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SCHOOL EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SELP)

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FINLAND

OVERVIEW

Since the Pandemic, education has taken into account three key shifts:

1. Changes in the educational experience of children,
2. Changes in the roles and responsibilities of administrators, teachers, head teachers, and parents, and
3. Changes in the educational inputs, e-learning environments, learning assessments, and capacity and resources to implement the new required changes among policymakers and implementers. How is the loss of school-based learning due to school closures to be made up? How do we prepare students, teachers, and educational leaders for a technology-driven pedagogy? How can a teacher's capacity to teach effectively in this new environment be best enhanced?

The program is designed on how leaders can develop strategies and competencies to lead and support students, teachers, and parents and mobilize new resources. Education is one of the cornerstones of the Finnish welfare society. Finland prides itself on an educational system that offers equal opportunities for education for all. Education from pre-primary to higher education is free in Finland. Finland has developed a strong professional program in education.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program is designed for school administrators, principals, and policymakers in partnership with Finnish trainers. The participants will get acquainted with the Finnish education system, teacher education, principal education, and the key aspects that have led Finland to achieve globally recognized educational success in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), Progress In International Reading Literacy Study(PIRLS), and Trends In International Mathematics And Science Study (TIMSS).

The SELP program will primarily focus on daily educational practices, introductory lectures on the Finnish and Estonian school systems, visits to diverse training centers and schools, and hands-on pedagogical workshops. These visits allow participants to converse with educators, principals, administrators, and teachers, enabling them to inquire about teaching methodologies, practices, and the everyday challenges encountered in their professional roles.



ABOUT FINLAND

Finland is the happiest country in the world, and education creates the basis for this growth. Finland's school system cannot be learned and understood by reading or hearing stories; participants have to come to experience it for themselves! Despite its relatively small population, Finland consistently ranks highly on global indices measuring happiness and quality of life. Finnish society is distinguished by its steadfast commitment to principles of equality, social welfare, and progressive policies. The nation provides its citizens complimentary access to healthcare, education, and a robust social safety net, thereby ensuring an elevated standard of living. Moreover, Finland's education system is internationally celebrated for its emphasis on child-centered learning, enabling the country to produce exceptionally well-educated students without an overreliance on standardized testing or excessive homework assignments.

The nation is rich in culture, with a passion for design, music, and literature. Finland's unique language, Finnish, is known for its complexity and distinctiveness. Furthermore, Finland is a technological powerhouse, home to companies like Nokia and a burgeoning startup scene, contributing to its reputation as a leader in innovation.

It is a nation that harmoniously integrates natural splendor, societal advancement, educational excellence, and innovation, rendering it a genuinely remarkable and commendable country across various facets of life.

PROGRAM DETAILS

MODULE 1: PreTraining Assessment

IDI will conduct a pre-training assessment virtually prior to departure for Finland. It will include a virtual session, and all participants will be required to participate in a pre-training assessment survey. The survey will help us to layout the training expectations.

MODULE 2: Orientation

All the participants will be required to attend orientation virtually. During this session, our expert trainer will provide an overview of the fundamental principles of Finnish Education to help prepare participants for the study tour.

MODULE 3: Study Tour in Finland

Day One: Kindergarten Visit:

On the first day of training, participants will visit Kindergarten and preschool. Throughout the day, participants will learn about how diversified and qualified care services are operated in Finland and how technology is incorporated into the day-to-day operation of school management.

Day Two: Primary School Visit:

During the primary school visit, participants will observe effective teaching for multicultural students and modern pedagogical methods. Live classroom sessions, emphasizing theme and phenomena-based learning, will showcase innovative teaching practices applicable in their own contexts. Additionally, the training emphasizes a hands-on approach to STEM subjects and a strong focus on mathematics, enriching participants' educational toolkit.

Day Three: Upper Secondary School Visit:

During the upper secondary school visit, participants will gain a deep understanding of subject-based learning and witness the seamless integration of transversal skills across every subject, fostering a holistic approach to education. As they explore lab classes, they'll experience hands-on learning, and visiting the home economics department will provide valuable insights into practical life skills education. These experiences will enrich their knowledge and inspire innovative teaching practices for a well-rounded education.

Day Four: High School Visit:

During these activities, the participants will gain insights into the Finnish education system's study guidance mechanisms and understand how it supports students effectively. They'll also explore the opportunities within sports schools from a student's perspective, appreciating the holistic development they offer. Engaging in discussions and reflections with the host Principal and the Expert will provide a deeper understanding of best practices and innovative educational approaches.

Day Five: Special School Visit:

In this visit, training participants will witness how architectural designs foster an environment conducive to effective learning. Moreover, participants will experience firsthand the specialized education provided by the school, which includes excellent English teaching and catering to students with diverse cultural backgrounds. Additionally, the meeting and discussions with teachers will provide valuable insights into the school's pedagogical approaches and how they support visually impaired and deaf children, further enhancing participants' knowledge and teaching strategies in inclusive education settings.

Day Five: School Leaders to the 2100 Century:

This will be a Leadership Development focused workshop.

Workshop of Wilma – a Finnish solution for the communication between Schools and parents.

Day Six: Explore Helsinki.

Day Seven: Explore Helsinki.



PROGRAM ADVISORS



Mr. Ari Pokka is a distinguished education leader with over 25 years of experience in Finnish education. He has served as a school principal education policymaker and authored the book "Top Class - Finnish School Leadership and Management." Ari has made a global impact as the former President of the Finnish Association of School Principals and the International Confederation of Principals. Currently, he is leading efforts to establish the first Finnish International High School in Doha, Qatar, and provides consultancy for Finnish high school projects in various countries. His career has

been marked by significant contributions to curriculum development, legislation, teacher training, and improving learning environments.

Mr. Petri Lounaskorpi is a seasoned expert in social learning, e-learning, and the Finnish education system. He has served as CEO of Mobile Sports Academy and has led EU Twinning projects in Georgia and Croatia, focusing on capacity building and e-learning for judicial professionals. Mr. Lounaskorpi is a pedagogical expert in the Finnish National Bureau of Education's coordination project and has an extensive background in ICT training for teachers and learners. He has a Ph.D. in the field and has consulted numerous



Finnish and international organizations in designing effective learning systems. His recent work includes implementing e-learning and training systems for the National Customs Agency of Romania, impacting over a thousand online students. Mr. Lounaskorpi is also known for hosting educational delegations, including an Indian Educational Delegation, to share insights into the Finnish education system.

Specializing in planning, designing, and training for distance education systems, Mr. Lounaskorpi has a remarkable track record in advancing education through technology, both nationally and internationally.

PROGRAM COST

The customized seven-day program will cover accommodation (double/shared room occupancy for twelve nights), breakfast, and lunch during five days of the training program, tuition, training materials, site visits, local transportation, and social events. The fee excludes the passport fee, VISA fee, airport transfer in Nepal, airfare, any cost for personal transportation, and incidental and additional stay at the hotel.

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES

- Full Visit Program guided and hosted with an education expert
- All school visits
- School lunches at Finnish schools (5 lunches)
- All expert sessions
- All transportation during the visit
- Visa Assistance (Invitation letter and other documents)
- Certificates

Destination: Jyväskylä and Helsinki, Finland

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- » In order to cancel or reschedule a confirmed training please submit an email request to procurement@idiworldwide.net
- » IDI will refund 50% of deposit amount if cancellation requests are submitted not less than 7 days prior to the scheduled course date.
- » There will be no refund for any cancellation requests submitted less than 7 days prior to the scheduled course date.
- » There will be no refund for no-shows.
- » All cancellations must be made in writing.

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ABOUT US

The International Development Institute (IDI) is a learning institute based in Washington, DC, to promote development and global understanding through knowledge transfer and exchanges. IDI provides capacity-building and institutional strengthening programs through short-term courses, projects, training, workshops, and study tours. At IDI, knowledge-sharing, and exchanges are crucial for community and country development. IDI offers demand-driven world-class training and capacity building to help produce influential leaders worldwide. IDI has proudly conducted training programs for executives from Asia, the Middle East, and Africa for over seven years.

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