

Professional Development Course



Finland

Understanding Finnish Education



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Foreword

There has been an increased focus on improving standards in education at a European level, due to this sector being identified as being 'key' to the success and fulfillment of all European citizens. A well performing education system supports the issues of early school leaving and improves the attainment of young people. It therefore follows that improving the quality of teaching and learning in education by developing the knowledge and skills of those involved in providing such education is paramount to achieving excellence in education and increasing the participation rates of pupils.

We are delighted to welcome you to our professional development course in Understanding Finnish Education, here in Oulu. We invite you to actively engage within the spirit of sharing, collaboration and exploration, in order to maximise the benefits of your experience.



About your location



The venue chosen to host and locate your training course has not been arrived at by chance. The education system in Finland has become increasingly cited for its strong performance and for its progressive and innovative contributions to the development of a well-structured curriculum.

Oulu

Oulu is a city, municipality and a seaside resort of about 210,000 inhabitants in the region of North Ostrobothnia, Finland. It is the most populous city in northern Finland and the fifth most populous in the country after Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere and Vantaa.

Due to its large population and geopolitically economic and cultural-historical location, Oulu has been called the “capital of Northern Finland.

Oulu is also considered one of Europe’s “living labs”, where residents experiment with new technology on a community-wide scale.

The University of Oulu and Oulu University of Applied Sciences have their main campuses located in Oulu.

Oulu is home to the most northerly architecture school in the world. The school is best known for its strong regionalistic ideas for developing architecture. This movement is named “the Oulu school” (“Oulun koulu”) of architecture

Oulu is served by Oulu Airport, the second largest airport in Finland by passenger volume. It is located 15 kilometres south-west of the city centre.

The Port of Oulu is one of the busiest harbours on the Bothnian Bay. It includes four separate harbour areas: Vihreäsaari oil and bulk docks, Nuottasaari docks and Oritkari docks

In addition to the ‘excellence in education’ reputation that the region boasts, Oulu is a bustling and lively city, offering an authentic experience of the traditional ‘Finnish way of life’

Information adapted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oulu>



About your course

This study visit is designed for school leaders and other school staff working in early years, primary and secondary education.

The event aims to improve knowledge and understanding of approaches and practices within the Finnish Education System.

The course methodology encourages active participation, sharing of good practice and reflection of approaches used to improve the provision and the quality of education.

The main approach used is based on sharing and collaboration, one in which leaders, teachers and educators will have the opportunity to discuss, challenge and evaluate practice in another country in order to make informed decisions about their own practice.

During the event, we will (collectively) aim to develop knowledge and understanding of the education system in Finland in order to broaden our understanding of practices and policies, increase our competence and confidence in order to operate within an international setting, share good practice and evaluate our own teaching practice.

**‘The whole is greater than
the sum of its parts’**

Aristotle

We strongly encourage you to commit to active participation in all of the sessions and to contribute generously within an overall culture of sharing and supporting.



Daily plan



Sunday

from 15.00	Hotel reception	Delegates to check-in at the Hotel
18.00	Hotel reception	Course registration Session 1 Official welcome by the team and general practical arrangements
19.00	Local restaurant	Dinner

Monday

07.30	Hotel	Breakfast at the Hotel
08.30	Hotel entrance	Transfer to training venue
09.30	Training room	Registration & welcome
10.00 - 12.00	Training room	Session 2 - A Language icebreaker; Recording our experience; A look at Teaching and Learning
12.00 - 14.00	Training room	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Training room	Session 3 - The Finnish Education System
15.15	Training room	Return to Hotel
19.00	Local restaurant	Dinner

Tuesday

07.30	Hotel	Breakfast at the Hotel
08.00 - 9.00	Hotel entrance	Transfer to school
09.00 - 09.15	School	Registration
09.00 - 11.30	School	Session 4 - School visit and networking
12.00 - 13.00	School	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	School	Session 5 - Evaluation and discussion
15.00 - 16.00	City centre	Session 6 - Getting to know Oulu and group task
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Wednesday

07.30	Hotel	Breakfast at the Hotel
08.00 - 9.00	Hotel entrance	Transfer to school
09.00 - 09.15	School	Registration
09.00 - 11.30	School	Session 7 - School visit and networking
12.00 - 13.00	School	Lunch
13.00 - 15.00	School	Session 8 - Reflection and Planning session
19.00	Local restaurant	Dinner

Thursday

07.30	Hotel	Breakfast at the Hotel
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Useful contact information:

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