



PROGRAM - LIFE2022 SHADOWING EXPERIENCE COURSE

The fundamental purpose of LIFE2022 is to see in person how learning takes place in Finnish kindergartens and schools by shadowing Finnish teachers. You can choose the age range to ensure it is suitable for your needs. If you want to know more about pre-primary education, note that in Finland, it usually takes place in kindergartens. Here are the age ranges for each visit:

- Kindergarten (age 0–6)
- Primary school/Teacher Training School (age 7–12)
- Secondary school (age 13–15)
- High School/Vocational college (age 16–18)

During the shadowing, you will observe teachers in their activities and talk about their daily teaching practices. On the last day, you will have a chance to teach together with other LIFE2022 participants. Planning this session will offer you an excellent opportunity to share and elicit ideas inspired by the school visits.

LIFE2022 offers engaging expert presentations and workshops focusing on different aspects of the Finnish education system. Last but not least, you will hear testimonies from earlier participants about what they have changed in their school after visiting Finnish schools and how it worked out.

Tentative program for LIFE2022 – Please note that changes are possible.

Fri 28th

10:00 – 19:00 Participating in [Educa](#) event (English program)

Sat 29th

09:00 – 12:00 Educa continues (English program)

12:00 – 18:00 Traveling to Rovaniemi (according to individual flight options).

Recommended visit before going to Rovaniemi: [Oodi](#) Library.

19:00 – 22:00 [Ice Restaurant Dinner Experience](#) (optional).

Sun 30th

08:00 – 09:00 Registration, coffee available at [Scandic Pohjanhovi](#)
09:00 – 10:00 Opening, getting to know each other
10:00 – 12:00 **Kristiina Volmari and Aulis Pitkälä**: National and municipal level co-operation with schools and teachers
12:00 – 13:00 **Jussi Kainulainen**: Local implementations of the national curriculum – case Rovaniemi.
13:00 – 13:45 lunch
13:45 – 17:00 Learning outside the classroom: Visiting [Santa Claus Village](#); includes an optional visit and ride to [Husky Park](#)

Mon 31st

09:00 – 12:30 Kindergarten/School visits (incl. lunch)*
13:00 – 14:00 Socratic walk & wrap up of the school visit (Learning diary)
14:00 – 15:00 Jussi-Pekka Järvinen: *The role of digital learning and teaching in exceptional circumstances. What did we learn in 2020 and 2021?*
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
15:30 – 17:30 *Optional Workshop: It's the pedagogy, not the technology.*
19:00 – 21:00 Rovaniemi City Reception

Tue 1st

09:00 – 12:30 Kindergarten/School visits (incl. lunch)*
13:00 – 14:00 Outdoor activities or after lunch quiet time
15:00 – 17:00 Learning and teaching together workshop 1
19:00 – 21:30 [Excursion to Aurora Borealis Camp](#) (optional)

Wed 2nd

09:00 – 12:30 School visits (incl. lunch)*
13:00 – 14:00 Socratic walk & wrap up of the school visit (Learning diary)
14:00 – 16:00 VisitEDUfinn- & Euneos-Alumni stories: How have the insights from Finnish education been applied? Panel discussion with Marjaana Sall, Ambassador for Education in Finland.
19:00 – 21:00 Farewell Dinner at [Scandic Pohjanhovi](#)

Thu 3rd

09:00 – 11:30 Learning and teaching together workshop 2
11:30 – 12:00 Reflection & feedback, food for thought, closing
14:00 – 17:00 [Snowmobile Safari to Reindeer Farm](#) (optional)

*There is a minimum number of participants per group, so unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you are able to join each day in your preferred age group.