



4TH BALTIC SEA CONFERENCE ON LITERACY - SEARCHING FOR A COMMON LANGUAGE

4. LÄÄNEMERE KIRJAOSKUSE KONVERENTS - ÜHISE KEELE OTSIMINE

16. jaanuar-21. jaanuar 2020. Tallinn, Eesti

Partnerid: Tallinna Ülikool

Partners: Tallinn University

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Since its founding in 1992 the Estonian Reading Association has closely collaborated with various universities and especially with Tallinn University.

Many of the members as well as board members have been employees at Tallinn University. Together we have organized conferences, seminars, trainings, exhibitions

and more. Also, the 4th Baltic Sea Conference on Literacy takes place at Tallinn University and in mutual collaboration. As a bonus, it will be possible to acquaint yourself with thematic exhibition.

Exhibition “Inclusive LIFE”

Tallinn University’s interdisciplinary subject Learning in Interdisciplinary Focused Environment (LIFE) has for many years been providing students’ LIFE projects with study books, films and apps, a cognitive wall and several other multisensory aids that are primarily intended for students with special needs but can also be used by other students.

In 2005, one of the tasks of Tiia Artla, a lecturer in handicraft technology and folk art at Tallinn University, was to make tactile books with pictures that students could use by touching. In cooperation with students, over a hundred tactile books have reached The Estonian Library for the Blind and schools.

When the university started with LIFE projects in 2017, Tiia Artla, in collaboration with Jana Kadastik, a PhD student at the Institute of Educational Sciences, started thinking about how students could create teaching aids for students with different special needs in LIFE projects.

There are a number of exciting books that tell well-known stories in Estonia, such as “The Ugly Duckling” or “Mutionu pidu (The mole’s party). In addition to books, students have also made video clips. This approach allows a unique sensory book to be introduced to a wider audience through video, and visually impaired people can listen to stories in addition to the book.

In addition to children, adults also enjoy watching and listening to them. In cooperation with students, a wide variety of teaching aids have been developed for people with special needs. A few years ago, a sensory/tactile wall was created for Porkuni School Supporting students, with educational tools that cater to their special needs. In addition, mathematics teaching aids for primary school level and a “Magic Case” with games and teaching aids have been created to support and diversify learning.

The learning tools developed in inclusive LIFE are based on research and everyday practice. An important part is also getting feedback on the tools created through the user experience.

The initiators of the LIFE project “Inclusive Life” are Tiia Artla, lecturer in handicraft technology and folk art at Tallinn University, and Jana Kadastik, a doctoral student at the Institute of Educational Sciences, whose research explores the creation of teaching aids as a user-centered design process.

During the lunch breaks on 18th and 19th January the exhibition will be introduced to conference participants by guides Beatriss Paulin and Kerttu Geidik.

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Program Layout

<p>Thursday, January 16th</p> <p><i>Join us at any stage: the guided city tour at 14:00, a museum or library at 16:00 or come straight to the evening reception after 18:00!</i></p>	14:00	<p>Pre-conference: Children's culture and literacy.</p> <p>Guided city tour. The meeting point is Raekoja plats (Town Hall Square, the columns of the Town Hall).</p>	Town Hall Square
	16:00	Selected Museum or Library visit.	Addresses and descriptions are listed in the museum/library registration from here .
	18:00	Registration at the Estonian Children's Literature Center	Estonian Children's Literature Center (address: Pikk 73)
	19:00-21:00	Welcome Reception at the Estonian Children's Literature Center	
<p>Friday, January 17th</p>	approx. 9:00	Visiting schools implementing integration approach in Tallinn	The meeting point will be at the chosen school. Addresses and descriptions are listed in the schools' registration from here
	15:00	Registration	

	16:00-20:00	<p>Conference opening 16:00-16:30 Welcome and introduction 16:30-16:50 Opening and greetings 16:50-17:10 Plenary presentation "Learn a new language and get a new soul" by Janar Holm, State Audit Office, Estonia. 17:10-18:00 Plenary presentation "Early identification and prevention of compromised acquisition of the basic reading skill" by Heikki Lyytinen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland 18:00 Opening reception</p>	Tallinn Song Festival Grounds (address: Narva maantee 95)
Saturday, January 18th	9:00	Registration	Tallinn University, Astra building (address: Narva rd. 27)
	9:30-17:30	Conference	
	13:00-15:00	<i>Exhibition "Inclusive LIFE" in the conference venue, guided tour during the break for lunch (read more below)</i>	
	18:00-21:00	Creative Evening	
Sunday, January 19th	8:30	Registration	Tallinn University, Astra building (address: Narva rd. 27)
	9:00-17:00	Conference	
	12:30-14:00	<i>Exhibition "Inclusive LIFE" in the conference venue, guided tour during the lunch break (read more below)</i>	
	19:00	Farewell	Olde Hansa Restaurant (address: Vana turg 1)

Monday, January 20th	8:00-23:00	Post conference: study visit Excursion to education institutions and sightseeing in Ida-Virumaa, Narva	There are some places left on the excursions to Narva, Paide and Maardu tours take place at the same time. More information and booking at the registration desk. The meeting point is in front of the Russian Cultural Center at Mere puistee 5.
	8:30-14:45	Half day excursion to education institutions and sightseeing in Maardu	
	8:15-16:15	Half day excursion to education institutions and sightseeing in Paide	
Tuesday, January 21th	9:00	Post conference: Participants introducing their culture and language in schools and kindergartens of Tallinn	The meeting point will be at the chosen school. Addresses and descriptions are listed in the schools' registration from here

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