

# FINLAND: *An Innovative Education Model*

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**March 11-19, 2017**

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main theme of our nine-day course is: “Finland: An Innovative Education Model”. This program features university workshops, school & other site visits, and wide-ranging dialogue -- the foundational elements of the highly successful Finnish education model. Specifically, this includes an exploration of Finland’s rigorous approach to teacher training; the phenomenon-based learning concept; curriculum development, future schools and learning, modern teaching; and strategic leadership and innovations.

We will examine the diverse, multi-layered and complex local, regional and global processes that shape Finland’s education sector. Our principal goal is to foster a comprehension and appreciation of Finland’s approach. During our ten-day spring course, delegates not only directly interact and enter into dialogue with academics, education consultants and activists, but also make optional visits to world-famous historical sites and museums; attend concerts; and become involved in the hectic everyday life of a modern Scandinavian city.

## RATIONALE

Our March 2017 professional development program to Finland offers a unique chance for educators to reinforce their schools’ commitments to global education, with opportunities to understand the Finnish education system, best practices in teaching, and innovation in curriculum development. 

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS: SEMINARS, DIALOGUES & WORKING VISITS:

### *Introduction to Finnish Education (Helsinki)*

#### TEACHER TRAINING: AN INTRODUCTION TO FINNISH EDUCATION

- Lecture: Finnish education / Finnish teacher training
- Finnish school system, teacher training, STEM
- Lecture: Finnish education Finnish teacher training schools and teacher training/Lesson observations

### *Future Learning & Leadership (Helsinki)*

#### EXPLORING FUTURE LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

- Presentation and interactive discussion on the concept of ‘future learning and leadership’ – and the power that new techniques of teaching and learning can have in transforming the education sector and society at large.
- Learning Format: Workshop

Present on the relevance of future learning as an alternate model of education delivery – and its significance as a concept that incorporates certain societal trends, embedding them into national policy. The ‘future learning and leadership’ model can itself effect change, and influence future trends in business and across the economic sectors.

## *An introduction to Media education and Audio Visual in Media (Helsinki)*

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA EDUCATION AND AUDIOVISUAL-IN-MEDIA**

A conversation around the all-important topic of media literacy and how widespread is the Finnish commitment to teaching it.

- Topic: Good Media Literacy Practice: National Policy Guidelines.
- Topic: Higher Education and Media Education Research, including the type and extent of teacher training in media literacy.

## *Modern Teaching (Tampere)*

### **EXPLORING MODERN TRENDS IN EDUCATION, APPLIED SCIENCE & MORE**

#### ☞ **Overview of TAMK**

How to serve the Local community and industry.

#### ☞ **TAMK Campus Tour**

Modern learning environments

TAMK 'Mediapolis' campus virtual tour

#### ☞ **STEM Team:** Renewed teaching methods

☞ **Lecture on Modern Teacher Training:** Modern teacher training: Going global: The importance of teacher training in Higher Education  
VET Teachers for the Future  
21st Century educators program

☞ **Entrepreneurship programs:** study and learn in team enterprises  
Real customer projects while studying & earning money  
From teacher to coach: Concept in practice

## *Inspiring New School Designs & Spaces (Helsinki)*

### **NEW SCHOOL DESIGNS AND INSPIRING SCHOOL LEARNING SPACES**

Lecture on the school and the significance of creating inspiring learning spaces.

- Introductory Lesson about New School Design/New School Learning Spaces
- Training includes detailed explanation of pedagogical approaches and various architectural projects with children of different ages.
- Training includes lectures and hands-on workshops on different topics; a discussion about new trends in designing spaces for learning (including trends in furniture design), and a conversation about incorporating new teaching methods through innovating in the learning space.

## *International Schools in Finland (Vantaa)*

- Pedagogical leadership in schools: Key Questions: What kind of leadership enables innovation in schools? What kind of leadership transforms a school's operational and pedagogical culture?
- Learning Environments: The ideal learning environment?

- Concepts of Learning: The Finnish concept of learning?
- School incorporates many subject areas into thematic units, which give children an opportunity to build on their own strengths and learning styles.
- **LEARNING FORMAT:** Workshop, interactive discussion, meeting with students, shadowing faculty, **Discussion with Students & Teachers (10:00 AM– 11:00 AM)**
- Meet with students, shadow teachers, and visit the day-care center



**DATES:** March 11- 19, 2017

**PRICING:** \$2800 per person sharing  
\$600 single supplement

*This includes:*

- ☞ Registration for 5 Days of professional development, to include seminars, professional programming, honoraria, university and school-visit fees (March 13-17, 2017)
- ☞ 8 nights' shared luxury accommodation (Single room an additional \$600)
- ☞ Daily breakfasts
- ☞ 5 lunches (Monday through Friday)
- ☞ Daily transfers to/from all meetings/professional events (Monday through Friday)
- ☞ Orientation and city tour of Helsinki on Sunday, March 12, 2017, w/ lunch

**PRICE EXCLUDES AIR**

**NOTE:** Our professional program begins on Monday, March 13, 2017. Should you wish to take part in the orientation/cultural tour of Helsinki on Sunday, March 12, - and meet your fellow delegates on that day we recommend a Saturday March 11 arrival.

**TO LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER**

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