## **Finland Experience**







#### Finnish History, Society and Culture.







Have you ever been to Finland? What do you know about this country? Are you interested in its culture? Find out all the information you can get about it.





#### Educational System in Finland Learn about it



### This is Finland...

- Equality in Education "full service schools"
- No school fees
- Free school transport
- Free school material
- Free school meals from 1948
- Health and dental service
- Psychological counselling
- Inclusion
- Religion with respect to family values





# Corner stones in Finnish Education system: promoting democratic values and practices

- Education is free at all levels
- Equal opportunities for all the children for schooling
- Special needs education is generally provided in conjunction with mainstream education
- Efforts to support language minorities and migrants
- Life-long learning in focus
- Sharing, using, developing *existing best practices*
- National core curriculum leaves room for local variations

"Tell me and I'll forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I'll understand.

### Chinese proverb

#### Finnish Education System, no dead ends in the system



Maximising potential: every child is unique



#### **Lessons from Finland**

- More collaboration less competition
- Prevention is cheaper than repair
- School readiness: "School ready for children, not children ready for school"
- Enhanced equity improves quality

#### Being a teacher in Finland

- Teachers in Finland are autonomous professionals, respected for making a difference to young people's lives
- Teachers in Finland get a great deal of freedom to meet students' needs: the national curriculum is very short and non-prescriptive.
- The national curriculum includes the objectives and core contents for different school subjects, but schools and districts create their own curricula within the framework of the national core curriculum. Teachers get to decide how they help their students to reach the objectives.
- More that 95% of teachers belong to the teachers' union (OAJ)

### Most teachers are required a master's degree

Kindergarten teachers 180 ECTS (3 years)

> Class teachers 300 ECTS (5 years)

Subject teachers 300 ECTS (5–6 years) Teachers of vocational studies:

Master's, Bachelor's + work experience+ pedagogical studies of 60 ECTS)

#### Principals:

teacher education + e.g. certificate in educational administration

# "Why Finland has best education system in the world?"

- Watch the video and discuss with your partner.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntdYxqRce\_s

# Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion. - Simon Sinek

Now you have got a lot of information, prepare a presentation about what you have learned about Finland and compare it with the Spanish Educational System.



Write a For and Against Essay. Advantages and Disadvantages about Finnish/Spanish Education.

