Every 2 years, the EPEA holds its International Conference in a different European country so that members and non-members can come together to explore topical issues; experience new approaches and innovations, and highlight good practice in the field of prison education.

The EPEA Steering Committee is beginning to plan for the **18th International EPEA Conference** to be held in 2023, and is inviting organisations, agencies or institutions interested in hosting this conference to contact us.

The benefits of hosting the conference are many. In addition to enhancing the international reputation of the host organisation, it provides an opportunity to showcase new developments and innovations, to forge international links, and to help shape the future development of prison education across Europe and beyond.

If you are considering hosting the next conference and would like more information, please contact the EPEA Chairperson, Cormac Behan. He will explain what is involved in hosting an EPEA conference and provide guidelines on how to make a successful conference bid.

**What next?**

1. If you are interested in hosting the next conference, please contact Chairperson Cormac Behan at chair@epea.org for further information.

2. Submit a formal bid by 20th February 2022, according to the accompanying guidelines and any information provided by the Chairperson.

3. The EPEA Steering Committee will reach a decision on the successful applicant by the 31st March 2022, and will contact shortlisted applicants for a more detailed discussion before then.