

Alumni News

GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI BOARD

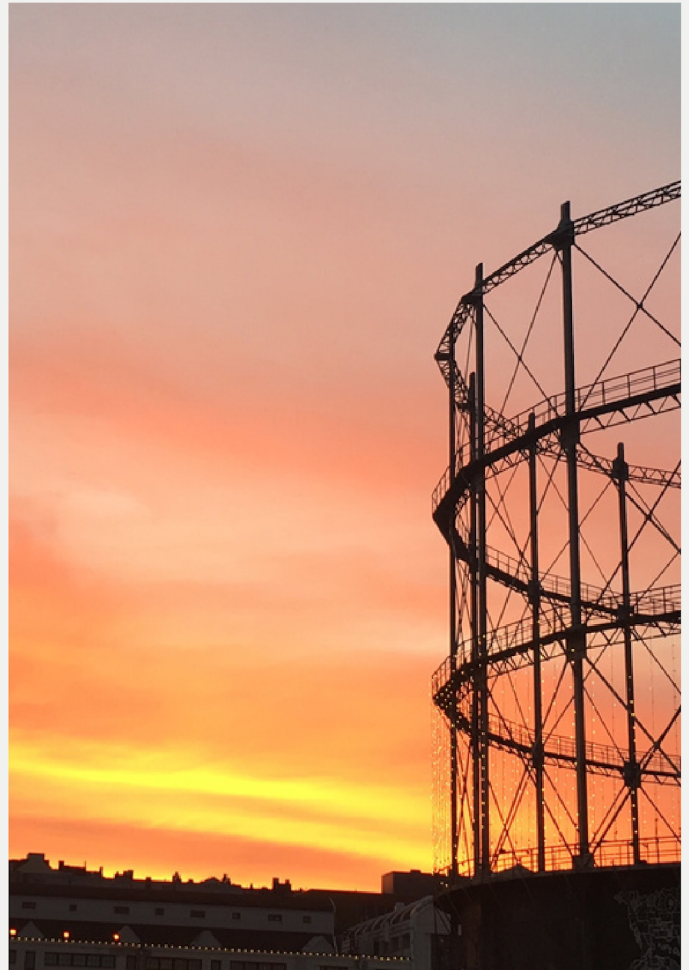
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Dear Deutsche Schule Helsinki Alumni,

I'm writing to you all exceptionally in English and wishing you a Happy New Year. Having written in German or Finnish earlier, I wanted to try if this note reaches our community better...;-)

It has been and there is still uncertainty in the world. With the rise of social media, facts being used without context, and information spiced with altered reality is taking mainstream in our communities. This all has a significant impact on young members of our society.

What is truth, reality, fake, facts and what can I believe in? Huge questions that can only be addressed through education, mentoring, being a role model and leading by example.



Share your story



ALUMNI FORUM

We as alumni have a responsibility and a privilege to help the younger generation by giving them examples of our own path, sharing both good choices but also failed decisions and their consequences. Failing is not bad, only learning from mistakes is what counts.

Our yearly Alumni Forum at our School DSH in Helsinki is a great opportunity for you to share your story and the path you have taken in life after school. More info on this can be found on our website or by contacting Natalie Vollner at alumniforum@dsh-alumni.fi. We look forward to welcoming you in next year's forum!

We would also like to ask you to perhaps share some part of your professional life in the form of a story, short or long, that we could then publish during the year as part of our newsletter also shared with the community.



Donation for the children



BECOME AN ALUMNI

We encourage you to reach out to other classmates and perhaps convince them to join you as an alumni and contribute with a very small membership fee (20€) that is directly invested back to our current students in DSH to support various activities. With two years of COVID and thus failing to organize our famous Weihnachtsbasar (and main source of sponsoring income to students) we finally made it this season 2022 to blow all records in attendance. This year's highlight was definitely that almost every class participated in the preparation work of the Basar and being on-site to earn some well deserved pocket money for their own class activity by selling homemade cookies or other delicacies. This activity, our Basar, is a major set up in time from both our school and from the board of alumni to ensure that our community has a place to meet and celebrate the festive seasons.

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A look into the future

INSIGHT AND EMPATHY

Finally I would like to bring attention with caution to modern technology trends that we see evolving through the newly released large language models (e.g. OpenAI). This technology brings a very interesting twist to chatting with a robot on the internet. There is still a lot of bias in the answers, but with time and scoping the context there is potential to support our understanding of society and help us make the world better. So having the opportunity, I asked the model to describe the future (10 years) from a perspective of skills needed in business life.

With the final chapter below, a condensed version of the answer from OpenAI ChatGPT is provided, I'll end this newsletter with the words of wishing peace and no war. May we be guided by insight and empathy.

Respectfully your Alumni Board Chair
Patrik Maltusch



Skills for the coming decennium

"It is difficult to predict exactly which skills will be most important in 10 years, as many factors can influence the development of new technologies and the changing needs of industries. However, some skills that are likely to remain valuable and in demand in the coming years include:

Critical thinking and problem-solving:

These skills involve the ability to analyze complex information, think logically and creatively, and develop solutions to challenging problems. As technology and the world around us continue to evolve and change, the ability to think critically and solve problems will remain essential for success in many different fields.

Communication and collaboration:

The ability to communicate effectively and work well with others is always important, and is likely to remain so in the coming years. This could include the ability to communicate ideas and information clearly and concisely, both in written and oral forms, as well as the ability to work effectively in teams and collaborate with others to achieve common goals.

Adaptability and flexibility: As the world continues to change, the ability to adapt and be flexible will become increasingly important. This could involve the ability to quickly learn new skills and technologies, to be open to new ideas and ways of doing things, and to be willing to adapt to new challenges and situations.

Creativity and innovation: As technology and society continue to advance, the ability to think creatively and come up with new and innovative ideas will continue to be valuable. This could include the ability to think outside the box, to challenge assumptions and conventional wisdom, and to develop new and creative solutions to complex problems.

Digital literacy: As technology continues to advance, the ability to use and navigate digital tools and platforms will become increasingly important. This could include the ability to use computers and other devices, to access and use the internet and other online resources, and to use various software applications and other digital tools.

Overall, the skills that will be most important in 10 years are likely to evolve and change, but critical thinking, communication, adaptability, creativity, and digital literacy are all likely to remain valuable and in demand."