

START UP HIGHSCHOOL

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WHICH THEME DOES THIS CASE RELATE TO?

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| Theme 1 Strategic mediation | Theme 2 New ways of learning | Theme 3 Targeting new users | Theme 4 Mobilizing the community |
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INTRODUCTION TO THE CASE

1.1 CASE CONTENT AND ISSUE

There are several program specific high schools in Finland, such as Sibelius High School for musicians, the Kallio Upper Secondary for performing arts and a variety of high schools for athletes. However, there is no program specific high school providing entrepreneurial studies online for students all across the nation.

1.2 SOLUTIONS

Otava Folk High School partnered with HundrED and Slush to create an ambitious Startup High School. Using Otava Folk High Schools online platform that students can attend and use as part of their studies, every Finnish high school can become a 'Startup High School', giving students access to this programme without switching to a specific school.

Startup High School isn't just about business. The programme aims to drive students to do great things in any area that interests them, and to feel empowered to make change happen.

It presents the opportunity for young people to learn skills and build professional networks in any field they are passionate about, from business to charity work, the sciences to journalism, event organisation to NGOs – the possibilities are limitless. Startup High School consists of three courses: the basics of entrepreneurship, creative problem-solving skills and actual real-world experience. The course material consists of interviews of 20 well-known Finnish entrepreneurs.

1.3 RESULTS

In the first phase, during fall 2017 and spring 2018, we have 100 students for the first pilot year. Once we have completed this research, the goal is for every Finnish High School to be able to become a Startup High School from the fall of 2018 onwards.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED/WHY IS THIS INTERESTING?

We have learned that by cooperating openly with different organizations we are able to create greater possibilities to offer our students a wider range of education.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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