



Landscape as a classroom

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Education is always connected to the environment around it

- The environment – and the landscape – has an influence on education, even if we are not aware of it.





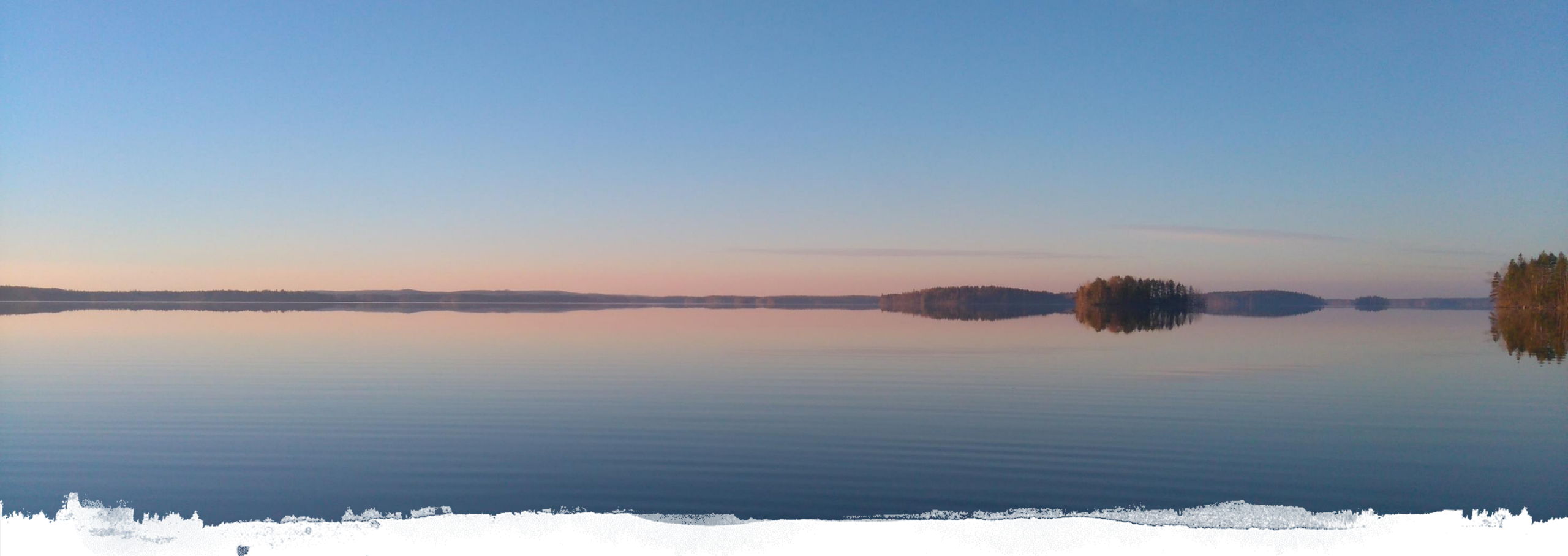
How the European Landscape Convention defines landscape?

"Landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors."

The landscape is not the same for everyone

- It is rather a personal experience: everyone perceives it differently
- First, there is the environment, and when a person sees, feels and observes it, it becomes the surrounding landscape

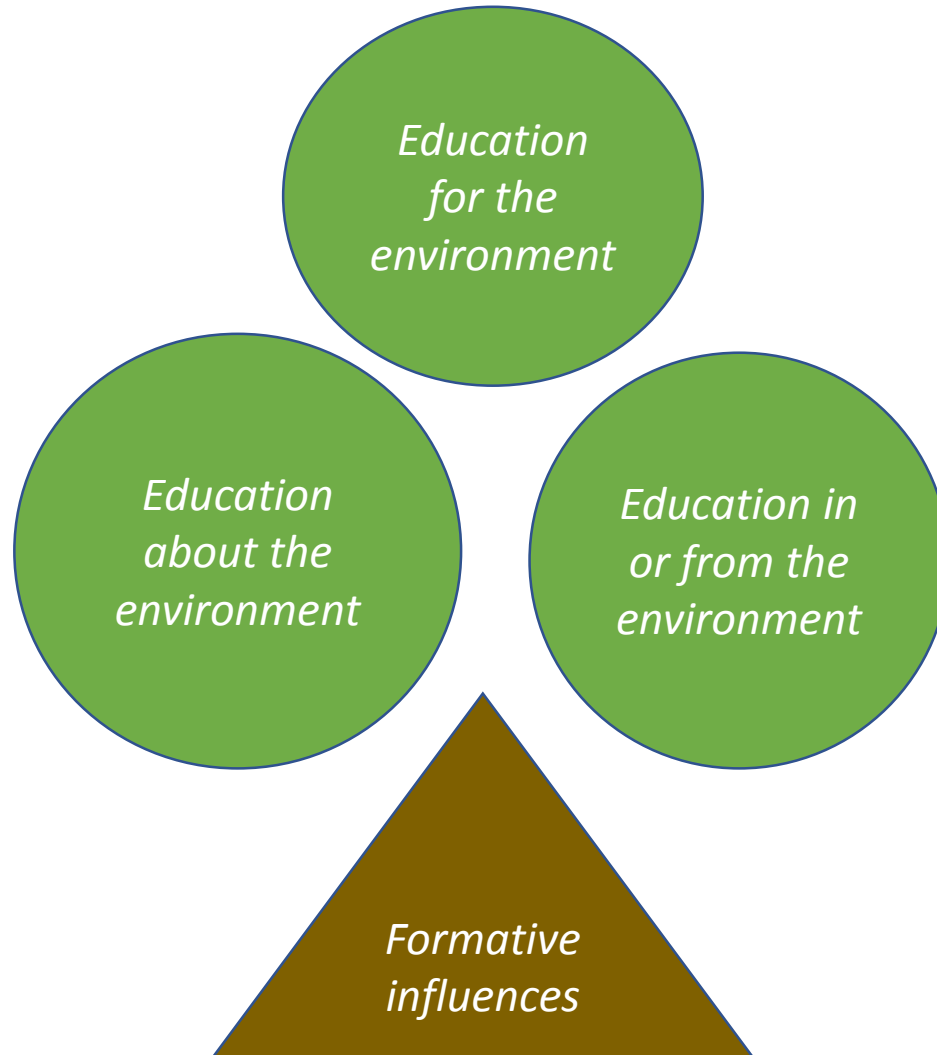




Landscape and identity

- How does this landscape act as the building block of my identity?
- What is the landscape's significance to me?
- What is my place in this landscape?

Palmer's Tree Model (Palmer J.A. 1998)





Teaching and learning outdoors

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- When education – teaching and learning – happens outdoors, the connection to the landscape is essential.
- Landscape sets limits and opportunities for learning and play.
- It contributes to the culture and local identity.
- At the same time, it inspires!





When leaving the classroom and going outside for lessons...

- Then the landscape takes an even larger role: it is more than just “wallpaper” or scenery. It has an influence on actions, thoughts and ideas. That is something that can rarely be reached in a classroom.

Why outdoors?

- Improves children's health;
- Engages them in learning;
- Leads to a greater connection with nature;
- Encourages teamwork and creativity;
- The nature and outdoors is both a calming and activating element.



Almost any teaching and learning can be done outdoors

- For example, in Finland during recent years there has been a growing interest in teaching mathematics outdoors.





Case example: Outdoor Classroom Day

Outdoor Classroom Day

- A global campaign to promote and inspire outdoor learning and play;
- On the campaign day, thousands of schools around the world take their lessons outdoors;
- The campaign is led from Great Britain by *Project Dirt* in partnership with Unilever, as part of their *Dirt is Good* movement.





OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

→ 1 NOVEMBER 2018 ←

SIGN UP!

How does this campaign work?

GET INVOLVED

1. SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL

2. CHECK OUT OUR RESOURCES & SHARE YOURS

3. TAKE YOUR CLASS OUTDOORS ON THE DAY!

4. SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH US!

1 MONTH & 25 DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY!

GET INVOLVED ABOUT RESOURCES GET INSPIRED NEWS



2,008,976
CHILDREN INVOLVED IN
2018 SO FAR...

20,259
SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN
2018 SO FAR...

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"Most of our parents work a full-time job and live in small town houses. We believe that children need the opportunity to move and be active." Teacher, #SouthAfrica.

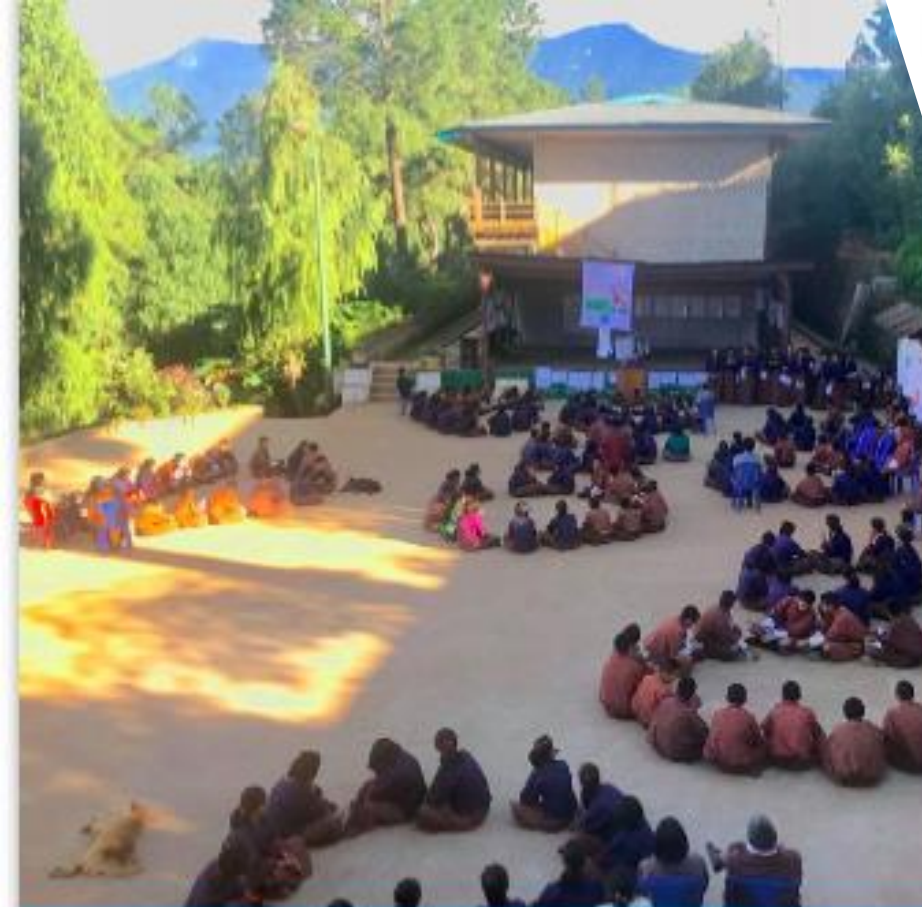
#Teachers, why will you get involved in #OutdoorClassroomDay?

<https://t.co/WAYCXjBosr>
<https://t.co/6NHWMtGmkP>



OutdoorClassDay

There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes. #OutdoorClassroomDay 1st Nov 2018 <https://t.co/40Q4uqZsgm>



#TBT to when @TheWorldsLesson was taught in #Bhutan- how's that for an @OutdoorClassDay #OutdoorClassroomDay #ThursdayThoughts <https://t.co/SWUpbjnaXL>

Media coverage of our collaboration with





There is always the landscape behind all that happens

How well do
we know our
own
landscape?





Thank you!

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