



TERMS OF REFERENCE

DESIGNING MODULE DESCRIPTOR/ADAPTATION FOR HORTICULTURE SCIENCE (4N0682)

About Saolta

Saolta is a Global Citizenship Education (GCE) strategic partnership programme for the Adult and Community Education (ACE) sector in Ireland. It is funded by Irish Aid, and consists of a consortium of organisations.

Development Perspectives (DP) is the lead partner in the consortium, which also includes AONTAS, Concern Worldwide, Cork Education and Training Board, Irish Rural Link and the Adult and Community Education Department of Maynooth University.

Saolta's strategic goal is increased accessibility, quality and effectiveness of GCE within the ACE sector in Ireland. More information of Saolta can be found via this website: <https://saolta.com/>

1. Background

The FET sector in Ireland—particularly at Level 4—provides a vital platform for engaging adult learners with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to respond to local and global challenges. Saolta seeks a consultant who has experience with adapting and designing module descriptors focused on Global Citizenship Education (GCE) that can support the delivery of an existing Further Education and Training (FET) module titled Horticulture Science (4N0682). This adaptation can include themes such as social justice, climate action, human rights, intercultural understanding, and global interconnectedness across this subject area. The consultant will work to ensure that GCE principles meaningfully align with learning outcomes, teaching strategies, and assessment approaches relevant to this module.

By adapting GCE content to the specific aims and contexts of this module, the consultant will contribute to a more inclusive, reflective, and globally conscious FET learning experience for adult learners.

The primary objective of this consultancy is to design GCE focused learning outcomes for this module. The enhancements should aim to:

- Strengthen learners' understanding of key GCE concepts, including inclusion, global interdependence, and sustainable development.
- Promote core global citizenship principles such as human rights, social justice, equality, and intercultural understanding, while helping learners recognise how global issues influence local communities as well as their work with horticulture.
- Ensure that all adaptations are aligned with the educational standards, learning outcomes, and quality frameworks of the Irish FET sector.
- Foster learners' critical thinking, intercultural communication, and active community engagement skills.



2. Scope of Work

The consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Develop detailed module additions for GCE, including learning outcomes, key themes, and andragogical approaches, etc.
- Ensure the module is inclusive, engaging, and suitable for diverse learner needs, and educational level.

3. Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver an updated module outline to support the delivery of a 10 credit, Level 4 module (4N0682) with a focus on the theme of GCE for inclusive practices in horticulture.

4. Timeline

The consultancy is expected to commence in September 2026 and be completed by November 20, 2026.

5. Qualifications and Experience

The ideal consultant will have the following qualifications and experience:

- Advanced degree in Education, Social Sciences, Development Studies, or a related field.
- Demonstrable experience in module development, curriculum development, particularly in the context of FET, GCE or related areas.
- In-depth knowledge of community development and/ or GCE.
- Familiarity with the FET sector in Ireland.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Proven track record of delivering high-quality educational materials.

6. Budget

This work is funded by Irish Aid through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The budget available is €2000 inclusive of all labour costs, attendance at meetings and other expenses.

The total fee should be inclusive of VAT, where applicable, and the successful consultant will need to submit a Tax Clearance Certificate within 7 days of offer. The contract will be awarded when a Tax Clearance Certificate is received.

Half of the payment will be paid upfront to the consultant after both sides sign the contract, and the remaining half will be paid upon successful delivery of the work.

7. Application Process

Interested consultants are invited to submit the following:

- An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume.
- A Cover Letter stating motivation and relevant experience.
- A brief proposal outlining the approach to the consultancy, including a work plan and timeline.
- Two references (including telephone numbers and emails).
- Examples of previous work related to module development and/ or horticulture and/ or GCE (if available).



Applications should be submitted by 23:59pm, Friday, August 14th, 2026, to Maggie Campbell (Saolta Programme Officer) at maggie@saolta.com. Please contact us if you would like more information.

8. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance and quality of the proposed approach.
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in module development and/ or GCE.
- Quality and relevance of previous work.
- References and professional reputation.
- Cost-effectiveness and value for money.



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