

Final meeting

Mäntsälä, Finland – May 7 – 9 2019



Ipso facto participants at the glacial potholes of Askola, Finland during the final meeting in May 2019.

Participants :

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Finland hosted the final meeting for the two-year Ipso facto project on May 7 – 9 2019 in Mäntsälä, Finland. In addition to the four Finnish host teachers, seven teachers attended the meeting: two from France, two from Italy and three from the Czech Republic. The meeting lasted for three days (excluding travel days). The main objective was to compile the final report for the project, but there was also time for some outings in the vicinity of Mäntsälä.



Ipso facto group at work on the final report at Mäntsälä High School. Benoit Guignard (front right) led the work.

May 7

The first day started with an introduction to the Finnish school system followed by a tour at Mäntsälä High School. The Finnish Ipso facto students served as guides to the guests. Another Erasmus group happened to be visiting another school in Mäntsälä at the same time, and they joined the Ipso facto group for the morning, which made for a very international atmosphere at the school. Altogether there were some twenty foreign teachers getting familiar with the Finnish school system in general and Mäntsälä High School in particular. After this, we got started with the final report.

After lunch at a bistro in Mäntsälä, it was time for our first outing. Our first target was a set of glacial potholes in Askola, some 30 kilometres to the South-East of Mäntsälä. Having marvelled at these impressive natural phenomena, we continued another 30 kilometres South-East to Porvoo, a small seaside town known for its quaint

Old Town District. We had a guided tour followed by some free time for shopping and wandering around, and finished our first evening with dinner at restaurant Fryysarinranta in Old Town.

May 8

The second day began with work on the final report, which took up the whole morning. After lunch at school, we headed for our second outing. The first target was the science centre Heureka in Vantaa. The main attraction was a dinosaur show featuring animated life-size dinosaurs. Our next stop was an escape room game at Krapu, Vantaa, where half of the group spent 60 minutes searching for Santa Claus and the other half tried to find Jean Sibelius' 8th symphony. After that, a dinner buffet awaited us at restaurant Krapuhovi right next door.



facto teachers in front of Oodi, the central library in Helsinki.

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May 9

The last day was spent entirely in Helsinki. First we headed for Löyly, a luxurious seaside sauna resort. Having enjoyed a refreshing breakfast in a private cabinet, the group finished the preparatory work for the final report. Then it was time for the ultimate Finnish experience: the sauna, followed by a dip into the brisk seawater of the Gulf of Finland. After a few rounds of sauna and swimming, we headed to the centre of the city, where everyone had some free time for independent roaming. Reunited, the group enjoyed some beverages on the roof terrace of hotel Torni and visited Oodi, the brand new central library. The day was complete with a surprise menu dinner at restaurant Emo.