



SCIL Vision Tour 2016
Sunday 9 – Friday 21 October, 2016
Hosted by Anne Knock and Stephen Harris

Helsinki

Sunday 9

Accommodation: [Hotel Katajanokka](#) (2 nights)

Merikasarminkatu 1, 00160 Helsinki

Check into the hotel and get ready to meet your new friends over dinner.

18.30: Meet in the hotel bar

19.00: **Team Dinner at the restaurant at Hotel Katajanokka**

Monday 10

08.15: Meet in the lobby, ready to depart.

09.00: School Visit - Viherkallio Koulu

This is a primary school in Espoo, selected as a mentor school in Microsoft's worldwide program and the only Finnish school participating in the program. It is one of 80 schools worldwide, leading the way in the use of technology to improve learning and student outcomes, according to Microsoft.

13.00 School Visit - Saunalahti Koulu

A primary and middle school with 750 students that looks more like an art museum than a school, designed to serve the community, not only open in school hours. In the evenings, the school turns into a leisure and sports centre for the neighbourhood and the library is open to the community.



Read more here: [The school of the future has opened in Finland](#)

15.30: Aalto Design Factory



At Aalto University Design Factory is constantly developing an environment for learning, teaching, research and industry co-operation.

It operates in a cross-disciplinary environment, with a variety of spaces for different purposes.

17.30: Return to hotel, evening free.

Tuesday 11 07.30: Checked out and ready to go with luggage.

9.00 - 11.00 School Visit - [Hämeenlinna Tuomela School](#)

Tuomela School has a repurposed new building to support new approaches to learning. The learning facilities are innovative, allowing groups to operate in different sizes as well as individual and pair work.



11.30 - 1.30 School Visit - Turenki Yhteiskoulu

A good example of the newly released nation-wide curriculum reform, known as 'phenomenon based learning' which is supported by digital learning material. This school no longer uses textbooks.

With lunch and coffee.

14.00: Partners depart hotel for airport (arrangements TBC)

14.30: Arrive at Vantaa Airport

17.10 Dep Helsinki /BA 799 /Arr LHR T3 18.20

Accommodation: [Hilton London Heathrow](#) (2 nights)

Sheffield Road, Terminal 4, Heathrow Airport, Hounslow TW6 3AF

London

Wednesday 12 09.15: Meet in the lobby, ready to depart
Catching the Piccadilly Line to South Kensington Station.

A day in London. The partners are very welcome to join.



10.30: Prof Becky Parker, Director of Institute for Research in Schools, Simon Langton Grammar School, Visiting Professor, School of Physics and Astronomy, Queen Mary, University of London

At British Science Museum

Becky Parker is a great friend and passionate about science education and in particular girls studying

science. [Read an interview with Becky here](#)

12.00: The rest of the day is free. You can visit the nearby museums, V&A, Natural History Museum, or just explore London. You will have an Oyster Card to get around.

Thursday 13 10.30: Checked out and ready to depart.

13.10 Dep LHR T2 /Icelandair Fl451 13.10/ Arr Reykjavik 15.10

Reykjavik



Met by coach and travelling to Grundarfjörður, a fishing village set near an idyllic fjord, located on the north coast of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The town is surrounded by exceptionally beautiful mountains. The Snæfellsnes Peninsula is renowned as destination for viewing the Northern Lights.

Accommodation: [Framnes Hotel](#) (1 night)
Nesvegur 8, 350 Grundarfjörður

19.00 Team Dinner: Bjargarsteinn. This restaurant serves local produce. Mathus would like us to select our choices for dinner in advance - [access menu here](#).

Evening: If the weather is suitable, we will look to finding a vantage point where we may be able to see the Northern Lights. This is never guaranteed and is dependent on a number of conditions, but we are there in the optimal season. Here is a short video: [Northern lights at Grundarfjörður](#) (16 secs)

Friday 14

08.45: Checked out and ready to depart.

9.00: School Visit - Fjölbrautaskóla Snæfellinga

Iceland education system has great IT infrastructure to support online learning due to the distance and extreme weather conditions. Providing digital access to learning has helped this small nation to grow and thrive since the 2008 GFC decimated the banks.

11.00: Depart Grundarfjörður for Reykjavik (2 hour drive)

13.00: School Visit - Verzlunarskóli Íslands

The independent school in Reykjavik has a strong commitment to online learning.

Accommodation: [Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre](#) (2 nights)
Smidjustigur 4, Reykjavik, 101

Your evening in Reykjavik is free. There are numerous operators who provide Northern Lights tours each evening.

Go to [Visit Iceland](#) for some options.



Saturday 15

Today is a free day. You may like to investigate some options Saturday. Go to [Visit Iceland](#). You can take a Golden Circle Tour or visit the Blue Lagoon.

Sunday 16

05.45: Check out of hotel and take the coach to the airport.

07.50 Dep Reykjavik / Icelandair FI506 / Arr Amsterdam 13.00

Amsterdam

Met by coach at the airport to take us to hotel.

Accommodation: [INK MGallery Hotel](#) (3 nights)

Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 67, 1012 RE Amsterdam

Free afternoon and evening to explore Amsterdam

Monday 17

9.00 Meet in the lobby and depart for Amsterdam Centraal for a train trip to Delft. Delft resembles Amsterdam of old, a very pretty town with canals. Delft is famous for its pottery and Vermeer's Girl with the Pearl Earring. The partners are very welcome to join.

TU Delft Library

Designed by Mecanoo, the TU Delft Library is a unique and engaging design that would be the heart of the university and give a face to a campus the size of a city district.



TU Delft Architecture School

Take a look at the [Sneak Peek into BK City](#), the Architecture and Design Faculty.

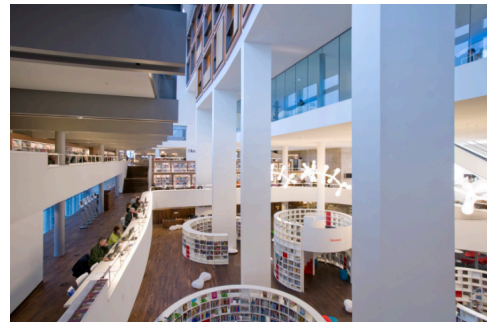


BK City is an international breeding ground for creative thinking, imagination, and both thoughtful and beautiful inventions. It is a place that is buzzing with life from early in the morning til late at night. With thousands of people studying, designing, conducting research and acquiring knowledge, it is the place where new ideas come to life.

DOK Community Library

The idea was to create a building that would fit in with the historical architecture of Delft, while showing the ultramodern functions of the media library. DOK is one of the most advanced libraries in the Netherlands. In partnership with the local arts academy DOK will become the central place for the provision of arts and cultural education and reading promotion to the Delft community.

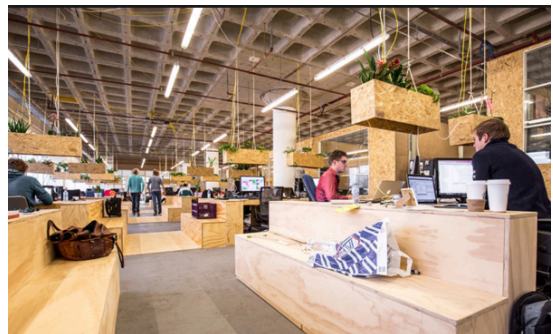
Tuesday 18 09.30: Meet in the lobby for a walk to NEMO along reclaimed Oosterdok



10.00: NEMO Science Centre and Amsterdam City Library

NEMO, designed by Renzo Piano, is crowded with families over the weekend, exploring science in an entertaining atmosphere. The nearby Amsterdam City Library has been described as the city's 'living room'. You can have some lunch in the restaurant in the library, or catch the ferry-bridge across the IJ River to the EYE Film Museum.

15.00 [B.Amsterdam](#) (innovation hub/co-working space)- Tour of the building and team catch up. B.Amsterdam is an innovative co-working space that is developing a startup city within one building. It is a new concept located in the former IBM headquarters in Slotervaart. It used to be a typewriter factory.



Read more at [The Style Office](#)

Wednesday 19 08.45: Checked out and ready to leave with bags

10.00 School Visit - [De Werkplaats - Kinderenmeenschap](#), Utrecht

The Workshop Children's Community is a primary and secondary school, based on four core values: cooperation, equality, participation and sustainability. The school was founded in 1926 by Kees Boeke and was known as an experimental school. The (former) Queen Beatrix attended the school. At De Werkplaats, Boeke tried to reinvent education by letting children in on decisions concerning school. He designated school as a workshop, teachers as employees and pupils as workers. The goal of this form of education was to teach children a sense of democracy.

13.30 Depart Utrecht for airport

14.00 Partners depart from hotel to airport (arrangements TBC)

Barcelona

Thursday 20 Met by coach at the airport to take us to hotel.

Accommodation: [Negresco Princess Hotel](#) (2 nights)

Roger de Lluria 16-18
08010 Barcelona HB-004699

08.30: Meet in the lobby

09.00: **School Visit** - [Collegi Montserrat](#)

For the last few years we have visited this school as an exemplar, bringing many of the key elements we believe about education together. There is outstanding leadership, quality learning, well-thought through physical design and teachers who are supported to grow in the practice.



14.00: **Cosmo Caixa Science Centre**

Barcelona's science centre. CosmoCaixa is the science museum in Barcelona run by the Caixa Bank's Community Projects, and is designed to stimulate knowledge and opinion of science through exhibitions and a wide variety of activities.



20.00: **Team Dinner: Paco Merlago** (TBC) A tapas feast for our last dinner together.

Friday 21

09.00 Check out for those leaving the hotel that day. Store luggage

10.00: Sagrada Familia Tour

Partners are welcome to meet us and join the tour.

Five generations have already witnessed the temple's rise in Barcelona. Construction continues today and could be finished in the first third of the 21st century. "The central tower of 172.5 meters will make it the tallest cathedral in Europe".

12.00 SCIL Vision Tour closes

The fee paid by tour participants includes all accommodation, breakfasts and transport, including flights, between 9 & 21 October.

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Itinerary is correct at time of publication. There may be amendments due to unforeseen circumstances.