

UARctic Thematic Network of

# Teacher Education

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summer!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The annual conference of Canadian Society for the Study of Education CSSE, May 26-30, University of Regina, Canada**

The bilingual conference provides an opportunity for discussion of educational issues among practitioners and educational scholars from across the nation.

[www.csse-scee.ca/conference-2018/](http://www.csse-scee.ca/conference-2018/)

**Webinar Finnish basic education and teacher education – perspectives on inclusive education, June 7, online**

The thematic network on teacher education will organize a webinar 7th of June at 5 pm UTC+3. It will be both streamed live and recorded for publication in TNs website later. Join to the webinar [HERE](#).

**UARctic Congress, September 3-7, Oulu and Helsinki, Finland**

The Congress brings together institutional leaders, indigenous representatives, academics, scientists and students from around the Circumpolar North and beyond.

[www.uarctic.org](http://www.uarctic.org)

**The UARctic Congress Side Event “Minority report – indigenous languages in urbanized areas”, September 3, University of Oulu, Finland**

The side event is for teachers, teacher educators, Sami representatives and UARctic thematic network members and other interested parties to discuss and network.

## NEWS

### UNITWIN/UNESCO partnership is now formalized

The UNITWIN/UNESCO Network on Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education will continue and globally expand the valuable cooperation already started in the UARctic Thematic Network of teacher education. The UNITWIN partnership agreement has now been signed by the following universities: UiT the Arctic University of Norway, Massey University (New Zealand), Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada), Murmansk Arctic State University (Russia), Sami Education Institute (Finland), Sami University of Applied Sciences, formerly Sami University College, (Norway), University of Alaska (USA), University of Turku (Finland) and University of Lapland (Finland). The UNESCO/UNITWIN program promotes international inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities through knowledge sharing and collaborative work. The University of Lapland coordinates the UNITWIN network of teacher education.

### The Arctic Five received funding for developing educational co-operation

The Arctic Five universities have received funding from the Nordplus Higher Education Programme for a development project and for networking activities. The main objective of the one-year project is to lay the foundations of a common course module. The Arctic Five consists of five Nordic universities, Luleå University of Technology (Sweden), UiT the Arctic University of Norway, the University of Oulu (Finland), and the University of Lapland (Finland), and Umeå University (Sweden). The universities work together in the region of Arctic Europe to create synergies and further strengthen research, education and outreach related to Arctic interests.

For more information visit:  
[www.ulapland.fi/uatn](http://www.ulapland.fi/uatn)



## The evaluation day of the Thematic Network on Teacher Education was organized in April

The members of the UArctic Thematic Network on teacher education (The TN) were requested to give feedback about the progress and activities of the network by an online questionnaire. The TN planning group held an evaluation day on Friday 4th of April in which the responses were thoroughly investigated and discussed. The results show that the members are mostly quite satisfied or very satisfied with the work of the network. However, more meetings and summits are desired. Additionally, some ideas on how to improve the TN's website were given in order to make it more informative.

## The Local Summit in Tromso on May 8 gathered education professionals from three countries

The UArctic Thematic Network of teacher education, UiT/University of Tromsø, and University of Lapland arranged a local summit in Tromsø, Norway on 8th of May, in which there were participants from Finland, Norway and Sweden. The one-day summit was part of the activities of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) project Teacher Education for Diversity and Equality in the Arctic. In the Summit, there were two keynotes, Professor Unn-Doris Bæck from UiT Norway that spoke about spatial inequalities in education, and Dr., School Head Irja-Kaisa Lakkala from Sodankylä, Finland that spoke about equality, well-being and joy of learning. During the day workshops were organised under the themes of gender issues in the Arctic, sustainability and climate education, as well as ethnomathematics. Additionally, Jorgen Ytreberg from UiT gave a presentation about teacher education in Tromsø and Finnmark. During the summit future cooperation was initiated and the local summits were suggested to become a regular form of networking.

## Northern partnership in supporting teacher development and diversity will be the issues to discuss in the CSSE congress in Canada

The annual congress of Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) is arranged on May in University of Regina, Canada. During the congress a panel discussion under the theme "Northern Partnership: Supporting teacher development and diversity in the north" will be chaired by Professor Kirk Anderson from the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Professor Tuija Turunen, the leader of the UArctic Thematic Network on teacher education, will be in the panel. In conjunction with the congress a project session of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) project Arctic Children: Preschool educational practices will be held. During the session, culturally inclusive practices in Arctic early childhood education will be discussed.

## Education in the North Journal Special Issue "Social Aspect of Learning in the North" to be published in May

The special issue "Social Aspect of Learning in the North" of Education in the North (EITN) journal is to be published in May 2018. The issue is produced in collaboration with the UArctic Thematic Network on teacher education and focuses on inclusive practices, arctic pedagogy, participation and agency in digital age. The next special issue "Perspectives on Spaces for Teaching and Learning" will be published in October 2018.

## The UARCTIC Congress takes place in Oulu and Helsinki on September 3-7

UArctic Congress 2018 will be held in Oulu on September 3-6, and conclude in Helsinki on September 7. Together with partners, policy makers, and other actors, the Congress strives to take the Arctic agenda forward by creating and strengthening collaborations that produce new findings and solutions for the future of the Arctic region. The thematic network for teacher education is going to have a side event at the UArctic Congress in Oulu on Monday the 3rd of September. The side event's theme is "Minority report – indigenous languages in urbanized areas". The registration for the side event will be open until 22th of August (participation in the side event requires a congress pass).

## A Video about Arctic Pedagogy by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland has published a video about teacher education in the Arctic region. UArctic Thematic Network on teacher education has been participating in the process of making the video. Watch video [here](#) >



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