

VISIT TO FINLAND IN APRIL 2017



Professional Experts of the Visit

Early Childhood Education: Päivi Lindberg, PhD (Educ.), Kindergarten Teacher, Montessori Teacher

General Education: Eeva Penttilä, MA (Educ.), Primary School Teacher

Monday 17.4.

Arrival to Helsinki

Päivi Lindberg will meet you at the airport

Transportation to the hotel by bus

Tuesday 18.4.

Presentations of the Finnish Education System + Library Visit

9.00 SOKOS HOTEL PRESIDENTTI MEETING ROOM

9.00 – 10.30 *General Education in Finland (Eeva)*

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 *Early childhood education in Finland (Päivi)*

12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH

13.30 – 14.00 *Transportation to one of Helsinki City libraries by bus*

14.00 – 15.30 *(approximate time)*

Visit to library (Päivi)

One of the aspects of the Finnish success story in the OECD Pisa results relates to language competency. Reading and literature in Finland have a long cultural history and are strongly visible in the current education system and curricula. Part of the reading scheme in Finland is provided by public libraries.

15.30 *Transportation back to the hotel*

Wednesday 19.4.

School and University Visits

- 8.30 Departure from the hotel (Päivi + Eeva) to Vantaa municipality
- 9.00 – 12.00 Upper secondary school (age group 16-18)
School visit including school lunch at 11.30.
- 12.15 – 12.45 Transportation back to Helsinki
- 12.45 – 14.45 UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI TEACHER EDUCATION UNIT (PhD. Hannu Salmi)
1) How do we get Great Teachers? The Finnish Teacher Training
2) Bridging the Gap between Formal Education and Informal Learning
- 14.45 Transportation back to the hotel

Thursday 20.4.

Day Care Centre and School Visits

- 8.00 Departure from the hotel (Päivi) to SIPOO municipality
- 9.00 – 10.15 Group A: Day care centre A (Päivi)
Group B: Day care centre B (Eeva)
- 10.15 – 10.30 Change (approximate time)
- 10.30 – 11.45 Group B: Day care centre A (Eeva)
Group A: Day care centre B (Päivi)
- 11.45 – 12.15 Transportation to school visits in VANTAA municipality
- 12.15 – 14.15 SCHOOL A/B: COMPREHENSIVE LOWER LEVEL SCHOOL (age group 7-12)
School visit with Päivi including school lunch at 12.15
- 12.15 – 14.15 SCHOOL A/B: COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL (age group 7-15)
School visit with Eeva) including school lunch at 12.15
- 14.15 Transportation back to the hotel