

# 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

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

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

**Polar Partners**  
**Member of the Expert Pool**  
August 2017 - present

**xEdu – Business Accelerator**

January 2017- December 2018

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.

**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 – July 2019.**

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

## EXAMPLES OF MAJOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

### Online Program for Pedagogical Innovation

**Client:** North Central Parke Community Schools, Indiana, US  
**Time:** Academic year 2020-2021

This program consisted of three online modules (6 weeks each) that included training sessions, online meetings, coaching, facilitation of peer feedback rounds and feedback on lesson and project plans.

### School Coaching

**Client:** Nurmijärvi School District, Finland  
**Time:** Spring semester 2020

This program consisted of coaching the teaching and management staff of three schools in generating pedagogical innovation in students centered pedagogy.

### Strategies for Activating Pedagogy

**Client:** Hanover County Public Schools, Virginia, US  
**Time:** October 2019

This three day training program consisted of workshops and modelling through co-teaching with high school teachers. The program served as a starting point for innovating practices for more students centered and activating pedagogy.

### Opening of Finnish International School Georgia

**Client:** Polar Partners Ltd.  
**Time:** 2018-2019

Responsibilities included the conduction of feasibility study, requirement of the teachers and the principal, training and coaching the teachers before the school opening and modelling engaging and activating school culture during the first week of school.

### Innovative Pedagogy from Different Viewpoints

**Client:** University of Helsingki Center for Continuing Education HY+  
**Time:** July 2017

An intense two week workshop program for a group of Saudi teachers and administrators.

## PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECT

- Online Coaching (**Multiple sessions and online coaching**), North Central Parke Public Schools, *Journey on Pedagogical Development and Professional Growth*, 2020-2021
- Online Training, Osaava Satakunta, *Strategies for Helping Different Types of Learners*, 2021.

- Online Training, Osaava Satakunta, *Building a Collaborative Classroom*, 2021.
- Online Training, Jokipuisto Elementary School, Sipoo, *Strategies for Co-teaching*, 2021
- Online Training, St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls, Australia, *Current Trends in Education*, 2021
- Online Training, Kuumakunnat Tutor Teachers, *Online Pedagogy for Remote Learning*, 2020
- Online Panel, EF - Education First, CO, US, *Effects of the Pandemic in Education*, 2020
- Online Training, Razem Lepiej, Poland, *Online Pedagogy for Remote Learning*, 2020
- Online Training, High Scope Indonesia, *Student-Centered in PBL*, 2020
- School Coaching, Sipoonjoki Middle School, *Strategies for Team Teaching – Pedagogical Approach*, Fall Semester 2020.
- Online Training (**2 sessions**), Montgomery County Public Schools VA, USA, *Effective Strategies for PBL*, 2020
- Online Summit, EF - Education First CO, USA, *International Forum on COVID19 and Education*, 2020
- Online Training, *Changing 21th Century Educations Through PBL*, 2020
- Online Training, Ekadesma LTD, Nepal, *Changing 21th Century Educations Through PBL*, 2020
- Workshop, Center for Child Evaluation & Teaching, Kuwait, *Project-Based Learning*, 2020
- Workshop, Center for Child Evaluation & Teaching, Kuwait, *Teaching Communication and Collaboration Skills*, 2020
- Workshop, Region 10 Leadership Conference, Dallas, USA, *Project-Based Learning*, 2020
- Presentation, Region 10 Symposium on Global Education, Dallas, USA (**3 sessions**), *Education in Finland*, 2019.
- School Coaching, Klaukkala Elementary School, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, Spring Semester 2020
- School Coaching, Lukkari Elementary School, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, Spring Semester 2020
- Workshop, Mäntsälä School District, *Teaching Communication and Collaboration Skills + Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019.
- Presentation, EF Symposium on Global Education MA, USA (**3 sessions**), *STEM education in Finland*, 2019.
- Series of Workshops and Co-Teaching (3 days) in Dover-Sherbourne County Public School MA, USA, 2019
- Workshop at Education Elements Headquarters, Washington DC, USA, *Phenomenon-Based Learning in Action*, 2019
- Series of Workshops and Co-Teaching (3 days) in Hanover County Public School VA, USA, 2019
- Workshop, Kuuma Kunnat Tutor Teachers, *Student-Centered Pedagogy and Team Teaching*, 2019
- Workshop, Nurmijärvi School District, *Teaching Communication and Collaboration Skills*, 2019.
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki For a Chinese Teacher Cohort, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki For a Taiwanese Teacher Cohort, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, 2019
- Workshop, HY+ University of Helsinki For a Taiwanese Teacher Cohort, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019

- Presentation, CASE Annual Conference CO, USA, *Relevance of the Finnish Educational Reforms for the Rest of the World*, 2019
- Workshop, EF Global Leadership Summit Davos, SUI, *Teaching Collaboration and Communication Skills*, 2019
- Workshop, EF Scholarship Tours, *Finnish National Curriculum in Action*, 2019
- Workshop, BookBag Tours, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, 2019
- Workshop, BookBag Tours, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019
- Workshop, Bookbag Tours, *Finnish National Curriculum in Action*, 2019
- Workshop, BookBag Tours, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, 2019
- Workshop, BookBag Tours, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019
- Workshop, BookBag Tours, *Finnish National Curriculum in Action*, 2019
- Workshop, EF College Tours, *Finnish National Curriculum in Action (3 sessions)*, 2019
- Workshop, RVKO School Network from Holland, *Finnish National Curriculum in Action*, 2019
- Workshop, South Putnam High School IN, USA, *Student-Driven Conversation Techniques*, 2019
- Workshop, West Central Indiana Training Center IN, USA, *Phenomenon-Based Learning and Student-Centered Pedagogy (2 sessions)*, 2019
- Workshop, Sumino Educational Tours China, *Students-Centered Pedagogy*, 2019
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours, *Student-Centered Pedagogy*, 2019
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours, *Finnish Curriculum in Action*, 2019
- Workshop, Poytya Comprehensive School, *Phenomenon-Based Learning*, 2019
- Workshop, EF Educational Tours, *Finnish Curriculume in Action*, 2019
- 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, Puistolänraitti 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. *Metakognitions 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
- Collaboration and communication 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