



We All Make a Difference! Alla påverkar! Jokainen vaikuttaa!

Virtual Conference on Education, Culture and Youth as Drivers for Sustainable Development

Place: Virtual

Time: 8 June at 12 – 17 (Finnish time, CET+1) and 9 June at 12 – 15 (CET +1)

Programme

Tuesday 8 June

11.45 – 12.00 Virtual lobby of the conference opens, Nordic videos presented

Opening of the Conference

12.00 – 12.05 **Peter Nyman**, Moderator

12.05 – 12.15 **Paula Lehtomäki**, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

12.15 – 12.35 **Antti Kurvinen**, Minister of Science and Culture, Finland
Jussi Saramo, Minister of Education, Finland
Annika Hambrudd, Minister of Education and Culture, Åland

12.35 – 12.40 HRH Crown Princess Victoria

PART 1: Learn and Get Inspired

12.40 – 12.55 **Ellen Ojala**, Youth Representative of the Nordic Expert Group for Sustainable Development

Young People in the Middle of an Eco Crisis

12.55 – 13.05 Break

13.05 – 13.20 **Dr Sally Windsor**, Senior Lecturer – Pedagogical Work, Sustainability and International Education, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

13.20 – 13.35 **Perttu Pölönen**, Futurist, Author, Inventor

The Future Is Human

13.35 – 13.50 **Jeremy Lent**, Author, *The Patterning Instinct* and *The Web of Meaning*

How Did We Get into This Mess? How Do We Get Out of It? An exploration of how the modern dominant worldview has led to our current global crisis, and the cultural shift needed to change direction.

13.50 – 14.00 Break

Part 2: Participate

- 14.00 – 16.00** **Workshop 1:** *Climate change and the role of arts education in empowering actions and building hopeful scenarios for the future*
Workshop 2: *Will technology save the planet?*
Workshop 3: *Nordic teacher education cooperation: improving teacher competences in sustainable development at all levels of education*
- 16.00 – 16.10** **Break**
- 16.10 – 16.50** **Panel Discussion: Results of the Workshops**
- Anniina Suominen**, Professor, Aalto University
Marcus Lundqvist, Planning officer, Verke
Henrika Nordin, Managing Director, Bildningsalliansen r.f.
- 16.50 – 17.00** **Recap by the Illustrator and the Moderator**
- Peter Nyman**, Moderator
Linda Saukko-Rauta, Graphic Recorder
- 17.00** **End of Day One**

Wednesday 9 June

- 11.45 – 12.00** Virtual lobby of the conference opens, Nordic videos presented

Part 3: Discuss and Make a Difference

- 12.00 – 12.05** **Peter Nyman**, Moderator
- 12.05 – 13.00** **Panel Discussion** *Implementing sustainable development through the eyes of young people: what is done already and what could be done?*
Tomi Kiilakoski, Finnish Youth Research Network
Una Hildardóttir, President of the National Youth Council of Iceland
Sofia Savonen, Chair of the Youth Agenda 2030 Group
- 13.00 – 13.10** **Break**
- 13.10 – 13.25** **Aka Niviâna**, Poet, Activist
- 13.25 – 13.40** **Bertel Haarder**, President of the Nordic Council
- 13.40 – 13.50** **Aldís Mjöll Geirsdóttir**, President of the Nordic Youth Council
- Are we there yet? Time is running out.*
- 13.50 – 14.00** **Break**

Part 4: Summary

- 14.00 – 14.04** **Tapiola Choir:** *Change is coming*
Director **Klaus Welp**, Composer **Tim Cain**, Artistic Director **Pasi Hyökki**

14.04 – 14.45 Reporting

Three young people with a special task to follow the different parts of the conference and to report their findings

Sigríð Mohr Leivsdóttir, Meginfelag Føroyskra Studenta, Faroe Islands

Jacob Blasius, Danske Studerendes Fællesråd, Denmark

Erla Guðbjörg, The National Union of Icelandic Students, Iceland

14.45 – 15.00 Minna Kauppi, Orienteer

15.00 End of the Conference

Background

The main task of the Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers is to advance the Nordic Vision 2030, according to which the *Nordic region will be the most sustainable and integrated region in the world by 2030*. The Vision's focal points are a green Nordic region, a competitive Nordic region and a socially sustainable Nordic region.

During the conference, we wish to strengthen the synergies between the education, research, culture and youth sectors and to examine how the different sectors contribute to sustainable development.

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