



Themistoklis Gkion

Themis Gkion is the founder of the educational organisation Flow Athens through which he gives form to the way he imagines learning with inspiration. He gained experience in experimental teaching and developed sensitivity for education early on, growing up and working in the primary school founded by his grandmother. He studied engineering at the National Technical University of Athens and graduated with a grade of 9,34/10. He also took up some additional studies in human psychology. He is a graduate of MBA with distinction from INSEAD.

Themis was distinguished with the gold medal in the National Mathematical Olympiad and the bronze medal in the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad. After a long career that started from his love of riddles and mathematics and his experience with education, he came back to where he started, developing initiatives for substantial education that corresponds to the changing needs of people.

In the meantime, he gained experience in various professional fields such as the textile industry, the Research & Development department of Sklavos industry, trading OTC derivatives in the dealing room of the National Bank of Greece and taking part in business and leadership development programmes in Fontainebleau of France for his MBA in INSEAD.

Currently, he designs innovative educational programmes: learning experience courses and learning games for young people of every age, that provoke creative ways of thinking, exercise different options for problem solving, develop critical thinking, exercise ways of work for effective communication and collaboration, cultivate abilities and skills that are important for the life and career of modern people.

He has cooperated with a number of organisations in educational programmes such as:

Mozilla Foundation, Eugenides Foundation, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Biomedical Research Foundation - Academy of Athens, Ravensbourne College, Partners for Youth Empowerment, British Council, Planet Agents, Hive Learning Network, Future Library, Costeas-Geitonas School, Neue Schule Athen, EYDAP S.A.- Athens Water Supply and Sewerage Company, DEPA – Natural Gas Company, Ethos Sustainability Forum, Athens Plaython, TEDxAthens and Helsinki Learning Festival.



Maria Saridaki

Maria loves to study the different applications of game. As a researcher of the New Technologies Lab of the University of Athens, she is involved in the utilization of digital gaming for educating people with or without disabilities. Since 2008, she organises participatory designing workshops for gaming and digital narration for all ages and also workshops on applied utilisation of digital games for teachers and media specialists.

She is the co-founder of the street games community Athens Plaython that aims to improve urban life through games. Her work has been presented in the National Museum of Modern Art, in Playpublic in Berlin and in Gamecity in Nottingham. In addition to the Athens Plaython Festivals (2012, 2013 & 2014), in 2015 she organised the Invisible Cities Festival and in 2011 she organised the first exhibition of serious digital games in Athens.