Playing with Protons UK CPD Course, 30 Jul – 04 Aug 2018

# Playing with Protons for a wonder-full primary classroom

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## Why?

"Children naturally enjoy observing and thinking about nature." (Eshach & Fried, 2005, p. 315)

"It is, therefore, incumbent on the science educator to provide children with environments, materials, and activities, to develop their scientific reasoning while these 'windows of opportunity' are still open." (ibid., p. 334)

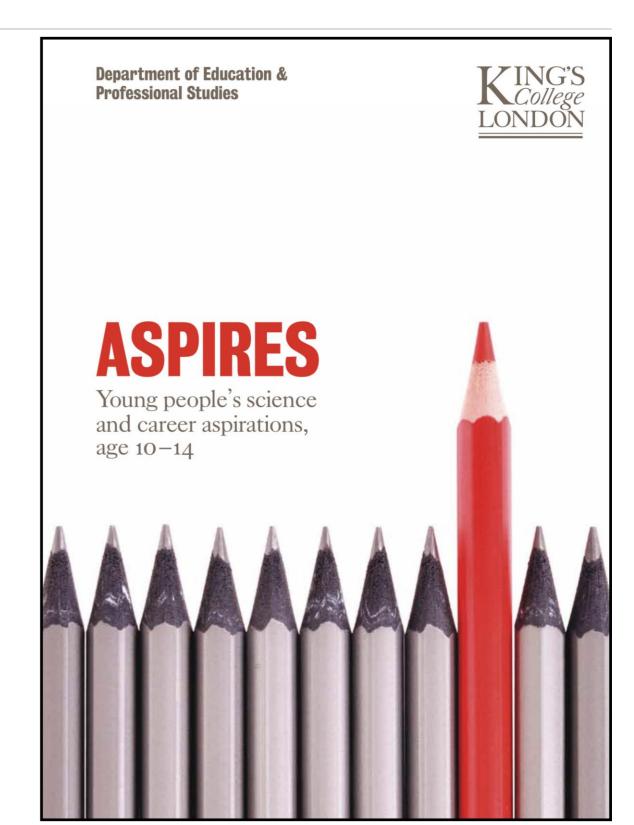


Playing with Protons workshop at the National Observatory of Athens, Greece

## Why?

"Action needs to begin at primary school - age 14 is too late."

"Efforts to broaden students' aspirations, particularly in relation to STEM, need to begin in primary school. Currently most activities and interventions are targeted at secondary school students."



## Primary Teacher Professional Development at CERN

Experience the unique culture of cutting-edge science, technology and innovation at the world's largest particle physics laboratory.

Utilize creative methodologies to develop educational scenarios and lesson plans for enhancing primary physics teaching and learning.

Try out new learning activities, especially hands-on experiments with everyday materials, to increase student interest, motivation and wonder.

Get inspired and motivated to share newly acquired knowledge and wonder-full experience with peers, parents and the local community.







### What, Where, When









**CPD COURSES COMMUNITIES & RESOURCES SCHOOL INITIATIVES** 

CREATIONS

Developing an Engaging Science Classroom



Greek teachers learn ABCs of particle physics at CERN



CMS AND CERN INSPIRE UK PRIMARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS TO PLAY WITH PROTONS





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#### 2016: 1st Greek Teacher PD course at CERN



#### 1st Greek Teacher PD at CERN: Feedback



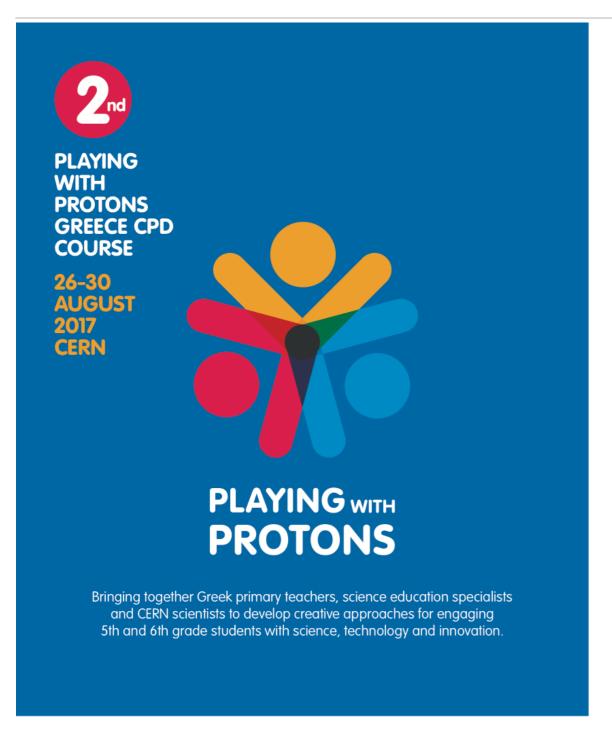
#### 1st Greek Teacher PD at CERN: Publicity

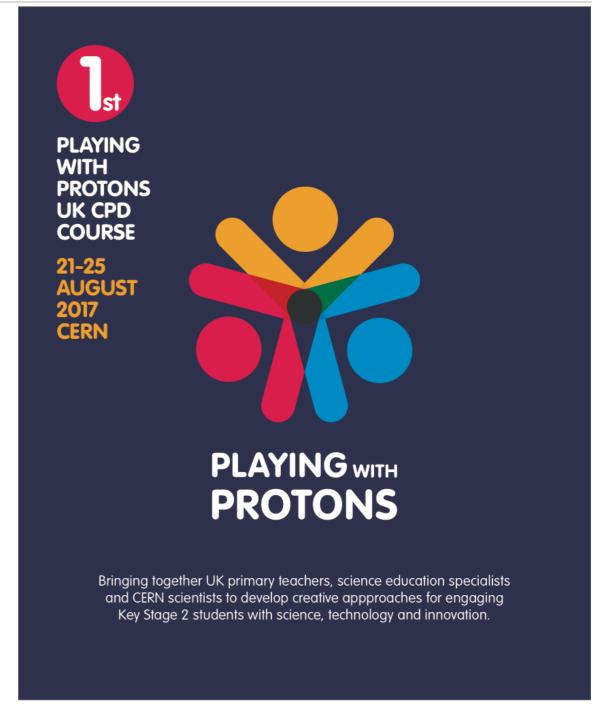






#### 2017: Continuation and Expansion to UK









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#### Our UK Ambassadors\*



\*UK teachers trained at CERN. We have more ambassadors/members – see next slide!

#### Footprint\*





3 CPD courses

50+ schools 150+ teachers

~4,000 students

\*Up to 01 Aug 2018



#### **Distinctions**

#### Particles4U (IPPOG)

Primary School (Age 12 and under) Winners

2nd and 6th Primary Schools of Artemida, Athens, Greece

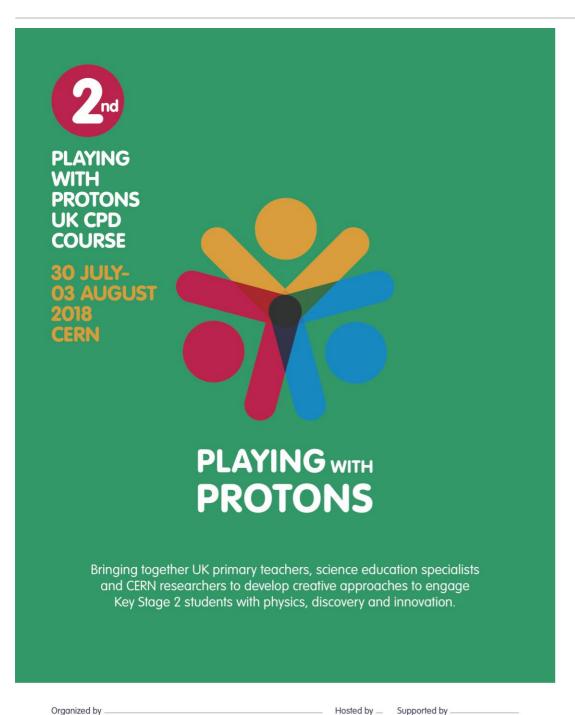


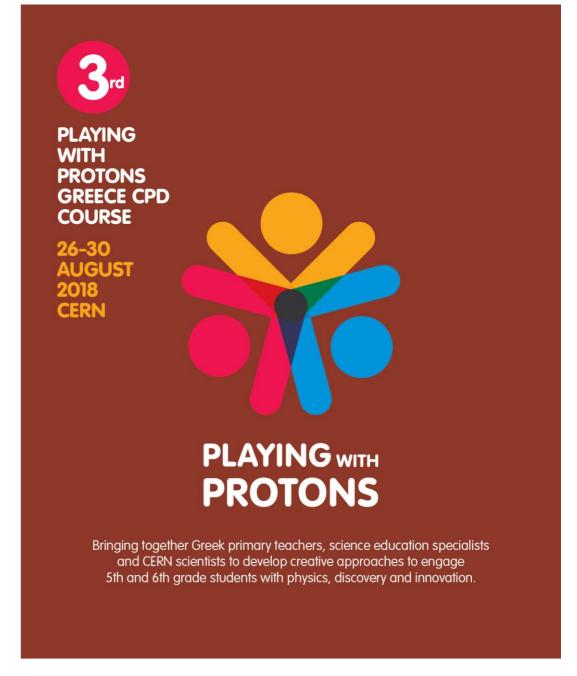
Students from the 2nd and 6th primary schools of **Artemida**, a region near **Athens**, **Greece** combined particle physics with humor and to imagine a dialogue among particles. Thier video is called "**The Quark Show.**"

Looking...Up! (IAU OAD)



## Moving on!































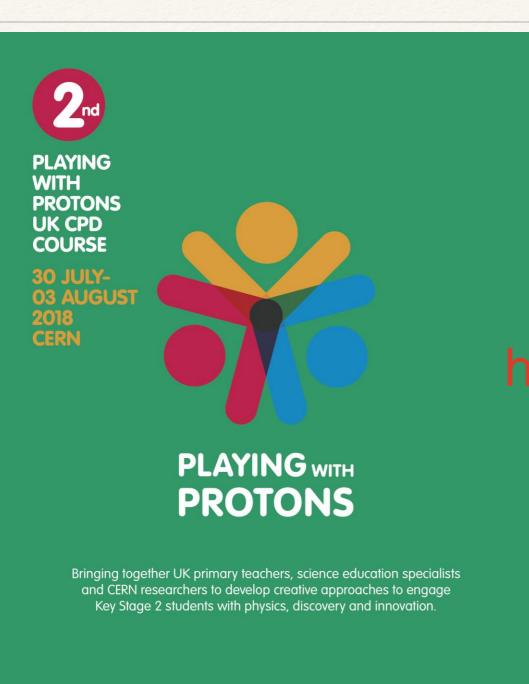








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