

Lapland International Forum for Education™

January 26 - February 2, 2024
Rovaniemi, Finland

LIFE2024

THE SHADOWING EXPERIENCE

JOURNEY TOWARDS WELL-BEING IN EDUCATION

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Discover the Finnish education system while enjoying magical Finnish Lapland!

Experience winter adventures surrounded by the beauty of Finnish nature. Get an up-close introduction to the culture of the world's happiest country through our academic and free time programs.

- Collaborative learning ✓
- School visits ✓
- Workshops ✓
- Keynote speakers ✓
- Social program ✓



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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 26

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

● SATURDAY, JAN 27

- 10:00 – 17:00 Educa continues (English program)
- Traveling to Rovaniemi (according to individual flight options)
- Recommended visit before going to Rovaniemi: Oodi Library

● SUNDAY, JAN 28

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration at Scandic Pohjanhovi
- 09:00 – 09:45 Conference opening
- 09:45 – 10:15 Educa event reflections
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:00 Suvi K. Westling: Introduction of Finnish education
- 11:00 – 11:30 Piia Roos: Finnish pre-education & care
- 11:30 – 12:30 Jussi Kainulainen: Local implementations of the national curriculum – case Rovaniemi
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 17:30 Visiting Santa Claus Village; includes an optional ride in Husky Park
- 19:00 – 22:00 Ice Restaurant Dinner Experience (optional)

● MONDAY, JAN 29

- 08:30 – 13:00 Kindergarten or Comprehensive school visit (including lunch)
- 13:00 – 13:45 Wrap-up walk
- 13:45 – 16:15 Program at the University of Lapland (including coffee)
- 19:00 – 21:00 City Reception

● TUESDAY 30 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
- 13:30 – 14:30 Winter activities (ice swimming or sled slides)
- 14:30 – 15:00 Introduction to Finnish Teacher education – interviews with students.
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:00 Interview with Aulis Pitkälä, the former head of the Finnish National Agency of Education
- 19:00 – 21:30 Excursion to Aurora Borealis Camp (optional)

● WEDNESDAY, JAN 31

- 09:00 – 11:30 Discovering future competencies in Rovaniemi science & art centers – part 1: Workshop & free exploration in Science Centre Pilke
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 15:00 Discovering future competencies in Rovaniemi science & art centers – part 2: Self-guided tour in Korundi House of Culture
- 15:00 – 18:00 'Be a student' – lesson simulations in a Finnish school*
- 19:00 – 21:00 Farewell Dinner at Scandic Pohjanhovi

● THURSDAY, FEB 1

- 09:00 – 10:00 Morning opening, feedback & reflection
- 10:30 – 12:30 Discovering future competencies in Rovaniemi science & art centers – part 3: Mini-lecture & guided tour in Arktikum Science centre
- 12:30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 14:00 – 17:00 Snowmobile Safari to Reindeer Farm (optional)

● AFTERLIFE EXPERIENCE: OPTIONAL WITH EXTRA FEE FRIDAY, FEB 2

A 3-hour hands-on workshop: Learning through and about nature

We have combined three different elements in one package. You will get to:

- ✓ experience Finnish nature education in the role of a student,
- ✓ learn about Lappish lifestyle,
- ✓ learn survival skills needed in Arctic environment,
- ✓ and learn about 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!

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The updated program with schedule on Life2024 website: www.visitedufinn.com/event/life2024

What Our Clients Say About Lapland International Forum for Education™

“ This visit is part of our efforts to **learn from the best in the world** when it comes to education.

Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education, Wales

“ So grateful the conference was so **well planned and organized**. Would **highly recommend** to others. Thank you again for the **outstanding experience** and the wonderful hospitality.”

Jessica Cowan, School counselor, USA

“ We are so grateful that we got this opportunity . A lot of my team came from New York with us, and we got to experience it together.

Danni Rieley, USA

“ The lectures and school visits have **deepened our knowledge** and we have been able to closely observe **all educational levels**. The discussion forums provided us with a **rich exchange of cutting-edge ideas in education** with people from all over the world; I wish we can repeat this **dream trip!**

Andrea D. Ferrari, CEO Whole Schools International

