



**SCHOOL for
THINKTANKERS**

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The School for Thinktankers team



Warming up

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- Go to menti <https://www.menti.com/> Code **6282 6432**



Overview of the programme

Found in the [Overview](#) of the course in the
website

TIME	MONDAY 24 JAN	TUESDAY 25 JAN	WEDNESDAY 26 JAN	THURSDAY 27 JAN	FRIDAY 28 JAN
12:30- 13:00 GMT	Welcome and programme overview	Participant's presentations	Crosscutting session Transparency and Credibility workshop. Andrea Baertl	Module 2 Policy relevant research. Session 1 Bridging Research and Policy: Challenges for the Activist Think-Tank. Simon Maxwell	Reflection session
13:00 -13:30 GMT	Getting to know each other				Crosscutting session Founding a think tank Q&A session with founders. Orazio Belletini, Nicolás Ducoté and Simonida Kacarska
13:30 -14:00 GMT	Module 1 Think tanks and evidence-informed policy. Session 1 What is a think tank? History, roles and models in differing contexts. Enrique Mendizabal	Expectations and learning objectives- group discussion			
14:00-14:30 GMT					
14:30-15:00 GMT					

COLOUR CODE	Module session	Workshop	Reflection & Programme sessions	Networking & Engagement
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TIME	MONDAY 31 JAN	TUESDAY 1 FEB	WEDNESDAY 2 FEB	THURSDAY 3 FEB	FRIDAY 4 FEB
12:30- 13:00 GMT	<p>Module 3 Communications. Session 1 Communication Strategies. Cast from Clay. Tom Hashemi and Katy Murray</p>	<p>Module 3 Policy relevant research Session 2 Strategies to increase your reach, functions and impact. Emily Gustafsson-Wright</p>	<p>Crosscutting session Branding Workshop John Schwartz & Naomi Isaacs, Soapbox</p>	Reflection session	<p>Module 4 Fundraising and financial management. Session 1 Fundraising</p>
13:00 -13:30 GMT				<p>Module 3 Communications. Session 2 Policy outreach: strategies and challenges. Erin Collinson , CGD</p>	
13:30 -14:00 GMT				<p>Small talks sessions^o</p>	
14:00-14:30 GMT					
14:30-15:00 GMT					
15:00-15:30 GMT					

TIME	MONDAY 7 FEB	TUESDAY 8 FEB	WEDNESDAY 9 FEB	THURSDAY 10 FEB	FRIDAY 11 FEB
12:30- 13:00 GMT	Module 4 Fundraising and financial management. Session 2 Finance for non financial managers. Sonja Stojanovic Gajic	Module 5 Governance and management Session 1 Leading a think tank. Simonida Kacarska & Sonja Stojanovic Gajic	Module 6 Monitoring, evaluation, and learning of policy influence. Session 1 Dena Lomofsky and Stephen Yeo	Module 6 Monitoring, evaluation, and learning of policy influence Session 2 Dena Lomofsky and Stephen Yeo	Reflection session
13:00 -13:30 GMT					Final session Advice for think tank leaders
13:30 -14:00 GMT					
14:00-14:30 GMT					School close
OWN TIME	Participate in slack discussions and with fellow participants, read and watch background materials.				



Structure and delivery

Website

- The course can be found in the website
- In each module you'll find the agenda, link to sessions, and we'll upload the recordings of the sessions and presentations as soon as they are ready
- Browse the profiles of trainers and participants, and connect with them.

Live sessions

- Link in slack and in the website
- Please turn on your cameras (if adequate internet) and mute your mics (turn on to intervene)
- You can raise your hands to ask questions (try now!)
- And write comments or questions in the chat box

Slack

- Main form of communication-NO EMAILS
- Both trainers and participants are in slack (as well as past participants)
- Dedicated main channel, but we(you) can create specific channels for more in depth conversations.
- You can also send direct messages

Learning Journals

- Offer a chance for you to set and monitor your learning objectives for the week
- Help keep track of key lessons you want to learn -from speakers and peers
- Identify future learning objectives
- 3 dedicated sessions for reflection through the school
- [Download from the website](#)

Daily recaps

- One volunteer each day to reflect on the process and report back to us at the end of the day.
- [Please sign up here](#) (or we will select from the group)

Small talks

- Los viernes tendremos conversaciones en grupos pequeños con los facilitadores.
- Son sesiones con un formato flexible cuyo objetivo es la discusión conjunta y la interacción entre participante.
- Regístrense a las de su [preferencia en este link](#)

Participant's presentations

- We have set aside one session for participants to get to know each other and the work each does.
- Prepare a short presentation (2 minutes) could be spoken or using any other format) about your work/project. Options include
 - A description of your current organisation
 - Your trajectory
 - An issue you are working on
 - A project/programme/resource you are working on (or have worked)
- Session is tomorrow!



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Getting to know each other

Virtual fondue

- Get to know each other over cheese and wine (or soft drinks)
 - Starter: random group (5 minutes)
 - Main course: random group (7 minutes)
 - Walk home: self-select (7 minutes)
- What you can share/ask each other:
 - Identify what you have in common
 - Where are you based
 - Where you studied
 - What is your current role and your professional background
 - What makes you laugh
 - What is the weirdest thing in your office/table at the moment
 - How has lockdown affected you etc.

Be careful not to leave the session!



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Wrapping up

Reflections

- Intensive course but does not cover everything
- Trainers will share their experiences, please engage, react, contest and reflect how can the experiences work or be applied in your own contexts
- Will be introduced to several topics, and begin your learning journey
- Use slack to connect with and learn from peers

Tomorrow

- Recap by?
- Participant's presentations



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