

# Petteri Elo

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Date of Birth:** February 28, 1974  
**Wife:** Anna-Helena Elo, Master of Education, Special  
Education Teacher, Vice-Principle  
**Children:** Paavo Elo  
Samuel Elo

## EDUCATION

**Emerging Educational Leadership**, April 2013, Helsinki Board of Education  
**Educational Leadership**, August 2012, Finnish National Board of Education  
**Supervising Teacher for Student Teachers**, November 2011, University of Helsinki  
**Master of Education, Educational Science and Pedagogy**, June 2007, University of Helsinki  
**Bachelor of Education**, June 2006, University of Helsinki  
**Bachelor of Science, Economics**, June 1997, University of Kent at Canterbury, United Kingdom

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**PedaNow - Educational Consulting and Training**  
**Founder, CEO and Consultant**  
January 2015-present

**University of Helsinki Center for Continuing Education HY+**  
**Network Trainer**  
January 2017 - present

**Education First (EF) - Professional Learning Tours**  
January 2015-present  
Member of concept development team.

**xEdu - Business Accelerator**  
January 2017-present  
Pedagogical mentor for start-ups.

**FulBright Scholar**

September 2015 – December 2015

Responsible for developing the education system in Virginia with the local educators.

**Consulting Teacher for the Helsinki Educational Department on Metacognitions and Higher Order Thinking Skills, August 2013 – July 2016**

Responsible for consulting the curriculum process, writing the curriculum and providing in-service training for teachers, principals and administrators.

**Class Teacher, Hiidenkivi Comprehensive School, Helsinki, Finland**

August 2015 – present

**Head Teacher, Class Teacher, Hiidenkivi Comprehensive School, Helsinki, Finland**

August 2011 – July 2015

Together with the management group responsible for designing pedagogical development in Hiidenkivi Comprehensive School. Emphasis is on developing the teaching of metacognitive skills, knowledge and experience to every single student in our school. Shifting the focus of the classroom activity from “what we are learning” towards “how we are learning” and making the student the subject of his/her own learning.

Responsible also for student involvement as a whole, managing extra-curricular activity and teachers’ wellbeing.

**Member of the Management Group, Class Teacher, Hiidenkivi Comprehensive School, Helsinki, Finland**

May 2009 – July 2015

Responsible for environmental issues and designing our school’s own curriculum for environmental education for grades 1-9. This process was awarded by the City Board of Helsinki. Also responsible for student involvement.

**Class teacher, Hiidenkivi Comprehensive School, Helsinki, Finland, August 2007 – April 2009**

**Househusband, April 2006 – July 2007**

Taking care of our firstborn son and studying

**Special education class teacher, Kuitinmäki Secondary School, Espoo, Finland**

August 2003 – March 2006

**English teacher, Pihlajisto Elementary School and Soininen School, Helsinki, Finland**

October 2001 – June 2003

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Supervising teacher for student teachers, November 2011 – Present.**

In Finland student teachers have one 10 week and one 8 week practice period in a school under the supervision of an experienced teachers.

## PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECT

- Workshop, Nurmijärvi School District, *Project-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, Franklin Academy Charter Schools FL, USA (**6 sessions**), *Phenomenon-Based Learning in Action*, 2018
- Presentation, Harvard School of Education MA, USA, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Training for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educators*, 2018
- Presentation, EF Symposium on Global Education MA, USA (**3 sessions**), *Building Global Citizenship*, 2018
- Presentation, GS21 Conference MA, USA, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Pedagogy*, 2018
- Workshop, Franklin School District MA, USA (**3 sessions**), *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, Lincoln-Sudbury School District MA, USA, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, 2018
- Presentation, Andover High School MA, USA, *Teaching is a Profession*, 2018
- Workshop, Nurmijärvi School Area, *Changing Role of the Teacher's Assistant (3 sessions)*, 2018
- Workshop, Nurmijärvi School Area, *Changing Role of the Teacher (3 sessions)*, 2018
- Workshop, Jokivarsi School, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki (**2 sessions**), *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, EF Global Summit in Berlin, *Re-Thinking Student-Teacher Relationship*, 2018
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours in Helsinki, *Finnish Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, EF College Tours, *Finnish National Core Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, EF College Tours, *Finnish National Core Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, Varkaus School Area, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, EF College Tours, *Finnish National Core Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, EF Professional Learning Tours, *Finnish National Core Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, EF College Tours, *Finnish National Core Curriculum in Action*, 2018
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki (**2 sessions**), *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2018
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki (**2 sessions**), *Rethinking Student – Teacher Relationship*, 2018
- Workshop, Uramo School, *Changing Role of a Teacher*, 2018
- Workshop, Delegation of Danish Educators, *Laying Solid Base for Co-Teaching*, 2017
- Workshop, Tuusula School District, *Student-Centered Conversation Techniques*, 2017
- Workshop, Kirkkonummi School District, *Phenomenon-Based Learning in Action*, 2017
- Workshop, Kirkkonummi School District, *Combining Skill and Content Goals for Teaching and Learning*, 2017
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki (**2 sessions**), *Rethinking Student – Teacher Relationship*, 2017
- Workshop, EF Symposium on Global Citizenship (**3 sessions**), *Building Global Citizenship Through National Core Curriculum – Case Finland*, 2017
- Workshop, Windham School District NH, USA, *Problem – Solution, Modeling Professional Development*, 2017
- Workshop, Needham School District MA, USA, *Finnish Education Model – From System to The Classroom*, 2017
- Presentation, Hingham High School MA, USA, *Thoughts on Innovative Pedagogy*, 2017
- Panel Discussion, Virginia Association for School Superintendents, *What Can We Learn From the Finnish Education Model?*, 2017
- Workshop, Konala Primary School, *Designing a Phenomenon-Based Learning Unit*, 2017
- Workshop, Porvoo School District, *Student-Centered Conversation Techniques*, 2017

- Presentation, Lehtikuusi Comprehensive School, *Curriculum in Action in a Comprehensive School*, 2017
- Workshop Series (**8 sessions**), HY+ Training for Saudi-Arabian Educators, *Innovative Pedagogy from Different View Points*, 2017
- Workshop, EF Global Summit in Milan, *Re-Thinking Student-Teacher Relationship*, 2017
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours in Helsinki, *Finnish Curriculum in Action*, 2017
- Presentation, ResearchEd Conference in Oslo, *Re-Thinking Student-Teacher Relationship*, 2017
- Workshop, Vantaa School Area, *Skill-centered Pedagogy and Assessment*, 2017
- Workshop, Porvoo School Area, *Curriculum and Teacher Assistants*, 2017
- Workshop, Hyvinkää School Area, *Implementation of the New Curriculum*, 2017
- Workshop, Inari School Area, *Implementation of the New Curriculum*, 2017
- Workshops, Porvoo School Area (**15 sessions**), *Implementation of the New Curriculum*, 2016
- Workshop, Vantaa School Area, *Re-Thinking Student-Teacher Relationship*, 2016
- Workshops, Kärkölä School Area (**2 sessions**), *Skills First – Pedagogy*, 2016
- Workshops, Pornainen School Area (**2 sessions**), *Skills First – Pedagogy*, 2016
- Workshops, Nurmijärvi School Area (**2 sessions**), *Skills First – Pedagogy*, 2016
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours in Helsinki, *Curriculum to the Practice*, 2016
- Panel discussion, EF Educational Tours in Helsinki, *Finnish Pedagogy in the Classrooms*, 2016
- Workshops, Helsinki School Areas (**28 sessions**), *Planning, Executing and Assessing Phenomenon-based Learning Projects*, 2016
- Presentation, Principle Summit of Helsinki Area 2, *Assessing Project-based Learning*, 2016
- Workshop, Education First – Denver, *Curricular Development in Finland – Framework for High Quality Pedagogy*, 2015
- Workshop, Salem City Schools VA, *Modeling Professional Development*, 2015
- Presentation, Virginia Association for Supervision and Curricular Development, *Curricular Development in Finland – Framework for High Quality Pedagogy*, 2015
- Workshop, Salem City Schools VA, *Modeling Professional Development*, 2015
- Presentation, Buckeye Association of School Administrators Ohio, *Curricular Development in Finland – Framework for High Quality Pedagogy*, 2015
- Panel, Virginia Association of School Superintendents Fall Conference, *Assessment*, 2015
- Presentations, Charlottesville City Schools VA, *Changing Pedagogy*, 2015
- Presentation, Salo Educational Leaders, *Leadership in Curricular Implementation*, 2015
- Presentation, Porvoo Educational Leaders, *Leadership in Curricular Implementation*, 2015
- Presentation, Espoo Curricular Development Groups, *New Curriculum in Practical Framework*, 2015
- Presentations, Helsinki School Areas (**23 sessions**), *Ethos of the New Curriculum*, 2015
- Presentations, Helsinki Educational Department Management Group Summits (**four session**), *Leadership in the Light of the New Curriculum*, 2015.
- Panel, Arabia Comprehensive School, *Design in the New Curriculum*, 2015
- Presentation, Helsinki Educational Department Curriculum Workshop, *Ethos of the New Curriculum*, 2014.
- Workshop, Puistolän Raitti Elementary School, *High Quality Classroom Dialogue*, 2014.
- Presentation, Salem City Schools (VA) Teachers Summit, *Teaching Metacognitions*, 2014.

- Presentation, Salem City Schools (VA) Teachers Summit, *High Quality Classroom Activity*, 2014.
- Presentation, Virginia Association of Superintendents Conference in Roanoke VA, *Assessment and Accountability in Finnish School System*, 2014.
- Presentation, Virginia Association of Superintendents Conference in Roanoke VA, *High Quality Classroom Activity*, 2014.
- Presentation, Helsinki Education Department Media Center, *High Quality Classroom Dialogue*, 2014
- Presentation, Puistolannratti Elementary School Teacher Summit, *Metakognitions in Classroom Activity*, 2014
- Presentation, Soininen School Teacher Summit, *Metakognitions in Classroom Activity*, 2014
- Presentation, Seminar for Teachers in Helsinki School Area. *Metacognitions and Learning Process*, 2013
- Presentation, Seminar for New Teachers in Helsinki School Area. *Metakognitions in Classroom Activity*, 2013
- Presentation, Malmi Comprehensive School Teachers Summit. *Interactive Teacher-Parent-Student Conferences*, 2013
- Manager, MaTaHi – school area, *Managing and Designing Pedagogical Development of Teaching of Metacognitive Skills, Knowledge and Experience*, 2012 – 2013.
- Presentation, Helsinki Northwest Area Conference for Principals and Assistant principals, *Student as a Subjects of His/Her Own Learning and Student Involvement in Schools as a Whole*, 2012
- Presentation, Educa Fair, *Managing and Designing Environmental Education in a School*, 2012
- Presentation, Helsinki Educational Department Media Center, *Managing and designing environmental education in a school*, 2011
- Presentation, Helsinki Educational Department Conference for Student Council Supervisors, *Student Involvement in Schools*, 2010
- Workshop, Palmenia Center for Further Education of Teachers, *Investigative Learning in Virtual Surroundings*, 2005
- Presentation, Meeting for the City of Espoo Special Education Teachers, *Investigative Learning in Virtual Surroundings*, 2005

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Educational Theory in Everyday Classroom Activity, Specifically the Dialog Between Theory and Practice in Teaching of Metacognitive Skills, Knowledge and Experience.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INTERESTS**

- Managing and Designing Pedagogical Development Projects
- At-risk Student Interventions

#### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

- Metacognitive Skill, Knowledge and Experience
- Higher Order Thinking Skills

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Project Worker, Kadambari, Bangalore, India, summer 2000
- Voluntary Worker, Plan Internation Foundation, Helsinki, 1998-2000
- Voluntary Worker, Helsinki Boy Scout Development Project to Senegal, 1998

## **INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUND**

I have lived in five different countries:

- Finland
- Denmark, 1990-1991
- United Kingdom, 1991-1997
- India, summer 2000
- USA, fall 2015