

Learning Environments Australasia Study Tour

Denmark - Sweden - Finland - Netherland - UK

Sunday 14 - Friday 26 January

We are excited to present the second Learning Environments Australasia Europe/UK Study Tour. The first tour in 2016 was a wonderful success with 15 participants, hosted by Anne Knock who has been organising and leading professional study tours since 2011. Along the way Anne shares her depth of knowledge about schools and learning, and introduces the participants to a range of interesting professionals who share their story with the group. In addition to this, the conversations amongst the group add to the richness of the experience.

The tour commences in **Copenhagen** with a side trip across to **Sweden**. This part of the world is known for its innovative design and green credentials.

From Copenhagen, we take a short flight to **Helsinki**. This is an opportunity to visit some schools close to Helsinki and learn a little about the Finnish education system from first-hand experience. In the Netherlands we will visit **Amsterdam**, **Delft** and **Utrecht**. Delft is known as one of the prettiest towns in Amsterdam.

The library at the university, TU Delft, was designed by Meccanoo, with a striking statement. Nearby the rebuilt School of Architecture reinvents the spaces in-between two existing buildings.

In Amsterdam we will visit the City Library, the EYE Film Institute and NEMO Science Centre. NEMO was designed by Renzo Piano and recreates the bow of a ship in its design. Inside, the display of science is captivating. We will visit an interesting school in Utrecht, before heading to **Glasgow**.

In Glasgow we will look at the work of renowned local architect and designer, **Charles Rennie Mackintosh** and his legacy to that city. In addition to the places in downtown Glasgow, we will also visit Scotland Street School, which was designed by Mackintosh and has been preserved as a museum. The school exhibits his unique elements of design, as well as a snapshot of an educational place in time. After visiting the Glasgow School of Art and other local legacies of Mackintosh, perhaps there may be time for a 'wee dram' before heading to **London**.



Each January in London one of the world's largest educational technology events is held – **BETT Show** at the O2. While the vastness of the tradeshow covers everything from teaching and learning activities, educational technology, start-ups in the education sector, and school designers, there are also top level speakers in the main arena. In 2017 the speakers included Sir Ken Robinson, Heston Blumenthal, Ewan MacIntosh and Stephen Heppell. BETT is a three day event from Wednesday to Saturday. The tour will plan to visit on Thursday 25 January and participants may wish to stay on in London until Saturday for the full-BETT experience.

We are also working on some exciting plans to connect with the local chapter of A4LE.

The tour concludes the tour on Friday 26 January, perhaps enjoying a memorable Australia Day breakfast in the middle of the UK winter as we say our farewells.

Are you interested?

Cost: The final cost will be dependent on the final numbers. It is envisaged to be in the vicinity of \$AU8000.

Dates:

Commences: Copenhagen - Sunday 14 January

Concludes: London - Friday 26 January

Inclusions:

All travel, transfers and accommodation associated with the tour between 14 and 26 January

Accommodation is sought in quality hotels and includes breakfast

Entry into day activities

Opening and closing dinners

Exclusions: The tour doesn't cover flights from your home city to Copenhagen and returning home from London. You are required to obtain your own comprehensive travel insurance. In the course of the tour some hosts will provide lunch, but as a rule, please budget for lunches and dinners on most days.

The itinerary is in draft form and some elements may change

