

STEEN GRØNBÆK



Steen Grønbaek has a long track record of RD-projects within Vocational and Adult Vocational Education. He has a special interest in Learning Analytics and the development of Moodle Platforms. – And in the use of video in open learning. He is head of Educational Development at Mercantec - the largest educational institution in Viborg (Jutland) with 3000 students, apprentices and course participants.

NIELS HENRIK HELMS



Niels Henrik Helms has a long track record of research and development work in digital media and learning. He will present a contextual model for developing user-centered and user-generated learning environments which allows learners to transform learning space into learning places.

TARU KEKKONEN



Taru Kekkonen has an experience of 20 years in online learning. She was involved in establishing an online upper secondary school in Finland back in 1997. She led the online school for 19 years as a team leader, e-learning manager and principal. During the past years she has together with her team put special attention on developing guidance and counselling online.

Currently she works as education manager at Omnia, the Joint Authority of Education in Espoo region, Finland. She is the Finnish representative in NVL's Distans network.

Taru is especially interested in open learning, putting the learner in the focus and developing flexible learning paths. In teaching and learning she prefers trust to control.

DR. LEAH MATTHEWS



Dr. Leah Matthews is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Distance Education Accrediting Committee (DEAC) located in Washington, DC. DEAC currently accredits 110 distance education institutions offering associate degrees through professional doctoral degrees to over 2.5 million students. Dr. Matthews has extensive experience in research, writing and speaking on topics such as higher education quality assurance, the federal and state roles in U.S. higher education, for-profit higher education and distance education for higher learning. Dr. Matthews earned her PhD in Education with a concentration in Higher Education Policy from George Mason

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