

14th ASEF ClassNet Conference

Gender Equality: Reprogramming STEM Education

27-30 November 2018, Helsinki & Espoo, Finland



Overview & Open Call

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WHAT IS #ASEF CLASSNET?

Launched in 1998, the ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) fosters collaborations among secondary and high school teachers and students in Asia and Europe while harnessing the potential and opportunities of technology for education.

To-date, more than 1,300 teachers from 45 ASEM Partner countries have joined the ASEF Classroom Network. In addition, more than 31,000 students have been engaged in over 350 school-to-school collaborations since 2001.

ASEF ClassNet comprises three activities:

1. **Annual ASEF ClassNet Conferences** for teachers to share experiences, network and to enhance their professional skills
2. **ASEF ClassNet School Collaborations** jointly developed and run by Asian and European schools on-site and online to facilitate and promote intercultural exchanges between teachers and students
3. **ASEF ClassNet Website** to connect schools and teachers through one online platform

WHAT IS #ASEFCLASSNET14?

The 14th ASEF ClassNet Conference will take place from 27-30 November 2018 in Helsinki & Espoo, Finland, a country with a world-famous progressive and innovative education system. The Conference will focus on the theme “*Gender Equality Reprogramming STEM Education*” and bring together about 100 secondary, vocational and high school teachers and educators from up to **51 Asian and European countries** to explore and share good practices in the field of gender equality and STEM education, as well as its possible impact on the society. Core areas that will be addressed through a gender lense are: curriculum and pedagogy; institutional and national policies; role models in STEM and education. Participants will also have the opportunity to tie up with their peers to identify and plan future ASEF ClassNet School Collaborations.

The programme is built on 3 elements:

1. **Research & Enrichment** – Expert talks and panel discussions on gender equality within education featuring teachers, educators, school leaders, policy makers and researchers, to gain knowledge about the most up-to-date trends
2. **Training & Networking** – Practical workshops and trainings from practitioners to place participants

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

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CLOSING DATE

**Tuesday, 9 October 2018
01:00 GMT**

WHEN & WHERE?

27-30 November 2018
Helsinki & Espoo, Finland

FOR WHOM?

Citizen of any of the **51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) partner countries**

A secondary, vocational or high school teacher or educator, preferably in a STEM subject or with a focus on gender equality

Proficient English skills (oral and written)

Solid knowledge in STEM related topics and/or gender equality matters in education

Keen interest in intercultural exchanges, expansion of networks and school cooperation across Asia and Europe

SELECTION

Participants are selected through an Open Call for Application. The Open Call and screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring a balanced geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to the opportunity for all.

and their schools at the forefront of this development and sessions to extend networks

3. **ASEF ClassNet Awards & Collaborations** – Showcase of the most outstanding ASEF ClassNet collaborations from this year and to find school partners for future co-operations and exchanges

WHY JOIN THE CONFERENCE?

The Conference offers participants a platform to:

- Meet local, national and international education practitioners and experts from 51 Asian and European countries
- Become part of the creation of new networks between teachers, school leaders, researchers and edutech experts with possible spin-off activities
- Increase knowledge and awareness, reflect and give feedback on methods, good practices, theories and policies of gender equality and STEM education
- Discuss, identify and map competences required by educators to promote gender equality, by combating stereotypical biases and promoting gender neutral curriculums

MORE

- [Video](#)
- [Website](#)
- [School Collaborations](#)

COSTS

No registration or participation fee for the selected participants. Accommodation and meals will be provided to participants residing outside Finland. ASEF offers travel cost subsidies.

KNOW MORE!

For further information, check out the [FAQ](#).

For other questions, drop us an email: classnet@ASEF.org

VISUAL EXPLAINER

The universe as we know it has revolved around the concept of duality: good and bad, positive and negative, light and dark. However, as Yin and Yang in Chinese philosophy describe, these evidently opposite forces are interconnected and interdependent. The popular English idiom, 'comparing apples and oranges' is often cited to highlight incomparable elements or characteristics of two apparently different items. But are they really that different? Should they be treated as two different entities or rather as one which is bound together, complementing each other to form a mutual whole?

The advent of the 4th Industrial Revolution presents us with opportunities beyond the principles of duality and rigid divisions. Comparing apples and oranges seems possible. And the origin and stimulus of developing fresh perspectives are rooted in innovative and equal education.



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