

# **U!REKA CHANGE AGENTS PROGRAMME**

Immerse yourself in a learning experience both online and in Amsterdam. Collaborate across cultures and learn the tools and methods to help you as you work on a Sustainability challenge with your team.

Today, faster than ever, our society is changing. Digital transformation is disrupting society more profoundly. Despite the undeniable impact the technology has in itself, we should not forget that we are still the designers of the transformation that we want and need as a society to become inclusive and sustainable.

U!REKA CHANGE AGENTS PROGRAMME is the practice of designing the right conditions for real transformation, based on 'strategic transformation design', 'sustainability and diversity' and 'experimentation and critical making'.

The experience is proudly presented by Digital Society School. We will go on a meaningful learning journey online as well as in the city of Amsterdam.

#### **Dates and Location**

Online:

September 19- December 8 Field trip to Amsterdam: October 10 - 14, 2022

# Estimated time committment:

Average 4 - 6 hours/week

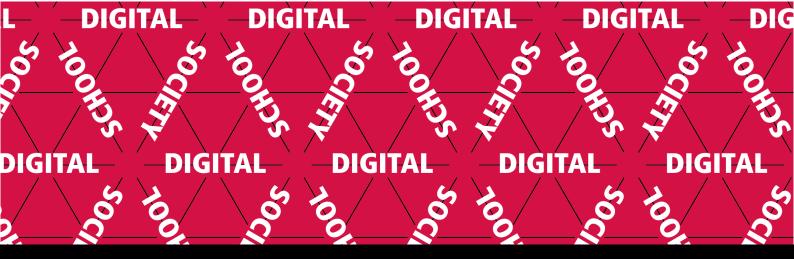
#### **Price**

Free (valued at EUR 999)

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Deadline: June 23, 2022



# **CHALLENGE**

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

is on the agenda of every nation, organisation as well as individual citizens. Sustainability issues are often systemic, and require collaboration between individuals and groups across many different sectors, with different perspectives, ideas and interests.

These solutions cannot be found in isolation. Working effectively across contexts, cultures and nations is not only paramount, but the sole route to successfully address the challenges we face.

How can we create more public awareness about the sustainable use of water across different European cities, taking into account socio-cultural, health-and climate-related and economic dimensions?

### **During this Change Agents program**me, you will:

Work intensively together with your cross-cultural team on your transformational (SDG) challenge

Design, prototype, build and share your work with teams from the 2 other cities

Engage in peer-to-peer group learning and making activities, in online learning and cross cultural co-creation

Get access to The Student Hotel and DSS partner facilities, e.g. Studio, Makers Lab, living room, etc.

Apply our innovative (digital) tools and instruments to your challenge to provoke curiosity, boost engagement

Develop 21st century collaboration skills and competencies. Make videos, podcasts, prototypes and most of all: a transformational experience for yourself and others.





## WHAT WILL YOU DO?



## **ONLINE PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 7 OCTOBER 17- DECEMBER 8**

In the online sessions you will receive basics on REMOTE INNOVATION, CROSS CULTURAL **COLLABORATION and DESIGN** THINKING. Teams will be guided to shape a local design challenge related to the theme of the project. You will also receive assignments to help towards your challenge

After Amsterdam you will bring back your ideas, learnings, experience, and prototypes to their local context.

In bi-weekly online peer pitches students will provide each other's ongoing work with feedback – learning how to collaborate and co-create on distance. You will receive a workshop to pitch their prototypes effectively during the yearly U!REKA Connects Conference and the boards of directors of their university.

Suggested dates for online programme: September 19, October 3 and 24, November 7 and 21, December 5 (+/-2 hours per



### WEEK VISIT TO AMSTERDAM **OCTOBER 10 - 14**

You will work with their heads, hearts and hands. The programme includes a mix of traditional learning and peer-learning; indoor and outdoor activities, inspirational sessions to feed their brain and moments to reflect.

During your field trip to Amsterdam, you will be introduced to innovative multispecies design and installations (listening strategies, perspective shifting tools, etc.)

#### MAIN THEMES:

- SPECULATIVE DESIGN
- CRITICAL MAKING
- POST HUMAN DESIGN
- IMPACT STORYTELLING

On the final day in Amsterdam, it's time for you to make. You will engage in a CREATING activity where you will develop a concrete prototype for your challenge.

## **OUR TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME**

In-depth training: tools, instruments and master classes



Intensive: **Transformational** challenge in practice

Online learning: **DSS** online platform International: Simultaneous collaboration between 3 cities

