The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Meaningful Conversations

May 8th - 10th 2014,
Otavan Opisto in Mikkeli & Satulinna

"How to design and host learning?

Welcome to the Art of Hosting Training in Finland
You are warmly welcome among the pioneers of hosting meaningful conversations in Finland! We expect to dive deep into conversations about our calling question, *how to design and host learning*, and we expect many more questions to arise from this starting point.

About the training in general
The training will be very practical and we will use the different tools and methods in practice, so come with an open mind and enthusiastic attitude. Be prepared to have serious fun, practice conversations with others, listening and be living in learning. You will also be able to work on your own projects and questions.

Dates & timetable - 8th - 10th of May 2014.

We will start on Thursday 8th of May lunch time and finish on Saturday 10th around 2pm. Art of Hosting training is a flowing process and organizers reserve the right to revise and update timetables closer to the event.

Thursday May 8th

11:30	Lunch
12:30	AoH opening and first sessions
14:30	Break
15:00	Evening sessions
18.00	Dinner
19:00	Collaborative evening program at Satulinna

Friday May 9th

08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Bus leaves from Satulinna
09:15	Check-in and morning sessions
12:00	- 13:00 Lunch
12:30	Preparing for the afternoon
13:00	Afternoon sessions
14:30	Break
15:00	Evening sessions
17:00	Bus to Satulinna
18:30	Dinner at Satulinna
20:30	Finnish Sauna Experience

Saturday May 10th

8:00   Breakfast

9:00   Bus leaves from Satulinna

9:15   Check-in and morning session

11:30   - 12:30 Lunch

12:30   Harvesting and closing

14:00   The End is The Beginning

Organizers and Venue

The event will be held at Otavan Opisto about 15 km from the Mikkeli city center. The full address is Otavantie 2 B, 50670 Otava, Finland. Otavan Opisto is a Finnish Folk High Shool founded already over 120 yrs ago, and is known in Finland for it's future looking actions.

Participation to the contents and process of the AoH training

Yes, you can take part - and we encourage you to do so! The training and practicing will happen by actually stepping up and by jumping into conversations about what matters to you. Some of the event will be collaboratively planned which means that you will have excellent opportunities to share and test your ideas about hosting.

We also want to keep the hosting process open and transparent, so if you are interested in joining the planning session day before, please contact Jan-Erik Tarpila via jan-erik@tarpila.com

Language

While some members of the hosting team will come from Finland, Denmark and France the main training language will be English. While practicing in the smaller groups the working language will depend on the members of the group.

Accommodation

Majority of the participants will stay nearby at Hotel Satulinna Manor. It's located 10 km from Otavan Opisto. Transportation will be organised and it's included to the event's price - as is the accommodation from Thursday to Saturday. Hotel Satulinna Manor is a beautiful where the popular "Vain Elämää" musical soap opera production is filmed.

How to get to Otavan Opisto?

The full address of Otavan Opisto is Otavantie 2 B, 50670 Otava, Finland. Please share about ride sharing from the train station for example in Facebook. We recommend that you book your inbound flights to Helsinki (the airport is called Helsinki-Vantaa or HKI). The Intercity Train 71 from Helsinki leaves at 8.13 AM and arrives to Mikkeli at 10.55.

Meals

We promise you won't get hungry! All the meals (*Thu: lunch & dinner, Fri: breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sat: breakfast, lunch*) are included in the price, the food is delicious Finnish food and there'll be plenty of it. We'll also have loads of coffee breaks and snacks during the days.

Internet

There is wireless internet at Otavan Opisto and Satulinna. You'll receive all the necessary passwords and usernames on the spot.

Hashtag for Social Media is #aohfinland

Please use the #aohfinland -hashtag for all your social media. That helps us to connect online with each other before, during and after the event.

Pre-reading

Here is the AoH Suomi Workbook. It's not compulsory to study these materials beforehand but we warmly recommend it.

Price

Price includes the tuition fee, two nights accommodation in double room and food mentioned in the programme for the three days is 485€. Price in a single room is 525€. Without accommodation the price is 395€ including meals.

Registration & Payments

For registration we use Otavan Opisto's Apaja -platform. Please register latest by Monday 31st of March at http://apaja.otavanopisto.fi/kurssit/art-hosting-may-8th-10th-2014-otava-satulinna - Otava Folk High School will send you or your company a bill before the event. In case you have to cancel the event, the cancellation fee is 50% after the registration deadline, however registration is transferable to a friend or colleague without extra fees.

In case there any question or trouble with registration please contact Ville Keränen via email ville@banana.fi or phone +358 40 731 2084.

More information

If you have more questions or you just want to say hi, do not hesitate to contact Jan-Erik: jan-erik@tarpila.com. Please contact Heli about practicalities: heli.auvinen@otavanopisto.fi, phone +358 44 794 3565.

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All the best and looking forward to seeing you soon!
The Hosting Team Tiina, Kirsi, Monica, Jan-Erik, Esteve, Ville K, Ville V

Pictures are from the Finland's first Art of Hosting event held at Otavan Opisto back in May 2012.