



TEACHER EDUCATION FOR INCLUSION

Case Study Visit

Rovaniemi, Finland

13-16 April 2011

Wednesday 13th April – Participants arrival

Day 1 – Thursday 14th April

08.45 - Meet in Hotel Scandic Reception for walk to Teacher Training School, University of Lapland (Pohjolankatu 23) about 500 meters (accompanied by Suvi Lakkala)

09.00 - Introduction and project update : Briefing for lesson observations and discussion.
Verity Donnelly, Agency

09.30 - Introduction of Teacher Training school as a part of Finnish teacher education:
Principal Jari Kuru

10.00 - Visits to inclusive lessons at 10-11 or 11-12 and discussions with teacher students and supervising teachers - briefing and discussion.

(Transportation to the University of Lapland (Yliopistonkatu 8), about 3 km

Lunch at approx 12.30

13.30 - Input from host country on the aim of the meeting, current work and key issues regarding teacher education for inclusion.

14.30 - Professor Anneli Lauriala:

"Finnish Teacher Education - Teacher's pedagogical autonomy as an Antecedent for Inclusive Education"

15.30 Onwards – Discussion with host country representatives of teacher education (4-5 people) and posters of teacher education

16.30 - Short input (10 minutes maximum) from each visiting country on their country view of the profile

17.30 Close of meeting

Dinner - time and venue to be confirmed



Day 2 – Friday 15th April 2011

09.00 – Meet in Hotel Scandic Reception for walk to the Regional State Administrative Agency in Lapland, (Valtakatu 2), about 900 metres (accompanied by Suvi)

09.15 Onwards

- Pirjo Koivula, the National Board of Education:
"Changes of core curriculum - General, intensified and special support – from medical model to pedagogical assessment"

- Helena Thuneberg, Researcher, Special Education, The University of Helsinki:
"Implementation of the new Special Education Strategy of Finland - perspective of developmental evaluation"

Discussion - host team and visiting experts with representatives of the Finnish school system, administrative personnel, teachers and headteachers to reflect on the profile – rationale, content and potential use in the practical situation.

Lunch at approx 12.30

13.30 Summing up.

14.30 Reflection time. Completion of information collection sheets

15.00 Pertti Lakkala, Director of Lapland Vocational College, School of Technology, Forestry and Rural Industries:

"The organisation and structure of multiprofessional support for diverse learners in vocational studies"

16.00 Close of meeting

Outdoor dinner at Lapland Vocational College - time to be confirmed
(The hosts will provide outdoor clothing!)

Saturday 16th April – Participants departure