

## **Global Connections XVIII**

### **Transformations through Cooperative Learning Experiences**

Friday, March 17

Participants arrive during the day at Madrid Airport  
Transport provided to Gredos San Diego campus at Buitrago de Lozoya (45 minutes north of Madrid by motorway)  
Informal welcome dinner – on campus – 8.30 pm  
After dinner panoramic walk in town (Buitrago)

Saturday, March 18

Cooperative experience exercises and games after breakfast  
Mid-morning departure for Sendas del Riaza, Gredos Environmental Center  
Global Connections XVIII Opening dinner at the Center  
Main speaker, Carlos Pedro de la Higuera Perez, founder and current Board President of Gredos San Diego

Sunday, March 19

Seven different cooperative lenses – substantive input from participants  
Vocational Training  
Peace Education  
Global Partnerships  
Environmental Awareness and Action  
Cooperative Learning in the Classroom  
Community Service  
Innovation, Creativity and Improvisation

**Sharing session Number 1** in late afternoon

Monday, March 20

Interactive and participatory visit the seven Gredos campuses in morning, in small groups, each group to one campus, for substantive talks with teachers, students, and administrators  
Madrid de la Austrias and Borgones (walking tour of Madrid) in afternoon, and supper in the city, before returning to Buitrago

Tuesday, March 21

Reflective meetings at Buitrago in Monday's small groups  
Global Connections Board Meeting  
Madrid in the afternoon – Royal Palace, Prado Museum, Real Madrid stadium, etc.  
Shopping in the evening  
Tapas Tour supper in small groups then transport back to Buitrago

Wednesday, March 22

Drive to Toledo and stay overnight there  
Visit traditional guitar craftsman en route, Manuel Rodriguez and sons, Esquivias  
Meeting in Cervantes House, Esquivias – **Sharing Session Number 2**  
Lunch near Toledo  
Meeting in Cluster Monastery – reflections on this seminar's Cooperative Learning Experiences and our seven lenses  
Check into hotel and dinner  
Keynote speaker – senior person in Education Ministry  
Night walk in Toledo

Thursday, March 23

Toledo in morning  
Drive back through El Escorial  
Afternoon session at Gredos campus, El Escorial – group reports from Monday's campus visits and Tuesday's reflections  
Visit monastery in El Escorial  
Dinner at Buitrago

Friday, March 24

Global Connections Business Meeting after breakfast  
Present declaration draft at Business Meeting  
Drive to Bodega in Brivera del Duero for lunch – read and discuss Seminar Declaration informally on bus  
Declaration finalization at Bodega after lunch  
Formal farewell dinner at Buitrago

Saturday, March 25

Departures during the day – transportation arranged to Madrid airport