which they truly care about each participant is so evident from beginning to end and I couldn’t be more grateful for that. DONE really provided me with a lot of support, but also with the tools to support myself and the people in my life as I move forward.

I gained a much more grounded sense of myself, spirituality, and the world. In particular, I gained a clearer image of myself and of how to continuously distinguish within myself that which is from God from that which is not. Another big thing is a much firmer understanding of growth and the awareness that I have the potential and ability to grow, which is not an awareness that I’ve always had. And I gained some of the best friends I have ever had.

Going to DONE was probably the best decision I have ever made, and I am so grateful for the things I have learned there, for it will surely make my life a better one.”

Participant from USA, DONE 019

“DONE’s approach to spiritual education is something I’ve never experienced anywhere else. Their content is powerful, honest, supported by facts, non-fanatical, confronting, meaningful, deep, and relatable.

I love this quote from our HDH booklet: “Faith does not mean seeing the world as you would like it to be; it means seeing the world exactly as it is, yet never giving up the hope that we can make it better by the way we live.” I think that the content on DONE is very similar to this. You don’t hear about fairy tales, but if you give your effort you can gain a lot of faith, strength, and hope from it. It always comes down to personal responsibility.

DONE helped me realize my relationship with spirituality and I could build a strong foundation. I felt a tremendous amount of love, support, and understanding from everyone during my year and it also contributed a lot to how I received the content.”

Participant from Hungary, DONE 019

“DONE truly has been the “down to earth” programme people have said it to be. The atmosphere the directors and lecturers create; one of welcoming challenging questions and encouraging us participants to take responsibility to challenge our own concepts and understandings has been an important part of my DONE experience.

DONE has given me the confidence to really take ownership of my spiritual life and develop that commitment to higher standards. I’ve realised that there’s always some way I can improve or grow, emphasising the need for me to be attentive to what God is trying to tell me in my everyday life.

Ultimately, I am responsible for choosing to grow to be the person I have the potential to become.

Now as a DONE Graduate, I look forward to moving onto the next chapters of my life with the precious friendships and unforgettable memories I’ve made throughout the past year.”

Participant from Ireland, DONE 019

"DONE helped me build a life of faith that is built on thinking for myself, taking responsibility for my growth and learning to make my own healthy life choices. Since DONE, my relationship with God and others is therefore more genuine. It also helped me develop a 'normal everyday' spirituality, that is sustainable. It made me realise that being a good person doesn't necessarily mean doing crazy, epic things; even in our ordinary daily life, we have the potential to be good people, by choosing to care for others and invest in goodness."

Participant from Belgium, DONE 014

"DONE was a wake-up call." I wrote that in my DONE reflection back in 2016 and now, three years later, I still think that. Something I really like about the programme is that the change you experience and the progress you can make is not just a bubble that pops once you return home again. DONE provides you with a lot of tools to be a better version of yourself. And in my case, through applying those tools, it was possible for me to create a much better and more meaningful lifestyle, build a much stronger character, feel at peace, get closer to God and simply be happier. I learned to be better at taking responsibility and to be strong enough to not always take the easy route but to push beyond my limits and my comfort zone. But DONE also helped me to make me think outside of myself. I learned how to be a better friend, sister and daughter and that I can develop a much greater care and love for others once I accept and love myself for who I am. And I believe the friends I found there will last a lifetime."

Participant from Germany, DONE 016

"One of the attitudes I gained from DONE is that whoever I am now can infinitely improve; I can be more loving, sensitive, balanced, stronger, and more in tune with myself and others. I also learned that God created me to be on this boundless journey of growth, and that this is what makes life infinitely interesting and exciting. It also makes life reassuring because no matter where I am, or the mistakes I've made, I don't have to stay there and feel stuck; things can always improve and get better as long as I put in the necessary effort."

Participant and staff from Australia, DONE 015-018

"After I finished high school, I wasn't really clear about how I want to go on or how to define my future. By doing DONE, my life of faith was really confronted. The most important lesson that I took from this time is this: in your faith you shouldn't depend on a certain environment but be able to build your own spiritual environment wherever you are. Looking back, my struggles or challenges in life haven't changed at all, but what changed for sure is the way I look at and deal with them now. Through DONE, I was able to reconsider how I can adopt a consistent and committed lifestyle for the values that I would like to treasure."

Participant from Germany, DONE 016

"My time on DONE was a formative stage of development in my spiritual life. Wanting to seek, learn and grow, I learnt how to cultivate a perspective and lifestyle that has given me clarity to this day on how to navigate the challenging and complex path of life we have ahead of us. I shared this process of growth and learning with fellow BCs who I have become very close with and I'm grateful to have been a part of it all."

Participant from New Zealand, DONE 015