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### 3rd Announcement

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

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

**17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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we already live in multicultural societies; and school curricula (not only in media education) are at risk of being outdated by emerging technologies before they are implemented.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 Department of Teacher Education, a local Finnish school, as well as a company utilizing productive learning will open their doors.

## PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

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### Monday 17.4.2023

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14:00-18:00	Arrival, INEPS registration and check-in/enjoy spa
19:30-21:30	Welcome dinner (own cost) at Restaurant <i>Peurankello (a la carte)</i> . Reservations through the congress office before the 6 <sup>th</sup> of April.

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### Tuesday 18.4.2023

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8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:15	Bus leaves for University of Jyväskylä (INEPS commentary/sightseeing)
9:50-10:10	<b>'Welcome by the University of Jyväskylä'</b> , Tuomo Virtanen, Department of Teacher Education
10:10-10:55	<b>'Productive Learning and School Engagement'</b> , ERASMUS + "All in Ed" presentation and discussion, All In Ed Project Team
11:05-12:05	Bus to Keuruu upper school (INEPS commentary/sightseeing)
12:15-12:25	<b>'Welcome to Keuruu upper school'</b> , Jukka Oikarinen, Principal
12:30-14:10	<b>'Welcome to Keuruu Flexible Basic Education (PL) Class'</b> , (Light lunch prepared by PL students), Arttu Rousi, Flexible Basic Education
14:20-15:00	<b>'On-site training through Productive Learning – Converting Diesel Engines to Electric'</b> , Jukka Pellinen, Keulink LTD
15:05-16:00	Bus to Hotel Alba (INEPS commentary)
16:05-16:10	<b>'Welcome by the hotel manager'</b> , Tommi Sievinen, Hotel Alba
16:10-17:10	<b>'Welcome to Finland buffet'</b>
17:20-18:00	<b>'Tour of University of Jyväskylä'</b> , Seminar Hill Campus
18:00 -18:30	Bus back to Peurunka (INEPS commentary)
19:00 -21:30	Dinner at own cost/enjoy spa

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### Wednesday 19.4.2023 (open to the wider public)

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8:00-9:30	Breakfast /registration
9:30-9:45	<b>'Welcome by the organizers'</b>
9:45-10:00	<b>'City of Keuruu greetings'</b> , Noora Pajari, Mayor & Marika Savukoski, Superintendent
10:00-10:20	<b>'Productive Learning'</b> , Holger Mirow, IPLE, Berlin & Juha Lahtinen, Head of Competence Area at Tampere University of Applied Sciences
10:20-10:40	<b>'Productive Learning in School Education'</b> , Egbert Jahn, Wolfgang-Borchert-Schule, Berlin
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-11:20	<b>'Productive Learning in Prevention and Community Education'</b> , Angela Passa, PROTASI, Patras
11:20-11:40	<b>'Privacy and Productive Learning'</b> , Rebekah Rousi, University of Vaasa

11:40-12:00	<b>'Open Forum'</b> – First questions and reactions
12:00-13:00	Buffet lunch
13:00-13:50	Keynote <b>'Productive Learning – An Answer to the Educational Challenges of 2023'</b> , Holger Mirow, IPLE, Berlin & Juha Lahtinen, Head of Competence Area at Tampere University of Applied Sciences
13:50-15:00	<b>Workshops</b> , a' 90min each

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### **Workshop themes (for 19.4.-20.4.2023)**

- *Collecting Good PL Practices*, All In Ed Erasmus+- project (Marta Casas, Institut Antoni Pous I Argila, Manlleu & Cristina Dominques, Agrupamento de Escolas a Lã e a Neve, Covilha)
- *PL in community education and prevention – specific chances and challenges of the “out of school experience* (Angela Passa, PROTASI, Patras & Kari Rajaorko, Flexible Basic Education, Haaga Comprehensive School, Helsinki)
- *Solutions, Models and Ideas to Answer Educational challenges Now and in the Future* (Jukka Sinnemäki, Teacher & researcher, AKS Global Teacher Award winner 2019)
- *Curriculum standards and individual “real life” learning in school education - where are we now?* (Holger Mirow, IPLE, Berlin)
- *Privacy in Technology and Productive Learning* (Rebekah Rousi, University of Vaasa)
- *Digital learning in PL before, during and after the pandemic* (Juha Lahtinen, Tampere University of Applied Sciences)
- *How could PL be adapted to support young people with behavioral challenges?* (Heike Borkenhagen, IPLE)
- *PL as a means of cultural integration – experiences from the work with refugees and immigrants* (Daniel Guzman, IPLE)
- *Ways of individual learning with the help of companies in PL* (Egbert Jahn, Wolfgang-Borchert-Schule, Berlin)

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15:00-15:20	Coffee
15:25-15:55	<b>Continuation of Workshops</b>
16:00-16:40	<b>Workshop presentations</b>
16:40-17:00	<b>'Wrapping up of the day'</b> , Holger Mirow & Juha Lahtinen Holger Mirow, IPLE, Berlin & Juha Lahtinen, Head of Competence Area at Tampere University of Applied Sciences
17:00-18:30	Dinner at own cost, <i>Restaurant Peurankello or Pata &amp; Pannu</i>
18:30-20:00	Enjoying spa and nature

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### **Thursday 20.4.2023 (open to the wider public)**

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:50	<b>'From My Career Project to Flexible Basic Education – How it all started in Finland'</b> , Kari Rajaorko, Flexible Basic Education, Haaga Comprehensive School, Helsinki & Jukka Somerharju, PL pioneer, Helsinki

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9:50-10:40	<b>'Die Stadt Als Schule' (Berlin City as School) documentary,</b> Jukka Somerharju
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	<b>'Solutions, Models and Ideas to Answer Educational challenges Now and in the Future',</b> Jukka Sinnemäki, Teacher & researcher, AKS Global Teacher Award winner 2019)
12:00-13:00	Buffet lunch
13:00-14:00	<b>Workshops,</b> a' 90min each
14:00-14:20	Coffee
14:20-15:00	<b>Continuation of Workshops</b>
15:05-15:50	<b>Workshop Presentations</b>
15:55-16:45	<b>INEPS presentation market</b> (members of INEPS showcasing their schools' programs)
16:45-17:00	<b>'Wrapping up of the Open Days and Closing Words',</b> Holger Mirow, IPLE, Berlin & Juha Lahtinen, Head of Competence Area at Tampere University of Applied Sciences
17:00-17:50	<b>INEPS plenary, report, elections, and outlook</b> (Auditorium)
18:00-20:00	Final Evening Dinner at <i>Peurankello</i> (a la carte) at own cost /or a poolside party

### Friday 21.4.2023

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	<b>Evaluation and closing word,</b> organisers
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 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). Please mention 'INEPS', when making your room reservation. **Room reservations:** tel. +358 207 516 300 or [peurunka@peurunka.fi](mailto:peurunka@peurunka.fi)

The rooms in the main building of the Spa Hotel are modern standard rooms close to all services. The rooms are equipped with bathrobes and wifi connection.

- 2 person room 66 € / person / day , when 2 people stay
- 1 person room 110 € / person / day, when 1 person stays

*Peurunka Yard* economy level townhouse apartments are located just 100 metres from the main hotel building. The rooms offer comfortable accommodation.

- 2 person room 55 € / person / day, when 2 people stay
- 1 person room 90 € / person / day, when 1 person stays

Prices include breakfast, use of the spa and gym.

### TRANSPORT Helsinki Airport – Jyväskylä Matkakeskus – Peurunka (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) **Note!** Train tickets for April will be available to buy early February.

- 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. 70€, one way for up to 4 people. 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), Jyväskylä.

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). <https://peurunka.fi/en/restaurants-accommodation/restaurants/>

### **PAYMENT**

You can pay by **invoice** (bank transfer) or **credit card** **before April 6th 2023. When paying by invoice, please use the reference number provided.** Payment instructions and to make your reservation:

<https://ineps-kongressi.tapahtumiin.fi/en/>

Event information: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9268228/>



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