



Art of Hosting in Education Lithuania

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How can we together create the education we all dream about?

5 days of conversation, contribution & practical action towards education that works for everyone

The Art of Hosting in Education (www.aoh-education.org) is an **international 5 day program for all education stakeholders** who want to better understand each other, the challenges we are facing, and the potential we can create when we work together. We all know what we have could be so much better. We all dream of an education system that can serve our children, ignite the love of learning, use the best talents of our teachers and administrators and create results that matter for our society. What we need are **both the tools and the time to create the future we dream of.**

Over the course of five days, we will work together using the practices and tools of participatory learning. The Art of Hosting & Harvesting Conversations that Matter (www.artofhosting.org) offers us the practices and methods that will support us in learning and working together and at the same time have the opportunity both to **raise your challenging questions** and **get real time input on your projects.** A group of international participants and hosts will be your sparring partners and your support team. Together, we will move from conversation to practical application.

Join us as we learn Art of Hosting authentic conversations in the field of education to lead us to wiser action and real change so we can together create the future of education we all dream about.

*5 Days
4 Nights
3 Houses
100 Participants
More than 10 Countries
(LT, LV, EE, FI, SE, DK,
NL, US, NZ, UK etc.)
1 Wicked Question and
1 Big Learning Experience*

***Art of Hosting** is a global community of practitioners using integrated participative change processes, methods, maps, and planning tools to engage groups and teams in meaningful conversation, deliberate collaboration, and group-supported action for the common good.*

How will this 5-day experience be different from other workshops and conferences?

This highly engaging experience is:

- **Refocusing** – instead of focusing on the traditional problem solving model, we will be using powerful questions as a guide to finding the leverage points for action
- **Appreciative Inquiry** – discovering what already works well and how to do more of it
- **Everyone is an expert** – our combined expertise can work together to co-create an incredible future for the role of education in leading to and sustaining an improved future using participatory Involvement and decision making
- **Presentations and debates will not be our focus**, instead deep conversations about what really matters to each of us and the group will be hosted in a variety of ways
- **Decision makers** – all of the stakeholders representing all levels of the community will work together to determine what are the decisions that need to be made and how will these get resolved
- **This is not for observers!** Expectations will be owned by the group and the commitment to staying in the conversation and choosing your own actions is part of the agreement to participate

"This is the best training I have had in the 20 years I have worked in the European Commission" - Senior manager in the European Commission

"I have been facilitating groups for over 30 years, but the Art of Hosting provided a new approach to engaging people around their most cherished values and working together for the common good."

"This beautiful Learning Journey awakened me to leadership from the inside out, rather than the top down."

Hosting Team

Toke Paludan Møller, Denmark



- Pioneer in the fields of sustainable entrepreneurship, participatory leadership, educational renewal, and social responsibility since the early 1970s
- Co-founder of InterChange, a for-more-than-profit training and process consulting company based in Denmark
- Co-founder of The Art of Hosting, The Flow Game, and the Warrior of the Heart dojo
- Former Chair of the Board of the Danish Entrepreneurs Association and long-time international professional conference organiser and process host
- For the past six years he has worked with colleagues in support of large-scale systems transformation in Scotland, the U.S., and Canada, as well as in the European Commission
- On the faculty of the ALIA Institute since 2002

"I was so glad to discover that there still are so many people who care about our the future of our education" - Businessman, Lithuania

"I have come here to receive the message from the future. I think I received one." - Head of Strategy Department, Ministry of Education, Lithuania

Mary Alice Arthur, New Zealand



- Founder of SOAR, specializing in using story in service of positive systemic shift and to access and create collective intelligence on critical issues
- Creating and hosting spaces for wise action, and narrative practice forms, focusing both on Storytelling and StoryWork and the emergent space in-between
- For the past 1.5 years she has been working with a team in Denmark on the story of the country going bankrupt in 1813 - a time of moving from crisis to possibility

Laura Weisel, USA



- CEO of The TLP Group which focuses on providing the highest quality support for persons and programs helping those persons with special needs to learn and work
- Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership, Neuro and Cognitive Psychology, and Research
- Developer of PowerPath to Education and Employment, a transformational learning system that is being implemented across the US
- Long-time leader and Board Member of the National Association of Adults with Special Learning Needs (NAASLN).

Diederik Bosscha, Netherlands



- Connector & module designer at IDEAL Learning, an international group of seven education professionals, hosts and trainers, living and working mainly in the Netherlands
- Innovator, program developer, trainer at DOC20, a project developing new learning methods for education. Together with a network of freelancing education experts it creates experimental learning environments for universities
- Lecturer and module designer at Hogeschool Utrecht
- Educational consultant helping to improve the learning environment in school organizations thru bridging between various stakeholders

Co-Creating Communities, Lithuania ("IDEAL Lithuania"): Lukas Benevičius, Mantas Žalkauskas, Aurimas Ražanauskas, Rygaudas Guogis, Julius Paplauskas



- Education innovators, hosts and process consultants living and working in Lithuania
- Worked with various educational projects and NGO's in Lithuania, Colombia, Denmark, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, mainly using the Art of Hosting as our main methodology
- Founders of VŠĮ „Kuriančios bendruomenės“ (Co-creating Communities)

Participation Fees

The Art of Hosting community works on the premise that people should give what they can and ask for what they need. If price is a barrier for you, please talk to us and let's see what we can do together. Alternatively, if you can, please pay a little more and support others to come along! Bigger contributions will cover the costs of people who find it challenging to pay the full fee, but are eager to participate and contribute.

The price includes materials, accommodation and 4 nights in a cozy home (with shared bathroom). It also includes three meals a day, free coffee and tea.

If these ideas resonate and you would like to sponsor this and/or similar future events, please contact us to explore emerging possibilities.

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Quotes from the taster session in Vilnius, Lithuania, 13 December:

"We are given too many rules so when we are given freedom, we don't know what to do. School should teach us to make choices."

"Education should be a phenomenon not a system. Maybe we should break something to make something new."

"It seems the system is making our teachers very unhappy. How can kids be happy and learn when their teachers are unhappy?"

"The world gets innovated every day. Lots of innovative things should be brought to school so it can keep up with the world."

"How do I make Monday work?"

"What do we need to do to help people love learning again?"

Early bird offer (before Jan-27):

Organization (1 person): **€890**

Organization (2+ people): **€667** each

Individual: **€590**

To register and make a payment please go to:
www.aoh-education.org

