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Creating a more democratic, inclusive school with a focus on sustainable development

Conference programme, 23 March 2023

- 8:30 Registration, coffee and opening exhibition
- 9:00 Session 1, School development supported by Erasmus + Eva Marsh, Principal at Backatorpsskolan and coordinator of the Project Erasmus + Education for sustainability and resilience. With some of her teachers, Eva will present her school's professional development work. The teachers will present their core curriculum and the school's thematic work for sustainable development.

9.30 Session 2, Education for sustainable development Leif Östman, Professor of Didactics at Uppsala University. He has helped develop research on education for sustainable development in Sweden and Europe and leads an international network-based research environment in didactics.

- 10.15 Coffee break and reflection of the two first sessions
- 10.45 Session 3, Pluralistic teaching in practice and theory

Margaretha Häggström, PhD in Educational Practice at the University of Gothenburg. Leader of the research work during the project. She will present important elements needed at school for teaching and learning for sustainable development. There will be a screening of a film about the interdisciplinary work done at šola Ob Rinži Kočevje, Slovenia, followed by reflections by the school's teachers Katja Ilc Virant and Mateja Vidrih, and researcher Gitte Motzfeldt, associate professor in Social Science, at Østfold University College.

11.45 Lunch break

12.45 Session 4, Transformative Learning for Socio-Ecological Sustainability

Arjen Wals, Professor of Transformative Learning for Socio-Ecological Sustainability at Wageningen University. He also holds the UNESCO Chair of Social Learning and Sustainable Development.

13.30 Session 5, To make the immeasurable visible

Ann-Catherine Henriksson, PhD in Education, The Center for Lifelong Learning, Åbo Akademi, Finland. She will present on evaluation and assessment in interdisciplinary teaching and learning. Anna Johansson and Torbjörn Nyberg, teachers at Backatorpsskolan, Gothenburg, will present a pilot measurement tool for assessing changed action readiness, social skills and changed values.

14.15 Session 6, Coffee break with reflection and dialog in groups The participants on site in Gothenburg will have the opportunity to discuss together in Scandinavian languages their own work with sustainable development. A break is planned for Zoom participants.

- 15.00 Session 7, What are some changes needed in professional teacher and school development to address teaching and learning for sustainability and resilience? Virginia (Gini) Lockhart-Pedersen, Assistant professor at The Norwegian National Centre for English and Foreign Languages/Østfold University College. She will present reflections on teachers' professional development. Current core findings on professional development from the report by *The Swedish Schools Inspectorate (2022)* will be presented. There will be a screening of the film about research-results within the Erasmus+ project. The ERAMUS + researchers and teachers will be available for a panel discussion.
- 15.45 Session 8, Evaluation and reflections led by Ylva Lundin
- 16.00 End of the day

Possible to stay 30 minutes and have more information about Erasmus +

Practical information

When: Thursday 23 March 2023 8.30-16.00
Where: Conference Center, Wallenberg, Medicinaregatan 20A, Gothenburg / or online.
Preparation: If possible, read GreenComp before the conference: https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC128040



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