

NordYrk 2026

10. - 12.6.2026

Conference Programme 10.-12.6.2026

NordYrk 2026: Immersive and work-based approaches to cultivate practical learning

Location: Jamk University of Applied Sciences, Lutakko Campus, Piippukatu 2, Jyväskylä, Finland

Tuesday 9.6.2026 – Pre-conference program

[See details on NordYrk conference webpage](#)

- 12.30-16.00 Emerging researchers programme (Jamk University of Applied Sciences, Piippukatu 2, Jyväskylä)
- 18.30- Meet and greet, Jalo Kitchen & Lounge (Asemakatu 2, Jyväskylä)

Wednesday 10.6.2026

9.00 - 11.00 Check-in: registration at main lobby, 1st floor, Jamk's Lutakko Campus, Dynamo-building

11.00 - 11.30 Welcome to NordYrk 2026 in Jyväskylä, Auditorium D1, 1st floor

- Opening words: Chair of the NordYrk steering committee, *Dr. Maarit Virolainen*, University of Jyväskylä
- Welcome to Jamk: Rector, CEO *Vesa Saarikoski*, Jamk University of Applied Sciences
- Welcoming words: Chair of the NordYrk2026 Organising Committee, Principal Researcher, *Dr. Sirpa Laitinen-Väänänen*, Jamk University of Applied Sciences

11.30 - 12.30 Keynote: Practical learning: conceptions, contributions and its development

Professor Stephen Billett, Griffith University, Australia

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch at Restaurant Cube, 1st floor

13.30 - 15.00 Sessions 1:

- 1A Paper presentations, in English, Auditorium
- 1B Paper presentations, in English, D206, floor 2
- 1C Paper presentations, in English, D306, floor 3
- 1D Symposium: Yrkesläraren i en föränderlig värld – inblickar i ett kommande nordiskt specialnummer, in Swedish, D311, floor 3
- 1E Paper presentations, in Norwegian, D506, floor 5
- 1F Paper presentations, in English, D405, floor 4
- 1G Paper presentations, in English, D505, floor 5

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break: Coffee available on 2nd and 3rd floor.

15.30 - 17.00 Sessions 2:

- 2A Paper presentations, in English, Auditorium
- 2B Paper presentations, in English, D206, floor 2
- 2C Paper presentations, in Swedish, D306, floor 3
- 2D Workshop: Micro-Credentials and the Modular Learning Model – A Response to Changing Skills Needs, in English, D311, floor 3
- 2E Workshop: Working with Pedagogical AI Colleagues in Vocational Education: From Process-Oriented AI to Practice-Based Dialogue, in English, D506, floor 5
- 2G Paper presentations, in Norwegian, D505, floor 5

Break 15 mins

17.15 - 18.45 Sessions 3:

- 3A Paper presentations, in Norwegian, Auditorium
- 3B Paper presentations, in English, Room: D206, floor 2
- 3C Paper presentations, in English, D306, floor 3
- 3D Paper presentations, in English, D311, floor 3
- 3E Paper presentations, in English, D506, floor 5
- 3F Paper presentations, in Norwegian, D405, floor 4
- 3G Paper presentations, in English, D505, floor 5

18.50 - Welcome reception, at the conference venue, Jamk's Lutakko Campus, 1st. floor

Opening words: Director of the School of Professional Teacher Education, *Dr. Pekka Risku*,
Jamk University of Applied Sciences

Thursday 11.6.

9.00 - 10.00 Keynote: Rethinking Vocational Education in the Complex World: Education for Planetary Praxis

Professor Hannu L. T. Heikkinen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break, coffee available on 2nd and 3rd floors' hall.

10.30 - 12.00 Sessions 4:

- 4A Paper presentations, in English, Auditorium
- 4B Workshop: Co-Creating the Core Foundations of an AI Chatbot to Support Workplace Instructors, in English, D206, floor 2
- 4C Paper presentations, in Swedish, D306, floor 3
- 4D Poster presentations (in English, Norwegian and Swedish), D311, floor 3
- 4E Paper presentations, in Norwegian, D506, floor 5
- 4F Symposium: Case Studies of an R&D-Project on Collaboration between Swedish VET and WBL-Enterprises for Enhanced Vocational Knowing, D405, floor 4
- 4G Symposium: Movement and maturity in Nordic VET systems: Follow up and theorizing current developments in the Nordic countries. In English. D505, floor 5

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch at Restaurant Cube, 1st floor

13.00 - 14.30 Sessions 5:

- 5A Paper presentations, in Norwegian, Auditorium
- 5B Workshop: Wisdom at Work: Pedagogies for Learning in, for and through Professional Practice, in English, D206, floor 2
- 5C Paper presentations, in English, D306, floor 3

- 5D Workshop: Vocational Civic Education as the Future Core of Education – A Participatory Workshop Using the Empathy-Based Method, in English, D311, floor 3
- 5E Paper presentations, in English, D506, floor 5
- 5F *Spotlight session*: How to publish research articles in Nordic Journal of Vocational Education and training (NJVET) and submit special issue proposals. D405, floor 4
- 5G Paper presentations, in Norwegian, D505, floor 5

14.30 - 15.00 Coffee break & Ph.D student network

- Coffee available on 2nd and 3rd floors' hall.
- PhD students network, organised by *Monika Øgård* and *My Olofsson*. Location: 2nd floor hall

15.00 - 16.00 NordYrk 2026 Annual meeting, Auditorium, 1st floor

- Chair: *Hannu L.T. Heikkinen* University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Secretary: Charlotte Arkenback Sundström, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Cultural and social programme:

16.30 – 18.00 Guided walking tour at Jyväskylä and historic university campus following the footsteps of the famous architects

19.30 Social networking dinner at Harmoon restaurant

Friday 12.6.

9.00 - 10.00 Keynote: Linking Migration and Vocational Education by Cultivating Practical Learning

Professor Marianne Teräs, Stockholm University, Sweden

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break, coffee available on 2nd and 3rd floors' hall

10.30 - 12.00 Sessions 6

- 6A Paper presentations, in English, Auditorium
- 6B Workshop: Outcome Data or Background Factors? Rethinking Evidence on Student Study Ability and Well-Being for Data-Informed Management in Vocational and Higher Education, in English, D206
- 6C Workshop: Learn how to learn together. In English, D306, floor 3
- 6D Workshop: Co-creating Internship Pathways. In English, D311, floor 3
- 6E Poster presentations, in English, D506, floor 5
- 6F Workshop: Towards impactful, co-created Nordic research in vocational education and teacher education, in English, D405, floor 4
- 6G Workshop: SIMSEC: Advancing Demand-Driven Educational Innovation in High-Risk Technology Industries. In English, D505, floor 5

12.00 - 12.30 Closing ceremony, Auditorium, 1st floor

- Closing words: Chair of the steering committee, Dr. Maarit Virolainen
- Welcome NordYrk2027: Associate professor, *Dr. Katarina Kärnebro*, Umeå University

12.30- Lunch to go (Restaurant Cube, first floor)

Session programme & more information: www.jamk.fi/nordyrk2026

Please note that the programme and schedule are subject to change.