



Learning Scoop

# Online Professional Development Sessions



- Established in 2014
- Located in Tampere, Finland
- Network of 30 education experts
- Customers from over 60 different countries

# Learning Scoop at Your Service

**Learning Scoop** is a Finnish company specialized in educational study tours and in-service training programs of teachers, principals and early childhood education professionals both in Finland and abroad.

**The staff** comprises of skilled experts who have over 20 years of experience gained through the Finnish educational community. We have constantly received excellent feedback.



**The Miracle of Finnish Education** is the result of research-based pedagogy and its innovative approach to teaching and learning. This combination supports the creation of excellent curricula and first-rate learning environments and processes.

# Goals of our online PD sessions

- To present the best Finnish pedagogical practices and help the participants to apply them in their everyday work.
- To prepare participants for further development of their working approach, methods and practices in order to create pedagogically sound and meaningful action.



# Outcomes of online PD sessions

- After completing the training, participants will be capable to relate the Finnish practices to their own thinking, ideas and the current practices in their work.
- Participants will gain a well-balanced package of theoretical insights and practical adaptable models in order to advance their teaching and working practices.



# Online PD sessions include

## Live PD session online

- Theoretical material
- Real world examples in pictures and videos
- Practical tips and tools



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### Parents' conferences and expert evenings

- Parents' conferences
  - at the beginning of the operating year
  - introduce families to each other, to the common aspects of the day care, to the curriculum
- Tips for organizing an impactful parents' conference:
  - an ice-breaker activity
  - interactive exercises (e.g. in pairs, small groups)
  - activity stations to try things out
- Thematic expert evenings (e.g. lecture, workshop)



# If there are several online sessions of the chosen topic:

## Assignment for independent off-line work

- Participants get an assignment for reflecting on their own work and practices with the help of the learnt information. *The assignments are designed to help the participants to apply the new information to their own work.*

1. Activating teaching holds that the students learn best when they (do what?) \_\_\_ their knowledge of the world around.
2. For constructing (whose?) \_\_\_ knowledge, the students need to (how?) \_\_\_ participate in their learning process.
3. Ownership of learning can only be achieved if the students internalise knowledge through (what?) \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_.
4. The scientific research has shown that physical activity and movement contribute to (what kind of?) \_\_\_ learning achievements.

\_\_\_ makes learning to the students.



# General information

- **The duration** of an online PD session is usually 1,5 hours.
- **Translation** is not included in the price. The customer may provide translation, if needed. In that case the duration of an online PD session is 2 hours in total.
- **The price** of a webinar is TBC.



# General information

- **Trainers:** Webinars are carried out by an experienced Finnish educator, who is an expert in the topic.
- **Execution** is negotiated with the client. In addition, the suitable date depends on the trainer's availability.





# Primary and Secondary Education

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# Cornerstones of Finnish education

The Cornerstones of Finnish Education training gives participants an overview of Finnish education and its key characteristics. Learn more about the foundations of one of the most successful education systems in the world, including equality and equity, highly educated teaching personnel, trust and high autonomy, basis on scientific research, "Less is more" approach, learning for life, children's happiness and wellbeing, collaboration instead of competition etc.!

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# Finnish teaching strategies

Finland is known for modern, innovative pedagogy and outstanding learning results. The Finnish Teaching Strategies training shares the "secrets" behind this world-class pedagogy. In the online PD sessions, you will learn how Finnish teachers plan their lessons, what kind of teaching methods they use, how a typical lesson in Finland looks like etc. According to the number of online sessions, you will also get practical examples of Finnish teaching strategies and methods, e.g. participatory teaching methods, student-centered learning, inquiry-based learning, multi-disciplinary modules, project-based learning etc.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# How to motivate students

Motivation is a driving force for learning and engagement, but many students are struggling with it. In this training the focus is on the motivational aspects and factors that affect learning and motivation in the classroom. You will get an insight how Finnish teachers promote students' learning motivation.

The online PD sessions explain how motivation is closely linked to the well-being and emotional needs of students. Furthermore, in this training you will learn how Finnish teachers plan their lessons so that they can motivate their students to learn in the best possible way. Get inspired by the practical, yet effective approach to school motivation!

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** K-9 teachers, principals and education experts



# Activating teaching methods

According to the modern concept of learning, learning demands students' own activity. Activating methods engage students at three levels: behavioural, emotional and cognitive. This training offers new ideas and practical examples of activating teaching methods for small and large groups.

In these online PD sessions, it will be discussed how the use of activating teaching methods can diversify traditional ways of delivering knowledge and set a positive classroom atmosphere. Moreover, it will be explained what the teacher should keep in mind when using activating teaching methods. This training is useful for all teachers who want their lessons to be more engaging and efficient.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# Teaching foreign languages the Finnish way

Finland is recognized for its innovative, learner-centered pedagogy and great learning outcomes, all of which apply to foreign languages, too. How do students learn foreign languages the best? And how can we design learning sessions that tap into their learning potential?

This training guides you to develop your toolbox as a teacher and deliver fun and engaging language sessions based on research. You will learn about foreign language learning, and the methods used to support it. You will also get tips and practical examples for planning and running your own language lessons.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# How to teach soft skills

Soft skills are behavioral and interpersonal skills that relate to how effectively we interact with others and handle all kind of situations. As a consequence, soft skills are valuable for students both now and in the future.

In this training you will learn more about five different soft skills: communication, creativity, emotional skills, problem solving and teamwork. You will learn what soft skills are and how you can teach them to your students. Developing soft skills will give your students valuable competencies for the future!

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# Pedagogy for large groups

A large group does not exclude the possibility of engaging students in active learning. This training explains why it is important to activate learners and how it can be done in big groups. The goal of the training is to give practical ideas how to activate the students and apply modern, student-centered pedagogy in large groups.

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts





# Introduction to team learning

There is a power in working in groups. This training is an introduction to team learning and a brief explanation of how the power of groups maximize each student's learning. You will learn what team learning actually is, why use it and what are the basic elements that make it work. In this training, you will be briefly introduced to a few practical ideas to use in your own classroom, for example; the teacher's role in a collaborative classroom, different aspects to consider when grouping students and how to assess teamwork.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** high school teachers, principals and education experts



# Preventing school drop-out and dealing with school refusal

In Finland, teachers use positive, proactive, and problem-solving strategies when dealing with chronic school absence. This training gives basic information about the reasons why someone is refusing to go to school and how you can recognise the warning signs. It also introduces some effective strategies to deal with school refusal.

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# **STEAM Education**

## **Online PD sessions**

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# Case examples of Finnish STEAM\* education

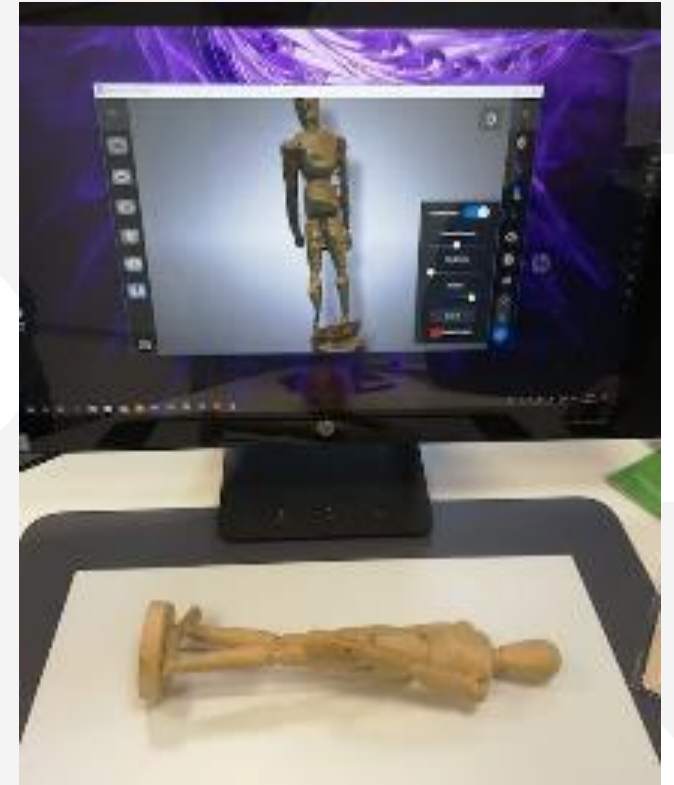
\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

Finnish STEAM education represents an innovative, multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to understanding the world around us. In this training Finnish STEAM education is described by real examples of teachers' own projects. You will learn how Finnish innovative STEAM education is implemented in practice.

Depending on the number of online sessions, you will get practical examples of different kind of STEAM projects: e.g. coding, easy electronics, biology and sustainable development, basic level robotics, 3D printing, learning by gaming with Minecraft etc. Moreover, you will get ideas how to plan your own STEAM project and how to assess it.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts



# Outdoor Learning and Art in STEAM projects

Using outdoor learning in STEAM projects has many benefits: it increases students' motivation and engagement, strengthens students' relationship to nature and gives them more meaningful learning experiences. Art, as a key component of STEAM education, promotes creativity, imagination, problem solving and collaboration.

This training gives an inspiring introduction and practical tips of real-life Finnish outdoor and art exercises as part of the STEAM projects. During these online sessions, you will also get ideas about participatory teaching methods and how to use outdoor areas as a learning environment.

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** K-9 teachers, principals and education experts



# Teaching coding the Finnish way

School's purpose is to prepare students for the future and teach them skills and knowledge they will need in their lives. One important future skill is a computational thinking skill. Computational thinking skill is about understanding problem-solving processes, and it is best learned by coding. In addition, coding helps students to learn critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, teamwork, perseverance, and planning. Having children learn coding prepares them for the complex and unpredictable future.

In these online sessions you will get an insight how to use coding at school creatively. Experienced Finnish teachers share their innovative approach to teaching and learning coding. According to the number of online sessions, you will see how coding can be used on different projects as a part of solving everyday problems.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** K-9 teachers, principals and education experts



# **Early Childhood Education**

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# Introduction to Finnish early childhood education

This training presents the Finnish Educare model and National Core Curriculum guiding ECEC in Finland. It also unveils the mission and core tasks of Finnish ECEC: promoting children's wellbeing, happiness and health. Jump in and learn more about a typical day in Finnish early childhood education and care!

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** ECEC teachers, principals and education experts





# Promoting young children's learning in practice

The training introduces the Finnish approach to promoting learning: e.g. diverse working methods, collaborative learning, physical, social and psychological dimensions of the learning environment, learning through play etc. Examples are mainly from ECEC, but the same principles apply to primary education, too.

**Duration:** 1-3 online PD sessions

**Target group:** ECEC and K-6 teachers, principals and education experts



# Designing effective lessons and educational activities for young children

The training shows how to design and implement quality ECEC lessons – the Finnish way. You will learn about smart pedagogy based on latest scientific research, factors promoting learning, pedagogically smart structure for lessons, examples of designed learning situations etc. Examples are applicable to ECEC and primary education.

**Duration:** 1-2 webinars

**Target group:** ECEC and K-6 teachers, principals and education experts



# Design lessons – the Finnish way

Participants will get an introduction to the Finnish lesson planning tool, LessonApp, which guides teachers to design better lessons based on Finnish pedagogy.

In this training you will learn:

- how you can promote learning in your lessons
- how to plan lessons the Finnish way
- how to add engaging and participatory pedagogy to your teaching.

**Duration:** 1-2 online PD sessions

**Target group:** teachers, principals and education experts





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