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NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Delegation to Kosovo

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Connect with art teachers, art program administrators, and local artists in Kosovo on the NAEA delegation. Led by Thomas Knab, President-Elect of the NAEA board, the program will give you a unique opportunity to learn about innovative art education programs in the Balkans region of Eastern Europe.

Celebrating 10 years of independent governance in 2018, Kosovo has endeavored to develop a solid infrastructure to support its civil society. A culture that has been shaped by conflict and violence now looks to a bright future. Supported by U.S. and international nongovernmental organizations, Kosovo, the poorest nation in Europe, is home to some of the most innovative education programs addressing the challenges of challenges of rebuilding the education infrastructure for a post-conflict population.



LEADER BIOGRAPHY

Thomas Knab is an elementary teacher for Williamsville Central Schools in East Amherst, New York and the President-Elect of the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Thom has taught art at Dodge Elementary School, outside of Buffalo, for 29 years. In addition to serving as the NAEA President Elect, he is Chair of the Professional Materials Committee and a past Elementary Division Director. Thom has served as the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) President and Vice President, and has written for School Arts Magazine, NYSATA News, the NAEA Monthly Mentor and the NYSATA Artful Advocate Blog. He is also an exhibiting artist and had two solo shows in 2017. Thom was honored as both the NAEA Eastern Region Elementary Art Educator and the NAEA National Elementary Art Educator in 2018, and as the New York State Art Educator of the Year for 2018.



Gain new professional insights and a unique perspective.



Experience the challenges and solutions shared with your overseas counterparts.



Access facilities and professionals at the highest level.



Explore future collaborations with new partners.



Enjoy continued connections with your colleagues.

Professional visits will focus on topics such as:

- Overview of the education system in Kosovo
- How does art education fit into the education system's priorities?
- How are visual arts taught at all levels of education?
- What are the training requirements for art educators?
- The representation of conflict and violence through art
- Art as a development tool

BRIEF ITINERARY

- Day 1** ● **Departures from the U.S. to Prishtina, Kosovo**, by individual arrangements. Delegates arrive throughout the day with a program briefing in the evening.
- Day 2** ● Enjoy a **full day cultural tour of Prishtina** as you shake off the jet lag.
- Day 3** ● **Introduction to Kosovo's education system.** You may meet with government officials to discuss policy development and national strategies to address educational policy and the challenges of educating a post-conflict society. You will also meet with NGOs to discuss the role of art education in rebuilding communities.
- Day 4** ● Meet with faculty and students at the **University of Prishtina** to discuss curriculum development and standards for teacher education, as well as the role of art in STEAM curricula. You may also visit a school to observe and discuss the inclusion of art in the curriculum.
- Day 5** ● Travel to Suvarekë, a town in southern Kosovo, to **visit the Fellbach-Haus Centre for Creative Education** and a rural primary/low secondary school. You will meet with artists, children, and families to discuss the impact of art as a healing tool and social support.
- Day 6** ● Enjoy a **cultural tour of rural Kosovo**, including historic sites and visit to a local winery to learn about the emerging viticulture industry in Kosovo. Conclude your program with a facilitated reflective discussion on observations and lessons learned from the program.
- Day 7** ● Depart for the U.S., or **continue on an optional extension trip** to Albania or Macedonia.

The program will be finalized based on the guidance of the delegation leader, the interests and composition of the group, and the scheduling needs of hosting resources in country.

CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



Leadership Development



Experiential Learning



Professional Networking



Professional Development



Mutual Respect and Inclusion

ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Guests are welcome to join the delegation at the same rate as professional participants, and will have opportunities to enjoy cultural enrichment and community service activities in lieu of the professional program. This is a wonderful opportunity for your partner, spouse, or friend to share the experience of traveling in Kosovo with you.

PRICING

Cost of Program: \$3,450 per person (3-star accommodations) | **Single Supplement Cost:** \$140 per person

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Prospective participants must apply and be approved by the delegation leader before proceeding with registration. A \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon approval of your application. The balance is due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure.

Program fees are based on double rooms. A single-room supplement is provided as an option. If you have to cancel, you must submit your request in writing, dated upon receipt.

If you cancel...

After payment of the deposit
90–61 days prior to departure
60–31 days prior to departure
30 days prior to departure
Cancellation of program by World Learning

Your penalty is

\$500.00
25% of Program Cost
50% of Program Cost
100% of Program Cost
Full Refund to You

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please be sure to read World Learning's [Conditions of Participation](#) and the U.S. Department of State's [Travel Information on Kosovo](#) before registering. All participants must sign the Conditions in order to embark on the program.

The program must meet a minimum registration of 12 participants in order to proceed. If registration does not meet the minimum, the program will be cancelled and all previously paid registration fees will be refunded. Please see the Conditions of Participation for further details on registration, payment, and refund policies.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

While in Kosovo, why not extend your travels to see more of the region? World Learning offers **optional add-on excursions** of 4 days to enable you to maximize your experience overseas. These excursions will introduce you to a wider range of cultural, historical, and culinary sights and experiences.



4-DAY EXCURSION Albania

\$1,380 per person
(\$185 single supplement)



4-DAY EXCURSION Macedonia

\$1,325 per person
(\$200 single supplement)

Delegates must be enrolled in the core program in order to take advantage of these excursion prices.

ABOUT WORLD LEARNING

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