### Friday, November 12th

09:00 walk from hotel to school 1

09:15 **Gediminas progymnasium** 

09:35 Presentation of parents

09:15

"Teamwork makes the dreamwork"

ARŪNAS PENKAITIS

Chairman of the Parents Council of Vilnius

Duke Gediminas progymnasium

★ CEO ★ Agile Coach ★ Business

Innovator ★ Mentor ★ Digital

Transfromation Expert

School Presentation - ArtLab - FabLab





### 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 Lithaunian 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 Presentation of Teachers and Parents

LINA VIGRAITĖ

Chairwoman of the Shool Council of Vienuolis progymnasium

★ CEO and Creative Director at Creative Agency EZCO





### 12:05 Lunch at progymnasium

12:50 Guided walk through the Old Town - towards the Presidential Palace

### 13:20 Presidential Palace - guided excursion "The Centre for Civil Education"

### 14:05 Presidential Palace

- conference



14:05 First Lady welcome speech

14:15 EPA president welcome speech

# 14:30 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.



15:15 Cofe

15:35 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18:35 End Of Day 1

19:30 GALA DINNER

23:00 HOTEL

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

**09:30** Registration

09:30

Icebreaker PLENARY

10:00 welcome speech

### 10:15 Splendors and Miseries of Creative Teaching and Learning

(Creativity as the last Chance in the Perspective of Development of Principles of Education)

LIUTAURAS DEGĖSYS
is a professor of philosophy at Vytautas Magnus University. His research areas are Philosophy of Art, Social Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy for Children. He is a member of the Lithuanian Writers

Union, also a member of Lithuanian PEN.

L.Degėsys has got the Lithuanian Republic Government Culture and Art Award (2013) for poetry and Twice Awards of Ministry of Culture (2010, 2017) for the essays and non-fiction writing.

L.Degesys has published eight books of poetry, four collections of philosophical essays and three novels. He is also the author of more than ten textbooks and manuals for the secondary school and high education.



## 10:45 Can creativity be taught?

### KRISTUPAS SABOLIUS

is a professor of philosophy at Vilnius University (Lithuania) and a research affiliate at MIT (USA). His research aims at investigating a contradictory function of imagination, appearing in all the major theories of Western and indigenous thought.

Co-founder of The School of Creativity (with Tomas Ramanauskas in 2017). Sabolius has been a lecturer and host at The School of Creativity, an interactive platform for schoolchildren that is designed to foster creative takes on traditional school curricula. It aims to introduce narrativity, playfulness and imagination in order to transcend the boundaries of disciplines and foster a more engaging interaction with traditional school subjects. The episodes of The School of Creativity have been featured on the Lithuanian National Television Sabolius is an active public intellectual and a writer of novels, theatre plays and film scripts, including The Gambler (2013), Lithuania's nomination for the foreign-language category at the Oscars; and Invsible (2019), both co-written with director Ignas Jonynas.

His latest publications include On the Real (ed. 2021), Matter and Imagination (Ed., 2018), Proteus and the Radical Imaginary (2015), The Imaginary (2013), and Furious Sleep. Imagination and Phenomenology (2012).



### 11:15 Cofe

# 11:45 "Human Being: Six Types Deficits of Giftedness" KESTUTIS 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;



# 12:15 Creativity exchange: Parents to Parents (Homeschooling experience)

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



### 12:35 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.



### 12:55 Lunch

### CREATIVE PARENTS, A RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

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

### 12:55 Lunch

### 13:55 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.

### 14:10 "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.

# : beyond





### 15:10 Cofe

### 15:40 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.

### 15:25 WORKSHOP 2 first round (DONATAS NOREIKA)

### Can creativity help in everyday parental situations?

In the workshop we will look for solutions for real life parental problems, applying various creativity methods and positive experiences from other parents.

We, parents, all had or have situations, where we feel stuck... On the other hand, we all had cases, when we weaved seemingly hard circumstances into a piece of art... And third, there is a field of applied creativity, which advertises itself as offering tools for those who feel stuck... In the workshop, we will play to put these three together: we will look for solutions for real life parental problems, applying various creativity methods and positive experiences from other parents.

### **DONATAS NOREIKA**

Donatas Noreika, PhD, has main training in clinical psychology and works as a psychotherapist and a lecturer. After tasting fields as diverse as academic psychology, existential therapy, dance and movement therapy, experiential learning, music and sports, now he is especially interested in integrating these fields in exploring ways of living in an authentic way in everyday situations.



- 16:10 WORKSHOP 1 next round (ANDRIUS ŽEBRAUSKAS)
- 15:45 WORKSHOP 2 next round (DONATAS NOREIKA)

### 17:20 PLENARY DISCUSIONS

18:05 End of Day 2

**19:30 DINNER**