

## **Facilitators:**



### Iliana Petridou

Iliana is a primary school teacher and she feels very happy with her job because she loves learning and teaching. Some years ago, she came across non formal education through different youth exchanges and trainings she attended under Erasmus + and other programs and realized how much influence it had on her. She decided to become a non formal education trainer and since then she cannot work without using non formal methodology. She believes that by using methods such as simulation, role play, debates and many more, we have the chance to explore any subject more thoroughly and also develop selfconsciousness, empathy and communication skills.

She worked with young people through different NGOs for the last 10 years and she is very familiar with youth programs. She is a member of the Pool of Trainers of CYC and she is cooperating with Cyprus National Agency for different youth projects.



## Eleni Michail

Eleni is a Mindfulness Teacher, a Soul Mentor and an Educator passionate about inspiring change and supporting people to tune into their authenticity and lead meaningful lives. She believes that every person is uniquely gifted and wonder-ful. Through her work she dedicatedly creates a space in which people can reconnect with their inner wisdom, as well as the wisdom of the Earth.

She studied Primary School Teaching and holds a master's degree in Educational Management and Leadership. She has 11 years of experience in organizing and delivering local and international educational programmes based on experiential learning.















## **Mentors:**



#### Stavros K. Parlalis

Stavros currently works as Assistant Professor in Social Work at Frederick University and Senior Researcher at FRC. He has published one monograph, twenty papers in international journals and twelve chapters in books; he has also edited one book. He has participated in funded research projects as researcher, research team coordinator and project manager. Moreover, he has been involved in research studies implemented by NGOs in Greece, Cyprus and Scotland. Also, he is currently participating in 3 large-scale funded researchprojects as researcher, responsible for preparing the socio-economic studies (LIFE-Troodos, LIFE-Kedros and LIFE-for-birds).



# **Burak Berk Doluay**

Burak is co-founder of CyprusInno, an inter-communal social enterprise that uses entrepreneurship as a peace-building mechanism and the Base by CyprusInno which is world's first social impact generator in an UN controlled Buffer Zone in Cyprus. He's passion for community development and social change has leaded him to taking active role in several NGO's for the past 8 years. He is a fellow of the U.S. Department of State programmes SUSI on Social Entrepreneurship and the YTILI 2018 fellows of German Marshall Fund of United States from Cyprus. On September 2018, he was selected as one of the UN Young Leaders for SDGs by Office of UN Secretary Generals Envoy on Youth.















# **Sezis Thompson**

Sezis has been working for civil society sector as project manager and consultant in the US, UK and Cyprus for more than 20 years. For the last 10 years, she has been part of the civil society in Cyprus working towards reconciliation through youth empowerment, and entrepreneurship initiatives. She has managed projects funded by UNDP-ACT and the EU focusing on youth empowerment, human rights and entrepreneurship between 2012-2017. She is very keen on encouraging young people to become entrepreneurs. She is the founder of Hive CY which was founded with support from Stelios Awards, first coworking space in the Turkish Cypriot community (2014-2015), as well as co-founder of Global Shapers Nicosia.



#### Marianna Plomariti

Marianna is an experienced communication officer for energy and climate change policy at WWF Greece. She specializes in social media, strategic communication and content creation. She is currently responsible for the design, implementation and monitoring of climate & energy communication strategy and all policy related campaigns of WWF Greece. She recently received funding for a new pioneering project on citizen participation in energy transition. She holds a B.A in Political Science and a M.A. in Journalism and New Technologies. As a result of her lifelong passion for photography and video, Marianna created the project canariesinamine.com. Marianna is born in Greece and she lives in Athens.

















#### Savvas Charalambous

Savvas Charalambous is the Communication Manager of CARDET and is also a Board member of the NGO Support Centre. He possesses expertise in communications, public relations, civic engagement and project management that stems from his working experience and academic background in Civil Society Organisations and the private sector. With a background in Politics and Political communication and through his role in CARDET he is involved in the proposal writing, partner management and communication processes of the Centre while also running multiple projects in the fields of sports, media literacy, migrant integration and youth empowerment. Prior to joining CARDET, Savvas was Senior Account Executive at Action Global Communication and also worked as Communication Officer & Project Manager at the NGO Support Centre.



# Anna Michael

Anna worked within the career counselling and coaching field supporting young teenagers, adults and leaders to find their path and build necessary skills through personal meetings and trainings. She has more than 6 years of experience as a career counsellor and coach. Also, Anna has experience in social entrepreneurship as well as the development of business networks, matching procedures and event organization. She holds a B.Sc. in Accounting and Finance, an MSc in Counselling and she is a Certified Life Coach and a Mental Health Facilitator.

Anna is constantly developing herself and others through trainings and experiences as she values education and growth. Finally, she has been an active citizen through different volunteering projects and mentoring. Anna likes spending her free time mostly in nature climbing, hiking or practicing yoga.













# Jury:



### **Andrea Solomonides**

Andrea has a background in Music, Politics and an MBA in Strategy and Campaign. She started her first startup in Athens in 2012. Which was acquired by Giraffes in the Kitchen in 2018. She now serves as the Managing Director of Giraffes in the Kitchen Cyprus.

Additionally, she has co-founded Black Lemon TV, as well as Politica.io, a multisegment innovative platform for reporting, political analysis and data visualization after joining the Hillary for America campaign from the NYC offices.

As a passionate young entrepreneur, she also co-founded in 2011 Cypriot Enterprise Link, a youth-led organization aiming to grow the Cypriot entrepreneurial ecosystem. The organization through its projects is a champion of entrepreneurship, technology and policy making for a Cypriot ecosystem.

Andrea is a WEF Global Shaper, a Sandboxer, a YTILI fellow and a TEDx speaker.



#### **Prodromos Alambritis**

Prodromos is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Youth Board of Cyprus and the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus National Addictions Authority.

He is the Legal Representative in Cyprus for the Erasmus+ for Youth, the European Solidarity Corps and other European Programs. He holds a degree in Computer Science and is a Chartered Accountant, member of the ICAEW and the ICPAC. His professional experience is in the areas of Financial Management, Financial Planning, Auditing and Project Management. He is married with two children.

















# **Alexander Apostolides**

Alexander is an economist with a background on the economies of the Mediterranean. He also has a decade in supporting government policy. Alexander received his PhD and MSc from the London School of Economics, and teaches at the European University Cyprus. He was a member of the National Economic Council of the President of Cyprus from 2013-2017. Before joining he worked at the British High Commission, Nicosia. His research interests span Historical GDP estimation, Modern Economic Growth and the economics of Riots and regulatory innovation. Alexander also has active interests in peace economics, being a co-author in a range of publications relating to the Peace dividend in Cyprus. He was one of the EU appointed experts to draft the social enterprise action plan in 2018.







