Three different learning models coming together to deliberately disrupt each other’s thinking. The potential outcome? An optimal curriculum to educate children for a changing world.

Finnish curriculum reform 2016
The Common Ground Curriculum for international schools
European School – From Early Education to Baccalaureate
The City of Helsinki - Phenomenal Helsinki - the joy of learning and doing together

A free, inspirational and up-lifting educational pop-up happening in the heart of Helsinki in the middle of the summer.
European School, Helsinki, Bulevardi 18, 00100 Helsinki

Saturday, 15th of August, from 10.00 to 16.00.

(150 - 180 places)

- Educational hipsters,
- The staff of the National Board of Education,
- Teachers/Directors/Parents/Students of the Finnish, European, and International schools
- Curriculum specialists

Kevin Bartlett (Director, International School of Brussels) is the Co-Designer and Co-Leader of two successful global initiatives: The Next Frontier: Inclusion and The Common Ground Collaborative, a curriculum and school transformation system for international and national schools. He will co-present the Common Ground Curriculum approach. There is a growing body of International and national schools all over the world choosing the Common Ground Curriculum for their nursery, primary and lower secondary studies educational framework (see: www.thecgcproject.org/).

Gordon Eldridge (Curriculum Director, ISB, Brussels) is a Co-Designer of the Common Ground Collaborative. Prior to becoming a school head, Gordon taught history, ESL and foreign languages. He is passionate about inquiry-based learning and about teaching language in the context of every discipline. He wrote the Teacher Training Center (TTC) course on Inquiry-Based Learning and has been a trainer for the Principal’s Training Center (PTC) Curriculum course for the past 10 years. Gordon writes a regular column for The International Educator (TIE) on research in education. Gordon will co-present the Common Ground approach.
Tuulamarja Huisman  (Councillor of Education, National Board of Education, Finnish Inspector of the European Schools) has been involved in the creation, implementation and follow-up of Early Education Curriculum for European Schools. The EEC was implemented in 2011-2012 and last autumn a follow-up survey was administered. Mrs. Huisman will introduce the principles of the EEC. She will also discuss about the success and challenges in implementation of a revised education system; how to change thinking of people involved. (see http://www.schola-europaea.eu/ELC/en/docs.html)

Irmeli Halinen  (Head of Curriculum Development, National Board of Education) will present the Finnish curriculum reform ideas and challenges. There is a lot happening in Finland at present.

Kari Kivinen  (Secretary-General of the European Schools) will present the status-quo of the European Schools curriculum development. The ES system is in a very interesting phase of its curriculum reform reflection and the experts of London Institute of Education have given them well-thought-out recommendations targeted to key competences.

Marjo Kyllönen  (Educational manager, City of Helsinki) will present the guidelines prepared by the City of Helsinki for the development of basic and upper secondary education in 2015 – 2020. The new curricula will bring phenomenon-based learning to the forefront alongside subject-based learning. The new education plan will integrate the skills, objectives and contents of multiple subjects and be well connected to the surrounding community, society and work life, with particular emphasis placed on the sense of community and growing together.

INTERACTION: The happening will be interactive leaving space for questions, discussion and open debate. At the end of the day a summary of all the four approaches will be elaborated together with the keynote speakers and public.

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