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| **FINNISH**  **TEACHERS**  Superheroes of the happiest country in the world | |
| In Finland, we place great value on education and understand that a good teacher is the very core of successful learning. Teachers are trusted professionals and innovators, encouraged and empowered to explore new approaches.  Instead of a top-down model, Finnish schools and educators get a significant amount of autonomy – and responsibility – to make decisions at the local level. Because there are no mandatory national standardised tests for pupils in basic education, teachers themselves are responsible for the assessment of their respective subjects.  Teacher education is a popular field of study in Finland, with universities being able to select among the most well-suited and motivated applicants for their programmes. Starting from basic education, Finnish teachers must hold a master’s degree in education or in their specific field. | However, teacher education does not only consist of academic studies but also involves pedagogical studies and guided teaching practice, which is implemented in the universities’ own practice schools. The content of teacher education develops constantly.  The objective is to produce teachers who are capable of independent problem-solving and who can develop themselves and their community, both independently and in cooperation with their colleagues.  Finnish happiness stems from creativity, well-being and equal opportunities for all. Our teachers are the superheroes who make it all possible. In this exhibition, you meet eight of them.  The exhibit was made possible by the cooperation of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Finnish National Agency of Education and The Trade Union of Education in Finland OAJ. |
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