For the Best of a Child

Conference and launch of a book

**Date:** June 15, 2017, at 14–18 hours

**Venue:** Tieteen talo (House of Science and Letters), Kirkkokatu 6 (5th floor), Helsinki, Finland

**Organizer:** The Haukkala Foundation ([www.haukkalansaatio.com](http://www.haukkalansaatio.com)), a member organization of the [Alliance for Childhood European Network Group](http://www.allianceforchildhood.org)

**Exhibition:** The participants are offered a possibility to present materials (posters, brochures) of their work/organization

**Dinner:** The conference dinner will be arranged at 19.00 in Restaurant Alia. More information about the evening will be provided to the participants who have indicated their attendance at dinner.

**Excursion, June 16, from 9 to 13:** A meeting with Professor Arto Kallioniemi, University of Helsinki, an expert of the Finnish teacher training, and an excursion to Saunalahti school. Additional information will be provided to the participants who have indicated their participation in the excursion.

**Fee:** No conference fee; the venue, refreshments, and excursion are provided by the Haukkala Foundation; each participant pays for his or her other costs

**Additional information:**

**Lunch:** The House of Science and Letters has a cafeteria (Tiedekahvila, Science cafeteria) for lunch and a nice setting for gathering before the conference

**Accommodation:** Please see suggestions below
Program of the conference

Chair: Päivi Fadjukoff, Adjunct Professor, Board Secretary of the Haukkala Foundation

14:00  **Opening**  
*Lea Pulkkinen*, Professor, Chair of the Haukkala Foundation

14:05  **Focus on learners – Towards students’ well-being through educational reforms**  
*Anita Lehikoinen*, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture

14:25  **Towards child- and family-oriented services; appropriate support at the right time! Program for the improvement of provisions for children and families in Finland**  
*Maria Kaisa Aula*, Chair of the Governmental Program, Ministry of Social Welfare and Health

14:45  **Whole of government – Approach for the best of a child**  
*Olli-Pekka Heinonen*, Director General, the Finnish National Agency for Education

15:00  **Significance of a longitudinal study for policy work**  
*Lea Pulkkinen*, Professor  
with *Katja Kokko*, Research Director at the Gerontology Research Center of the University of Jyväskylä, and other colleagues

*Compliments from the Department of Psychology, University of Jyväskylä*  
*Kaisa Aunola*, professor, Deputy Head of the Department of Psychology

The launch of the book  
“Human development from middle childhood to middle adulthood: Growing up to be middle-aged”  
by Lea Pulkkinen in collaboration with Katja Kokko.

London: Routledge  
(to be published in June 2017)
15:45 – 16:45 Coffee break

A possibility to purchase the book: “Human development from middle childhood to middle adulthood: Growing up to be middle-aged”

Exhibition: Alliance for Childhood Network Group, Janusz Korczak Foundation; the Netherland’s Institute for Educational Matters, and Talud Foundation

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Chair:  
Tuomas Kurttila, Ombudsman for Children in Finland, Chairperson-elect, European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)

16:15  
The quality of childhood in Europe at present and challenges for the future
Michiel Matthes, Co-founder and Chair of the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group

Member organizations of the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group:

16:30  
The actuality of the pedagogue Janusz Korczak
Helma Brouwers, Professor, board member of the Dutch Janusz Korczak Foundation

16:45  
The contribution of Waldorf pedagogy to the present discussion on early education
Clara Aerts, Chair of the International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education (IASWECE)

17:00  
The why of education?
Nickel van der Vorm, Co-founder of NIVOZ (The Netherland’s Institute for Educational Matters)

17:15  
What is learning for well-being?
Daniel Kropf, Founder and Chair of the Learning for Well-Being Foundation

17:30  
Working for a Child Strategy for the Province of Central Finland
Päivi Fadjukoff, Project Manager, Haukkala Foundation

17:40  
Discussion

17:50-18  
Closing: For the best of a child
Tuomas Kurttila
Venue

The venue of the conference, House of Science and Letters, is located in downtown Helsinki, one kilometer to the south from the Helsinki Central Railway Station where a train from the airport arrives several times an hour.

*Tieteiden talo*, House of Science and Letters (built in 1925), is a neo-classist school building designed by Architect Elsa Arokallio. It was used by Helsingin tyttölukio (girls’ upper secondary school) and the University of Helsinki. Since 1997 it has been in the use of the 271 member societies of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies. The House of Science and Letters is decorated by around 70 plaster reliefs by Emil Cedercreutz. There is an elevator in the house, but it is recommended to walk up the stairs to the fifth floor to see the arts of the house.

Emil Cedercreutz (1879-1949) was a Finnish Baron, sculptor and silhouette artist best known of his horse sculptures. He studied in the Finnish Art Society’s Drawing School in Helsinki and in Brussels and Rome (1903-1905) and Académie Julian in Paris (1906-1909). He was influenced by the sculptors like Charles van der Stappen, Constantin Meunier and Auguste Rodin as well as the Tolstoyan movement. Emil Cedercreutz Museum locates in Harjavalta (south-west Finland).

Accommodation

A suggested hotel is 200 meters from the Helsinki Central Railway Station in the direction of the venue. We have tentatively reserved a few rooms (to be booked by 1 June) in HOTEL ARTHUR [http://www.hotelarthur.fi](http://www.hotelarthur.fi) Address: Vuorikatu 19, 00101 Helsinki

Comfort room (single) 115 euros per night, double 135 euros per night (incl. breakfast).

Booking: myyntipalvelu@hotelarthur.fi or +358091734441, code HAUKKAL A.

This hotel is decent and much used, for instance, by university people. There are several higher star hotels in Helsinki, which one can easily find in the internet if any of them is preferable.

Finland’s centenary year 2017

Finland became an independent state on 6 December 1917. The newly born state was willed into being by the Finns after a long struggle. In spite of hard times, the Finnish people have for almost a hundred years engaged in the building of their country and making decisions together. Now the Finns are leading their country into a new century with courage and determination.

The centenary of Finland’s independence in 2017 will be the most significant commemorative year for this generation of Finns. The centenary emphasises Finland’s strengths, such as equality and democracy by offering Finns and friends of Finland diverse and international centenary programme in Finland and abroad. The centenary year provides opportunities to better understand the past, experience the jubilee together and set the course for Finland’s future success.

Come and join our celebration!

Read more: [http://suomifinland100.fi/info/?lang=en](http://suomifinland100.fi/info/?lang=en)