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2nd Announcement

31st Congress of the *International Network of Productive Learning Schools and Projects* (INEPS)

“Productive Learning – an Answer to the Educational Challenges of 2023?”

**17th-21st April 2023
Peurunka, Finland**

Preface

We are very glad to invite you to the next INEPS Congress to be held in April 2023, in the heart of Finland. It will be the first face-to-face conference of the network since the pandemic.

Finland has a long-term partnership with INEPS. It also has a lengthy tradition of seeking alternative methods to address the challenges of children and youth at risk of educational marginalization and exclusion. In line with the Productive Learning paradigm, Finland has officially fostered an activity-based learning program for 14–16-year-old students since 2006. For over 10 years, the JOPO (Flexible Basic Education) leaders in Central Finland have sought to develop and maintain JOPO as a main stay within the curriculum, by offering best practices under the banner of regional flexible basic education (Seutu-Jopo). This has included organizing national seminars around the theme of flexible basic education. The network has additionally provided consultation to the Finnish National Agency of Education.

Content

“Productive Learning – an Answer to the Educational Challenges of 2023?”

Education is constantly on the move. Education should be the **key to preparing for and shaping the future**. It has to be adjusted to global developments and changes in technology, economy and society. The pandemic as well as the unforeseen war in Europe and its global consequences are current examples of sudden changes that affect societies at a global scale. With these developments in mind, education is a field of high social and political attention, as what is learned today should disrupt tomorrow.

Yet, education seems to be constantly **“running behind”**: we deliver knowledge and promote skills that might soon be irrelevant; we struggle for better intercultural understanding even though we already live in multicultural societies; and school curricula (not only in media education) are at risk of being outdated by emerging technologies before they are implemented.

How does and could *Productive Learning* provide answers to these challenges? The **awareness of the individual** – its preconditions, needs and interests – in an educational setting of constant **social participation in real-life-situations** is supposed to bridge “gaps”:

- between **classroom learning and the social-economic world “outside”** (school contexts),
- between **traditional systems in education and new ICT (digital learning)**,
- between **citizens, generations and cultures** (inclusive education and social coherence),
- between **“now” and “tomorrow”** (life-long learning).

The congress will offer an opportunity to celebrate what we have accomplished – and to take a critical look at what we did not. It will also touch upon what is to follow:

- Which methods and instruments of *Productive Learning* have proved to be successful – and how can we strengthen and disseminate them?
- Which elements of our methodology are less or not successful, is there a need for critical revision?
- What demands are there for education in this decade and what do we need to be ready for?
- What should we – as educators in *Productive Learning* as well as partners in INEPS – do to prepare for these challenges?

The **City of Keuruu, Finland** is glad to invite the **INEPS-partners as well as guests** interested in activity-based and individualized education. **This is a unique opportunity to get to know international practice and experience in this field!**

The congress will offer keynote speeches addressing important aspects of the topic as well as **workshops** and **discussion groups** to work in depth on selected topics. The University of Jyväskylä, Teacher Education Department and local Finnish schools will open their doors.

PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

Monday 17.4.2023

14:00-18:00	Arrival, INEPS registration and check-in/enjoy spa
19:30-21:30	Welcome dinner (own cost) at Restaurant Peurankello

Tuesday 18.4.2023

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:15	Bus leaves for University of Jyväskylä (INEPS commentary/sightseeing)
10:00-10:20	<i>'Welcome by the University of Jyväskylä'</i> , Department of Education
10:20-11:20	<i>'Productive Learning and School Engagement'</i> , ERASMUS + "All in Ed" presentation and discussion
11:30-12:40	Bus to Keuruu upper school (INEPS commentary/sightseeing)
12:40-13:00	<i>'Welcome to Keuruu upper school'</i>
13:10-14:50	<i>'Welcome to Keuruu Flexible Basic Education (PL) Class'</i> , (Light lunch prepared by PL students)
15:05-16:00	Bus to Hotel Alba (INEPS commentary)
16:00-16:10	<i>'Welcome by the hotel manager'</i>
16:10-17:10	<i>'Welcome to Finland buffet'</i>
17:20-18:00	<i>'Tour of University of Jyväskylä'</i> , Seminar Hill Campus
18:00 -18:30	Bus back to Peurunka (INEPS commentary)
19:00 -21:30	Dinner at own cost/enjoy spa

Wednesday 19.4.2023 (open to the wider public)

8:00-9:30	Breakfast /registration
9:30-9:40	<i>'Welcome by the organizers'</i>
9:40-9:50	<i>'City of Keuruu greetings'</i>
9:50-10:20	<i>'Productive Learning'</i> , Holger Mirow
10:20-10:40	<i>'Productive Learning in School Education'</i> , Egbert Jahn
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-11:20	<i>'Productive Learning in Prevention and Community Education'</i> , Angela Passa
11:20-11:40	<i>'Privacy and Productive Learning'</i> , Rebekah Rousi
11:40-12:00	<i>'Open Forum'</i> – First questions and reactions
12:00-13:00	buffet lunch
13:10-13:50	Keynote <i>'Productive Learning – An Answer to the Educational Challenges of 2023'</i> , Juha Lahtinen
13:50-15:00	Workshops

Workshop themes

- *'Collecting Good PL Practices' & workshop, All In Ed Erasmus+- project, (Marta Casas & Cristina Dominques)*
- *'PL in community education and prevention – specific chances and challenges of the "out of school experience' (Angela Passa, TBA)*
- *'Curriculum standards and individual "real life" learning in school education - where are we now?' (Holger Mirow, TBA)*
- *Privacy in Technology and Productive Learning (Rebekah Rousi)*
- *Digital learning in PL before, during and after the pandemic (TBA)*
- *'How could PL be adapted to support young people with behavioral challenges?' (Heike Borkenhagen, TBA)*
- *'PL as a means of cultural integration – experiences from the work with refugees and immigrants' (Daniel Guzman, TBA)*
- *'The school-company partnerships in PL – chances and challenges' (Egbert Jahn, TBA)*

15:00-15:20 Coffee

15:25-16:25 *'Continuation of Workshops', a' 40min each*

16:25-16:45 Productive Learning, Wrapping up of the day, INEPS AC

17:30-18:30 Dinner at own cost, *Restaurant Peurankello*

18:30-21:00 Enjoying spa and nature

Thursday 20.4.2023 (open to the wider public)

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:40 *'Getting Productive Learning Started, the ABC', Kari Rajaorko & Holger Mirow*

9:50-10:50 *'Round table discussion – Lessons learned'*

10:40-10:50 Break

10:50-12:00 INEPS presentation market (members of INEPS showcasing their schools' programs (Auditorium))

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch

13:00-14:00 Nordic Walking (Outside)- opportunities to network

14:00-14:20 Coffee

14:20-15:30 *'Continuation of Workshops'*

15:45-17:15 INEPS plenary, report, elections and outlook

18:00-20:00 Final Evening Dinner at Peurankello (a la carte) at own cost /or a poolside party

Friday 21.4.2023

8:00-9:30	Breakfast
9:30-10:00	Evaluation and closing words
10:00-11:00	Check-out
11:25 and 13:55	Bus from Peurunka to Matkakeskus (Central Station) Jyväskylä

ACCOMODATION

- The hotel prices at Peurunka (jaana.lainejoki@peurunka.fi) range from economy 2-person rooms at 55 euros per night, to hotel 1-person rooms at 110 euros per night (these are special prices for congress participants and include buffet breakfast).

TRANSPORT Helsinki Airport – Jyväskylä Matkakeskus (Travel Centre)

- By train from the Helsinki Airport to Jyväskylä Travel Centre approx. 60-120€ round trip. <https://www.vr.fi/en> (round trip tickets can be bought at approx. 50€ if booked well in advance)
- By bus from the Jyväskylä Travel Centre to INEPS congress approx. 8€, one way. <https://www.matkahuolto.fi/passengers/timetables>
- By taxi from Jyväskylä Travel Centre to INEPS congress approx. 60€, one way. tel. 0100 866 44

CONGRESS FEE

For INEPS members: 280 €

For non-members: 300 €

Included in this price is a buffet lunch and coffee (19.-20.4.2023), the rent of the venues, the bus from our venue to the University of Jyväskylä and Keuruu (approx. 220km), and a buffet lunch, “Welcome to Finland” at Lakeside Hotel Alba (18.4.2023).

Excluded from this price is the dinner on the date of arrival (17.4.2023), as well as lunch on the date of departure (21.4.2023). The welcome dinner at Hotel Peurunka on the night of arrival can be arranged as a part of the seminar costs. The quote at the moment per head at the a la carte restaurant is 52 euros. (<https://peurunka.fi/en/restaurants-accommodation/restaurants/>)

PAYMENT

You can pay by **bank transfer before 10th April 2023.**

To make your **reservation** please send an email to: arttu.rousi@keuruu.fi
A link to register with all necessary information will be provided soon.



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