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January 24 - 31, 2025
Rovaniemi, Finland

LIFE2025

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AUDIENCE

- Kindergarten, primary, and secondary school teachers
- Special education teachers
- School management and leadership
- All other non-teaching experts
- Staff working in school education, adult education and VET



METHODS

- Exploration of pre-assumptions
- Presentations by educational experts
- Visits to educational institutions
- Personal diary
- Socratic walks
- Shared brainstorming
- Panel discussions



OUTCOMES

- Create a concrete development plan for your own school
- Improve your skills in collaborative teaching and learning methods
- Become better equipped to teach your students skills for the 21st century

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Meet Our Educational Experts



Aulis Pitkälä

Aulis Pitkälä has had an exceptional career in the field of education. From 2012-2016, he was the Director General of the Finnish National Agency for Education.



Piia Roos

Piia has long experience as a teacher and a leader in Finnish childcare centers. For the past 10 years she worked as a teacher in vocational college for practical nurses majoring in early childhood education. Her special interests are children's perspective and participation.



Jussi Kainulainen

Jussi has working experience in primary and secondary education as a class teacher, SEN teacher, and vice-principal. Jussi has also been engaged with school administration as a Development Manager in the City of Kokkola and currently as Pedagogical Director in Rovaniemi.



Heljä Misukka

Heljä Misukka has had an exceptional career in the field of education. For the last ten years, she was the Director of Educational Policy and Executive Team member at the Trade Union of Education in Finland; before that, she worked as a Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Education. During 2015-2022, she was also a board member of Finnish National Agency for Education, and during 2013-2016, she was an Executive Board member at the Laurea University of Applied Sciences. Currently, she is the Executive director and owner of LovEdu.



Suvi Westling

Suvi is an expert in educational psychology with a broad view of education and a deep understanding of the human mind. She has graduated from and later taught students in an innovative program of educational psychology at the University of Helsinki.

Tentative Program

● FRIDAY, JAN 24

10:00 – 19:00 Participating in Educa event (English program). You can join an optional Educa School Visit.

● SATURDAY, JAN 25

10:00 – 17:00 Educa continues (English program)
Traveling to Rovaniemi (according to individual flight options). Recommended visit before going to Rovaniemi: Oodi Library.
NOTE! Educa-program will be streamed so you can also fly directly to Rovaniemi without missing the presentations.

● SUNDAY, JAN 26

08:30 – 09:00 Registration at Santa's Hotel Santa Claus
09:00 – 09:45 Conference opening
09:45 – 10:15 Educa event reflections
10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
10:30 – 11:00 Introduction to Finnish education
11:00 – 11:30 Finnish pre-education & care
12:30 – 17:30 Visiting Santa Claus Village; includes an optional ride in Husky Park
19:00 – 22:00 Ice Restaurant Dinner Experience (optional)

● MONDAY, JAN 27

08:30 – 13:00 Kindergarten or Comprehensive school visit (including lunch)
13:45 – 16:30 Program at the Santa's Hotel Santa Claus (including coffee)
• 13:45-14:15 wrap up talk
• 14:20-15:20 Student welfare at Finnish schools (speaker to be announced later)
• Coffee break
• 15:30-16:30 Jussi Kainulainen: Local implementations of the national curriculum – case Rovaniemi
19:00 – 21:00 City Reception

● TUESDAY 28 JAN

08:30 – 13:00 High school, Vocational school or Teacher training school visit (including lunch)
13:00 – 13:30 Socratic walk & visit wrap up at Santa's Hotel Santa Claus
13:30 – 14:30 Winter activities (ice swimming or sled slides)
14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break
15:00 – 18:00 group split in two:
• 'Be a student' – lesson simulations in a Finnish school*
- OR
• Self-guided tour in Korundi House of Culture
19:00 – 21:30 Excursion to Aurora Borealis Camp (optional)

● WEDNESDAY, JAN 29

09:00 – 11:30 Discovering elements of well-being
• part 1: Workshop & free exploration in Science Centre Pilke
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 15:00 Discovering elements of well-being
• part 2: PILKE and Arktikum, workshops and lectures in small groups
15:00 – 18:00 group split in two:
• 'Be a student' – lesson simulations in a Finnish school*
OR
• Self-guided tour in Korundi House of Culture
19:00 – 21:00 Farewell Dinner at Santa's Hotel Santa Claus

● THURSDAY, JAN 30

08:30 – 09:00 Introduction to Finnish Teacher education – interviews with students.
09:00-10:00 Working on the action plans.
Coffee Break
10:15-12:15 Heljä Misukka: The ultimate Q&A session about the Finnish school system.
12:15-12:30 Closing words, feedback
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
14:00 – 17:00 Snowmobile Safari to Reindeer Farm (optional)

● AFTERLIFE EXPERIENCE: OPTIONAL WITH EXTRA FEE FRIDAY 31

09:30 – 12:30 A 3-hour hands-on workshop: Learning through and about nature. We have combined three different elements in one package. You get
• to experience Finnish nature education in the role of a student.
• to learn about Lappish lifestyle and survival skills needed in Arctic environment.
• concrete tools to use in your work.

This nature pedagogy workshop is designed and conducted by Kimmo Tuunala from Finncredible.

* IMPORTANT! All the school visits and lesson simulations have a minimum and maximum group size. The earlier you book, the more options you will have!

** NOTE! If there are differences between the brochure and the website, you can count on the website as it has updated information.

The updated program with schedule on Life2025 website: www.visitedufinn.com/event/life2025