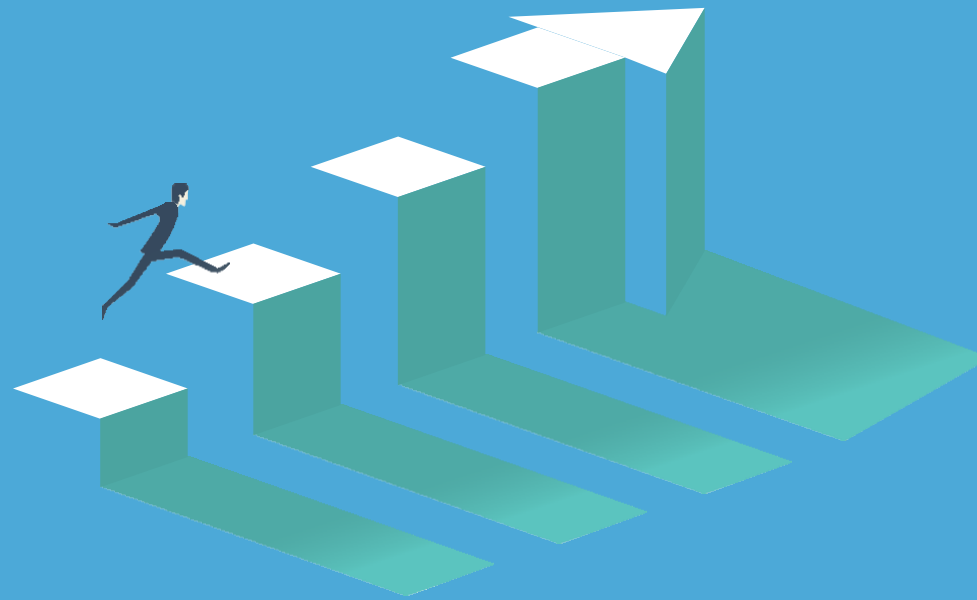


# PREPSTEPS TO YOUR PEDAGOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL STUDY VISIT



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# Welcome to start planning your study visit to Finland together with us, the school you will visit and VisitEDUfinn

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Every national education system has its pros and cons but learning from others will offer new ideas and working models to improve the assessment and development processes of your own.



When reflecting familiar educational practices in a light of another culture, our eyes may open for completely new questions enabling a two-way learning.



Instead of emphasizing the inferiority or superiority of different systems, our aim is to enhance understanding through comparisons and offer opportunities for culture sensitive educational cooperation, sharing and consulting.

# PRESTEP 1: TOPICS FOR THE VISITS

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To make your visit more profound and to give you the full understanding of our daily educational practices in Finland, please let us know the education topics that you are most interested in.

If you don't have any specific interests in mind, we are more than happy to offer you generic visits as well. In either case, our experienced hosts and the school personnel are always willing to answer your questions concerning these topics.

## 1.

### 1. The basics of [Finnish education system](#), based on trust, responsibility and the philosophy of inclusion

- 1.1. the smooth hierarchy in Finnish school: the role of principal, teachers and other personnel
- 1.2. [national core curriculum](#) that gives space for local variations
- 1.3. YOUR OWN TOPIC

## 2.

### 2. The school as a learning community, [learning is not depending on time or place](#)

- 2.1. everyone has equal opportunities
- 2.2. special needs education generally provided within mainstream education
- 2.3. phenomenon-based learning and transversal competences, a move towards inter-disciplinary topics
- 2.4. teachers as instructors, mentors and stimulators to guide students to become lifelong learners
- 2.5. daily teaching practices, methods and the class management challenges
- 2.6. assessment via a variety of different methods which guide and promote learning
- 2.7. YOUR OWN TOPIC

## 3.

### 3. The pedagogical approach to enhance students' creativity, critical thinking and participation

- 3.1. student-centered interactive and inspiring joy of learning
- 3.2. learning as an active, goal-oriented and self-motivated action
- 3.3. YOUR OWN TOPIC

## PRESTEP 2: LECTURES

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Want to acquire more profound information about the above-mentioned topics?

Our expert lectures can give you deeper insights after the visits.

## PRESTEP 3: EDUCATION-RELATED VISITS

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In Finnish Education, there are a lot more to see than just the schools as learning is taking place more and more outside the classroom. Explore some of the most popular places where the schools are taking the students regularly and other organizations to understand better, how the Finnish Education works.



### Learning environments:

[The Finnish Science Centre Heureka](#)

[The Finnish Nature Centre Haltia](#)

[Me & My City](#) - Awarded as the world's best  
education innovation in 2014

[Annantalo](#) Multidisciplinary Arts Centre

[National Museum](#), [Design Museum](#), [Finnish National Gallery](#)

[City](#), [National](#) and [University libraries](#)

[Reuse Center](#)

## OTHER PLACES TO VISIT

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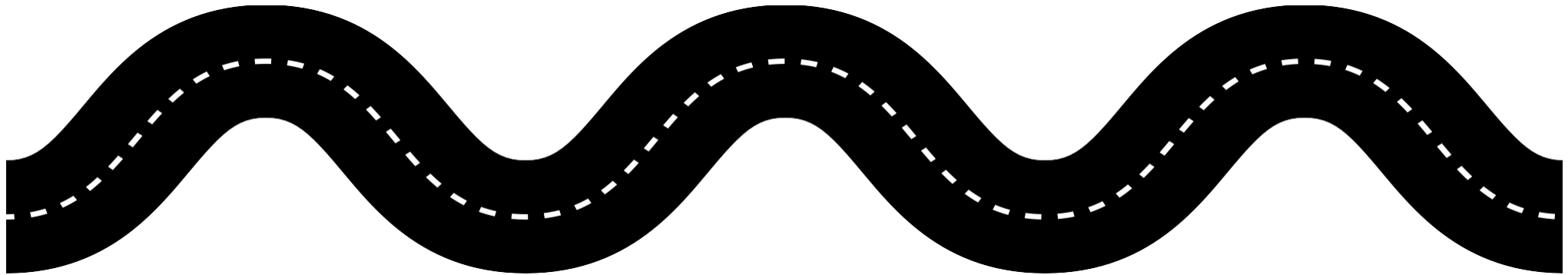
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## PRESTEP 4: WORKSHOPS

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Interested in attending some of the pedagogical workshops in Suomenlinna, with the same content than in our [HEAT2019](#) -program?



- Finnish school values and learning conception
- Thinking and learning-to-learn
- Cultural competence; interaction and expression skills
- Managing daily life and taking care of oneself
- Multiliteracy and ICT competence
- Working life competence and entrepreneurship
- Participation, involvement and building a sustainable future
- Assessment as part of the daily schoolwork
- Encouraged continuing teacher education

## PRESTEP 5: SHARING

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How about sharing your pedagogical tips, best practices and advice with the Finnish school personnel? That would be the most appreciated among them. If so, what topics  
You would be keen on sharing?



## PRESTEP 6: KNOW THE FINNISH CULTURE

We will be happy to organize for you also some cultural program or energizing activities.

Will You be interested in..?



Welcome and/or fare-well dinner - typical Finnish restaurants, dishes and ingredients



Baltic Sea Experience and sauna



Explore the secrets of Finnish culture on foot or by bus and spy Helsinki locals to learn why the Finns are the happiest in the world



The grand Finnish design tour, including a feast with Finnish goodies

## PRESTEP 7: TAILOR-MADE YOUR VISIT WITH OUR PROFESSIONALS

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