



DONE 023

Development of New Environments

Dear brothers and sisters.

Following the successful completion and development of the DONE educational programme over the past 15 years (2008 – 2022), **we are happy to announce the opening of registrations for DONE 023.** Despite an unfortunate forced break in 2020, we were able to reboot and complete DONE 021, DONE 022 as well as DM1-22 and DM1-23 in person, so we invite you to consider being a part of the next chapter of the DONE story.

Overview

The educational training programme, DONE 023, 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 2023 and ending in August 2024. 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 in the positive difference they can make in this world.

DONE 023 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.

We are going through a very challenging period as humankind, and our spiritual education is a worthwhile investment for the future; for ourselves and the world which we are all creating.

Application and programme fee

Application deadline: 23rd July 2023 (see details below)

Programme fee: 1500 EUR

The fee must be fully paid at the start of the DONE 023 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. We will do our best to minimise the participation costs. 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 process will be run in several stages.

Application steps:

1. **Register** latest by **23rd July 2023** online at <https://esgdmedia.org/done-application/>
Early registrations are appreciated and helpful for all involved.
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, motivation letter and self-introduction tasks) **by 31st July 2023**. You can submit your completed application (all included) much earlier.
3. After receiving your first stage application we will send you an invitation to have a personal video-call with the DONE 023 key staff. This is simply to make a personal connection and to help all involved to decide if DONE is an appropriate fit for you. Note that you may be asked to provide more information related to your DONE 023 application prior to the video-call.
4. We will inform you about your acceptance latest by **15th August 2023**.

Please note that DONE 023 is limited to a maximum group of 23. 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 2023 and ending in August 2024. 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.

1) DONE First Module (The Core Training Programme)

Provisional dates: Starting between 21st and 25th September; ending at around 20th November 2023 (exact arrival and departure dates will be confirmed with the acceptance letter by 15th August at the latest).

Location: The programme will begin and end in Slovakia; arrival to, and departure from, Bratislava or Vienna. We will travel to other European countries, too.

The first module is the foundational DONE educational programme; all participants considering DONE need to complete this core programme. It will be an eight week-long programme. At this stage we are planning to include 10-14 days of fundraising training period within the programme.

The module consists of:

- 30-36 days of educational workshops (Divine Principle studies, Intercultural Communication Training, Character and Personal Growth Education, Marriage and Blessing education)
- 4-5 days of service project (depending on the final size of the DONE 023 group)
- 4-5 days of mountain challenge (depending on the final size of the DONE 023 group)
- 10-14 days of fundraising training

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 1st and 3rd December; ending between 21st and 31st January 2024 (this gives a break of approximately 2 weeks between the first and the second module, with a break over the winter holidays season).

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 8-12 hours per week, divided between online education, team activities and personal assignments.

3) DONE Third Module (DONE Mission One)

Provisional dates: Starting between 18th and 25th February; ending between 5th and 12th May 2024 (this gives a break of approximately 3-4 weeks between the second and the third module). There is no additional participation fee for those who have successfully graduated from the first module and who fully participate in DONE Mission One.

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.

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 8 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 2024 (this gives a break of approximately 11-12 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

Julius Alexy, Patrick Hanna, Yebuny Hanna, Martin Alexy



Reflections from previous DONE Participants

“DONE was providing me with an ideal environment to grow. For growth you need to have freedom and be trusted but also you need guidance and support and on DONE I got all of it. DONE showed me the potential that I have as a brother and son of God. I needed a little push and confrontation in my spiritual life and in how strong my values are. I would say that I became a different person. Much more confident and clearer and able to discern and confront right from wrong much better, both within myself and in others. Despite all the values, guidance, and education I experienced an incredible, unbreakable bond to every single participant and that is really something remarkable and something that I will remember my whole life. Certain things I experienced I cannot explain because they are not in my head but in my heart.”

Participant from Germany, DONE 022

“DONE and DONE M1 have both considerably helped me to deeply anchor my life of faith. Through experiencing the incredibly detailed and tailored content on the programme, along with the genuinely considerate staff, I was able to grow internally more than I could have thought of before applying for the programme. Being in an environment where everyone is intentionally choosing to take their faith seriously, on the programme we developed not only just friendships for life, but a family. The way the schedule works, allows for realistically evaluating aspects of your life that need to be improved or nurtured, whilst it also actively challenged me to exceed my perceived limits of my character. DONE creates a space for honest sharing that defined my experience and continues to encourage me to reflect and be more internally conscious in my everyday life. There is so much value in choosing to take time out and dedicating it to God, and having been on DONE, I feel so much more confident now contributing to my community back at home.”

Participant from UK, DONE 022

“When I look back on the last two years of DONE, all I can say is that I am grateful for how it aligned the beginning of my life with stronger values. How accurately your direction is tuned makes a decisive impact of what destination you reach, and I believe that both years of DONE helped me with exactly that: knowing my direction (instead of destination), and learning the skills and tools needed to keep it. This doesn't mean that my life will be a straight line from now on, no. But when I do miss a mark, I can be sure that this incredible network of companions of faith (my fellow Doners) and a competent group of older brothers and sisters in mentoring positions, will offer the exact support I need to find my way back to a life for God. It takes effort, and won't always be easy, and that is exactly why we need communities and strong environments.”

Participant from Germany, DONE 021-022

“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

"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 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

"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