

# LIFE2022

28<sup>th</sup> January - 3<sup>rd</sup> February



EXPERIENCE FINNISH EDUCATION  
JOIN EDUCATION EXPERT KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## WELCOME



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THEME  
**Shadowing Experience –  
Learning and Teaching Together**

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**LIFE2022 SHADOWING EXPERIENCE – LEARNING AND TEACHING TOGETHER** is a new way to get even deeper into the famous Finnish education. Understand how everyday life works in Finnish schools by shadowing Finnish teachers and by listening to the top Finnish education experts in **Educa**, the largest event for the education and training sector in Finland. In 2020, more than 700 education professionals around the world attended Educa in Helsinki, in addition to the nearly 20000 Finnish participants.

Theme '**Learning and teaching together**' reflects the culture of learning promoted by the newest Finnish national curriculum. During the event you will learn concrete examples of how to work as co-teachers, how to group the students to work together as well as how to structure students' collaboration. In LIFE2022 we will also establish our own culture of learning together and thus experience what it means in practice. A special attention will be given to the practices during COVID-19 pandemic in Finland.

**LIFE™ was chosen in 2019 as one of the winners in the Authentic Finnish Educational Travel Product -contest!**

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*"This has been an experience of a lifetime, cannot thank you enough for organizing this incredible opportunity."*  
Cindy Rice, EL school designer, Ripley Central School, USA

## EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS IN ROVANIEMI



**Aulis Pitkälä** has an exceptional career in the field of Education. During the years 2012-2016 Aulis responded a valued task of Director General in Finnish National Agency for Education and nowadays he works as a Deputy Mayor of Education and Cultural Services in the city of Espoo. In 2017 he was awarded with honorary title by the President of the Republic of Finland for his distinguished career in education.



**Kristiina Volmari** (Ph.D.) works as Counsellor of Education and Head of Statistics and International Affairs at the Finnish National Board of Education. She has also worked as a teacher for 20 years at most levels of education and in vocational teacher education.



**Jussi-Pekka Järvinen** (M.Ed) currently works as a university teacher at the University of Turku. Jussi-Pekka has previously worked in the field of technology and possesses a strong knowledge of pedagogy, technology and the combination of these two for pedagogically relevant use of educational technology in teaching and learning.



**Jussi Kainulainen** has an extensive experience from Finnish education system. He has working experience from 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 here in Rovaniemi. He has international working experience from e.g. Namibia and Laos Abu Dhabi, UAE and Malaysia.



**Marjaana Sall** is an Ambassador for Education at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since September 2019. She has extensive experience in Africa having served 12 years at diplomatic positions in Africa, worked as Deputy Ambassador of the European Union to Kenya and as Deputy Ambassador of the Finnish Embassy to South Africa and to Indonesia. Most recently, she served as the European Union Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius and to the Republic of Seychelles and was also responsible for the cooperation between the European Union and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). She has also held a position at the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in New York.

## LIFE2022 COORDINATOR AND FACILITATOR



**Suvi Krista Westling** is an educational psychologist and expert in the field with both grass root teaching experience from school and teacher education as well as research from these environments. She has a broad and holistic view of education and a deep understanding of human mind and learning. She has graduated from and later taught new students in an innovative program of educational psychology at the University of Helsinki.

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## THE SHADOWING EXPERIENCE

The key purpose of LIFE2022 is to see in person how learning takes place in Finnish kindergartens and schools by shadowing Finnish teachers. You can choose the age range to ensure it is tailored to your needs\*. If you want to know more about pre-primary education, note that in Finland it normally takes place in kindergartens. Here are the age ranges for each visit:

Kindergarten (age 0-6)  
Primary school/  
Teacher Training School (age 7-12)  
Secondary school (age 13-15)  
High School/Vocational college (age 16-18)

During the shadowing, you will observe teachers and children in their activities, and ask them about their daily teaching practices. On last day you will have a chance to teach together with other participants. Planning this session will offer you a great opportunity to share and elicit ideas inspired by the school visits.

LIFE2022 offers interesting expert presentations and workshops focusing on different aspects of Finnish education system. Last, but not least, you will hear testimonies from earlier participants what they have changed in their own school after visiting Finnish schools and how did it work out.

*\* There is a minimum number of participants per group, so unfortunately we cannot guarantee that you are able to join each day, your preferred age group.*

*"The value of attending this conference is immeasurable. I found the guest speakers to be highly motivating and worthwhile. I have so many ideas I would now like to implement in my own classroom to improve student learning. The time I spent in the various schools was so rewarding - to be able to see the learning happening in action and to be able to discuss theories and practises with teachers was something I found to be super educational and insightful. I also helps that Rovaniemi is such an amazing place and full of fun adventures*

**Ruth Ferguson, Year 6 Leader, Yew Chung International School of Shanghai Puxi, China**

*Tentative program for LIFE2022 – Please note that changes are possible.*

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 19:00 Participating in **Educa** event (English program)

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

09:00 – 12:00 **Educa** continues (English program)

12:00 – 18:00 Traveling to Rovaniemi (according to individual flight options). Recommended visit before going to Rovaniemi: **Oodi Library**.

19:00 – 21:00 **Ice Restaurant Dinner Experience** (optional)

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 12:00 **Kristiina Volmari and Aulis Pitkälä**: National and municipal level co-operation with schools and teacher at **Scandic Pohjanhovi**

12:00 - 13:00 **Jussi Kainulainen**: Local implementations of the national curriculum – case Rovaniemi.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:00 Learning outside the classroom: Visiting **Santa Claus Village**, includes an optional visit and ride to **Hysky Park**

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

09:00 – 12:30 Kindergarten/School visits (incl. lunch)\*

13:00 – 14:00 Socratic walk & wrap up of the school visit (Learning diary)

14:00 - 15:00 **Jussi-Pekka Järvinen**: The role of digital learning and teaching in exceptional circumstances. What we learned during the 2020 and 2021

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 17:30 Optional workshop: *It's the pedagogy-not the technology*

19:00 - 21:00 Rovaniemi City Reception

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

09:00 – 12:30 Kindergarten/School visits (incl. lunch)\*

13:00 - 14:00 Outdoor activities or after lunch quiet time

15:00 - 17:00 Learning and teaching together **Workshop 1**

19:00 - 21:30 Excursion to **Aurora Borealis Camp** (optional)

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

09:00 - 12:30 School visits (incl. lunch)\*

13:00 - 14:00 Socratic walk & wrap up of the school visit (Learning diary)

14:00 - 16:00 VisitEDUfinn- & Euneos-Alumni stories: *How the learnings from Finnish education have been applied?* Panel discussion with **Marjaana Sall**, Ambassador for Education in Finland.

19:00 - 21:00 Farewell Dinner at Scandic Pohjanhovi

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

09:00 - 11:30 Learning and teaching together **Workshop 2**

11:30 - 12:00 Reflection & feedback, food for thought, closing

14:00 - 17:00 **Snowmobile Safari to Reindeer Farm** (optional)

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



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## WINTER ACTIVITIES

For both LIFE2022 participants and avec/ accompanying persons we have organized an exclusive winter activity program. In order to participate in these activities, please register before January 21st, 2022.



## VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

LIFE2022 has two exciting venues. In Rovaniemi venue is **Scandic Pohjanhovi**, and you can reserve a room there on the hotel website. Rooms facing the river offer a pleasant, open view. The buses for the school visits also leave from that hotel.

Educa venue is **Messukeskus** in Helsinki. There are plenty of excellent options for accomodation in the city center or near Messukeskus

## THE PARTICIPATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Admission to all sessions
- Event materials
- School visits
- Visit Santa Claus Village
- Certificate of attendance
- Possibility to participate in the optional workshop for LIFE2022 participants (additional fees apply)
- Possibility to participate in special winter activities designed for LIFE2022 (additional fees apply)

## HOW TO GET THERE

Despite its northern location, Rovaniemi is well connected to the rest of the world. From abroad, the town is easiest to get to by about one hour flight via Helsinki. Daily flights between Rovaniemi and Helsinki are operated by Finnair throughout the year. In addition, more and more airlines offer direct flights to Rovaniemi.

Having problems finding proper flights between Helsinki and Rovaniemi? Night train and sleeping compartment can be an interesting, exotic and economic option for those who don't want to stay extra night in Helsinki or Rovaniemi.

## MORE INFORMATION:

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