

Friday, November 12th

09:00 walk from hotel to school 1

09:15 **Gediminas progymnasium**  
 09:15 School Presentation - ArtLab - FabLab  
 09:35 Presentation of parents

„Teamwork makes the dreamwork“

**ARŪNAS PENKAITIS**

Chairman of the Parents Council of Vilnius Duke Gediminas progymnasium  
 ★ CEO ★ Agile Coach ★ Business Innovator ★ Mentor ★ Digital Transformation Expert



09:55 **Workshop "Creative parents - mission (im)possible"**

Workshop by Jurga Vidugiriene (Whatansu)

What makes us think, that being serious is the best way to raise our kids? How and where do we hide our creativity? Why failures should be greeted with support, not with punishment? This will be a Game, that proves how we are all creative creatures. We play it with children, teachers, parents and even with big business people.

**JURGA VIDUGIRIENĖ** is a founder of Whatansu, mother for 4 amazing children at home and hundreds of kids in Whatansu experiential camps. Since 2011 she offers life changing adventures to every soul from 6 to 99+. For nine years Jurga has lived in Dublin where she built Lithuanian Association in Ireland, was a founder of a Saturday school "4 Vėjai".

**Whatansu** - relations experts for school community. Whatansu team has a great experience in organizing experiential camps, seminars and various adventures for school pupils, their parents and teachers. Since 2011 we are growing expertise in creating relationships between members of school communities. Our life and education philosophy relies on V. A. Schuchomlinski, Stephen Covey, Herb Shepard, George Sheehan. Our events are based on revealing creativeness and strengthening planning skills, developing values, empathy, honesty, attitude, and responsibility.



10:55 transfer to School 2 - Vienuolis progymnasium

11:15 **Vienuolis progymnasium**

11:15 School Presentation

11:35 **"Involving the family in the educational process"**

**LINA VIGRAITĖ**

Chairwoman of the School Council of Vienuolis progymnasium  
 ★ CEO and Creative Director at Creative Agency EZCO



12:05 **Lunch at progymnasium**

12:45 Guided walk through the Old Town - towards the Presidential Palace

13:15 **Presidential Palace - conference**



13:15 **First Lady welcome speech**

13:25 **EPA president welcome speech**



13:35 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

15:05 **Cofe**

15:20 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

16:50 **End Of Day 1**

18:30 **GALA DINNER (transfer to restaurant by bus)**

22:00 **transfer to hotel by bus**

**Saturday, November 13th - NATIONAL AGENCY FOR EDUCATION**

**09:00** Walk from hotel to NATIONAL AGENCY FOR EDUCATION

**09:15** Registration

**PLENARY**

**09:45** Welcome speech

Ramūnas Skaudžius, Vice minister of Education, Science and Sport

Ieva Kačinskaitė-Urbonienė, Member of Committee on Education and Science, Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

**10:00 Playful approach to unleashing the conscious creator in us**

**JOHANNES MENGEL**

*Why is it important to see ourselves as creators?*

*What are the deeper levels of human creation?*

*What is the most important ingredient in the creation process?*

*A framework on how to increase that ingredient in our lives.*



**10:45 School is the Heart of the Society?**

**DARIUS RADKEVIČIUS**

*Member of the Vilnius City Council, Education and Culture Committee.*

“School as the Heart of the Community” with a historical overview of the main ideas of education in connection with economic, social and cultural changes. Elaborating on the 20th century, speaker explains the concept of progressive schools and the idea of lifelong education.

In the 21st century, according to Mr. Radkevicius, the main idea of education should be a school that acts as a community center, where children not only study in classrooms, but also spend time playing outside of school, where adults can also come and learn new skills, and the school building is organically and ecologically integrated into the general landscape of the area. The speaker shows that teaching methodology, architecture and art are closely interconnected. Using the example of schools located in different parts of the world (Estonia, France, Vietnam, the Kingdom of Bhutan), the speaker illustrates why nature and aesthetics play an important role in the education of children.



**11:15 Cofe**

**11:45 “Human Being: Six Types Deficits of Giftedness”**

**KĘSTUTIS PUKELIS**

*PhD, research interests: Career design; quality of studies; teacher education; family research.*

*Vytautas Magnus University professor,*

*Official Educator of Advanced Trauma Life Support Programme of American College of Surgeons;*



**12:20 Creativity exchange: Parents to Parents (Homeschooling experience)**

**LINA LABŽENTIENĖ**

*Teacher methodologist and International Baccalaureate DP coordinator at Vilnius Vytautas Magnus Gymnasium. ISM University of Management and Economics, Educational Leadership Studies alumni. Author of the first Master's thesis in Lithuania on Obstacles and Incentives of Homeschooling in Lithuania*



**12:40 Project "CREATIVITY FOR PARENTS"**

*Creative thinking skills can be considered one of the key competencies for the twenty-first century—they allow us to remain flexible and provide us with the capacity to deal with the opportunities and challenges that are part of our complex and fast-changing world. This project attempts to offer short, well-developed and scientifically-tested creative thinking workshops which can be implemented easily to parents, complimented by innovative digital tools targeted at parents, which will enhance their creative thinking skills. The training will consist of face-to-face or virtual, two-hour workshops for parents.*

*The project will also develop and offer a mobile application to parents, which will be based on subscription microlearning methodology and will offer a holistic approach for skills development by offering small learning units and interactions at regular intervals.*



**Creative Parents**

**13:00 Lunch**

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**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 PROJECT "BEYOND"**

*BEYOND aims to work for better Gender Equality by investing in ECEC – Early Childhood Education and Care. The limited resources available, both in terms of pedagogical approaches and gender equality frameworks in ECEC settings, call for an urgent action to put gender equity at the core of the early years' education curriculum like the other human rights-related contents.*

*Therefore, BEYOND carries out two parallel lines of action:*

*It works towards the development of the competences needed by ECEC professionals to properly design and create activities and experiences for children.*

*It enhances the general awareness on the unconscious obstacles to gender equity.*



**14:20 „What is the gift of the giftedness? The role of parents"**

*(Project „The recognition of the abilities of gifted children")*

**INGA NEKROŠIENĖ**

*Deputy director of Department for Educational Support; the head of EU funded project „The recognition of the abilities of gifted children and the development of their education system".*



**14:40 Building relationships using the method of theatrical improvisation**

**"Godopoco - method and game: How parents discover a common language with children by improvising. How not to be afraid to express what you feel and listen to the feelings of the other."**

**ANDRIUS ŽEBRAUSKAS**

*A well-known actor, lecturer and coach. He is the first teacher of theatrical improvisation in Lithuania. In 2009 he founded the improvisation theater "Kitas kampas", which has existed until then.*

*Andrius For two years carried out the project "Improvisation model: development of communication, self-expression and creative skills of school community members", which was recognized as the "Best Project".*

*Through improvisation, students, teachers, and parents found a way to authentic and spontaneous communication that allowed them to be without social roles and statuses. Their relationship became closer and warmer. More confidence has emerged.*



**15:00 Cofe**

**Parallel workshops - 1 first round**

**15:30 WORKSHOP 1 first round (ANDRIUS ŽEBRAUSKAS)**

**"Godopoco - We learn to express and listen to feedback"**

Workshop using method of theatrical improvisation

Godopoco is a role-playing game that simulates challenging situations.

Godopoco is a method for developing communication skills and emotional intelligence.

In this game there are roles like father and child. An improvised conversation takes place in the chosen situation. When emotions arise, the interaction is stopped and feedback is given immediately - in a disciplined and structured manner.

We learn to express our feedback and listen to partner feedback.

By participating in various roles, the participant has a better understanding of his or her and the child's behavior. Seeing restrictive tactics of one's behavior creates a motivation to change them. The conversation is improvised. There is a lot of freedom here for creativity and experimentation.



**15:30 WORKSHOP 2 first round (ELŽĖ VAREIKYTĖ)**

**How does visual communication help us understand each other better?**

In this workshop, we will perform several visual communication exercises during which we will practice to listen to each other empathetically. There will be no right answers here, but plenty of room for your reflection. And don't worry - you won't need to show off your great drawing skills! During this hour, a willingness to listen and an open heart are all that you need.

**ELŽĖ VAREIKYTĖ**

*Renkuosi mokytį! (aka Teach for Lithuania!) program alumni and representative at international teacher summits in Malaysia and UAE. BA in Audiovisual Arts. MA in Educational Leadership. For the past 6 years teaches art, design and primary school classes. A passionate teacher as well as an enthusiastic learner herself. Works as an assistant in non-violent communication training and as a visual communication and design thinking coacher. Currently is also working as a mentor at the first democratic school in Lithuania.*



**Parallel workshops - next round**

**16:30 WORKSHOP 1 next round (ANDRIUS ŽEBRAUSKAS)**

**16:30 WORKSHOP 2 next round (ELŽĖ VAREIKYTĖ)**

**17:30 PLENARY DISCUSSIONS**

**18:15 End of Day 2**

**19:30 DINNER**