



Education First

*Educational Tours*

*Europe | June 2015*

# GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS SUMMIT

INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

**HELSINKI - STOCKHOLM - DAVOS**

*June 20 - 29*

Stockholm, Sweden

# TRANSFORM THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

No one is impacted by our educational system more than you, the student. And as you look to your future, no one has a more powerful voice in making sure that our classrooms of today meet the demands of tomorrow. Be part of the conversation about *Innovation and the Future of Education* at our Global Student Leaders Summit.

This is your chance to travel on an immersive tour of Helsinki and Stockholm, exploring how culture, history and politics impact their education systems. Then come together with students from around the world at our two-day leadership conference in Davos, Switzerland. Inspired by world-renowned speakers and expert-led workshops, you'll collaborate in small international teams to create and present solutions to a challenge in education.

## *A deeper learning experience—at home and abroad*

### 1

#### *Before the Tour*

The Summit experience begins at home with weShare, our online learning platform. It's designed to prepare you for the conference with fun activities and projects that support the implementation of your ideas.

### 2

#### *While on Tour*

Your itinerary introduces you to Finland, Sweden and Switzerland—and brings their educational systems to life—through hands-on learning and authentic local connections. By learning about innovation and education on tour, you'll gain new perspectives on global challenges.

### 3

#### *Leadership Conference*

In Davos you will hear from world-renowned experts and speakers, including keynote **Sir Ken Robinson**, an internationally recognized leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation. With one of the most viewed TED Talks of all time, his speech will challenge you to examine the ways technology and globalization are impacting schools throughout the world. Then, using the design thinking process, you'll collaborate with peers in small international teams to develop local solutions. The conference culminates with the Innovation Village, a showcase of student work where your ideas are shared and celebrated.



**SIR KEN ROBINSON**

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#### *After the Tour*

Back home, the learning experience continues with weShare, where you can submit and share your final project online for high school or college credit. The best project even receives grant money to help make it a reality.



Collaborating in international teams



Developing local solutions



Students discussing the Finnish education system

# EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION IN ACTION

*Highlights of what you'll experience on your  
10-day tour of Helsinki, Stockholm & Davos:*



## FINNISH EDUCATION EXPLORATION

Learn how Finland has developed the world's top-ranked school system during a conversation with national education officials.



## HELSINKI CITY LIBRARY

Learn how the Finnish capital embraces innovative technology and design at this public space.



## STUDENT CONNECTION

Discover what life is like for Swedish youth as you meet with students in Stockholm.

### *Itinerary*

*June 20—29, 2015*

#### **Days 1—2: Helsinki**

Fly overnight to Helsinki, Finland, and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Then, take a walking tour of Helsinki: Government House; Helsinki University; Uspenski Cathedral.

#### **Day 3: Helsinki**

Continue your discovery of the city on an expertly guided tour of Helsinki, including Parliament and the Olympic Stadium. Then, visit Temppeliaukio Church.

Visit the Finnish National Board of Education and learn how Finland has earned the world's top-ranked education system, according to a 2012 report by the Programme for International Student Assessment. The United States was 17th, just behind Belgium. Go behind the scenes at the agency responsible for drawing up the national core curricula to understand how it has achieved equality and excellence without selecting or tracking students during their common basic education. From its emphasis on early education

to a unique approach on teacher training, see what can be gleaned from this top-ranked system.

Tonight, you'll have a unique opportunity to visit a Finnish home and learn what life is like for a student after school, as well as why Helsinki was recently ranked the eighth best city in the world in which to live.

#### **Day 4: Helsinki/Night ferry**

Enjoy your final day in Finland's capital city. Did you know Finland, the birthplace of mobile phone maker Nokia and the open-source operating system Linux, has established itself as a hub of technological innovation over the past two decades? Helsinki is now one of the world's most connected cities, with 79% of its population on the Internet. Today you'll visit the Helsinki City Library, which received the first-ever Access to Learning Award from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for its outstanding practices in increasing access for all people to computers and the Internet.

Enjoy some free time in Helsinki before you travel by night ferry across the Baltic Sea to Stockholm, Sweden.

#### **Day 5: Stockholm**

Arrive in Stockholm, the Swedish capital and home of the annual Nobel Prize festivities. Take an expertly guided tour of Stockholm, visiting Stockholm Town Hall. Then journey to the island of Djurgården to visit Vasa, a 17th-century war ship.

#### **Day 6: Stockholm**

Take a walking tour of Stockholm: Stock Exchange; Old Town; Royal Palace.

Meet with Swedish high school students and discover what it's like to be a teen in Scandinavia. Compare and contrast your day-to-day routines, your favorite classes, your extracurricular activities and your aspirations.

#### **Day 7: Stockholm/Davos**

Fly to Zurich, then travel to Davos, Switzerland, home of

the World Economic Forum's annual meeting, where business and political leaders discuss the world's most pressing issues. Get warmed up for the Student Leadership Conference later this evening with a cooperative, team-building activity.

#### **Days 8—9: Davos**

The **leadership conference** begins as you connect with students from all over the world in this inspiring and innovative setting. Over the course of two days you will hear from world-renowned keynote speakers, work with local and global experts, and collaborate with peers in small international teams. You will be taught the design thinking process to develop solutions to some of the largest challenges we face and be inspired to take action when back home.

#### **Day 10: Depart for home**

Return home, prepared to transform the future of education.

*Space is Limited*

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# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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## THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

— Program price includes —



**Full-time, expert  
Tour Director**



**Experiential  
Learning**

Finnish National Board of Education lecture; Finnish home visit; Helsinki City Library visit; Swedish student connection.



**Sightseeing**

2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 walking tours.



**Entrances**

TempPELLIAUKO Church; Finnish National Board of Education; Vasa Ship.



**Student Leadership  
Conference**

Conference registration; Keynote addresses; Expert workshops; Student workshops; Innovation Village.



**weShare**

Online program that prepares students for conference themes and supports implementation of their ideas.



**All of the details  
are covered**

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 1 night cabin accommodation; Breakfast and dinner daily; 2 lunches.

Students travel across the Baltic Sea, from Helsinki to Stockholm, via ferry.