Universal Preschool in Sweden

Inspiration for Progressive Early Childhood Education

Featured speakers:

Monica Nilsson
Professor of Preschool Didactics
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Jeanette Thure
Elin Johansson
Anna-Karin Grandqvist
Preschool Teachers
HallonEtt Preschool, Sweden

Reception 5:30 p.m.
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Sweden is internationally lauded for its public, comprehensive, accessible and affordable Educare system, which provides all Swedish young children with some of the very best care and education. Monica Nilsson is a well-known professor of education who has recently been selected to advice the Swedish Educational Agency on the universal early childhood transition class (six year old class) in relation to a proposal for changing the Swedish school start age. Jeanette Thure, Elin Johansson and Anna-Karin Grandqvist are master preschool teachers from the internationally recognized HallonEtt Swedish preschool.

These guests will share with us the Swedish system of education and care for young children. Respondents representing various stakeholders within our own early childhood education systems will then lead us in reflecting upon the lessons that we can take from universal preschool in Sweden as we move forward with universal prekindergarten in New York City.

Monica Nilsson is an associate professor of early childhood education at School of Education and Communication, Jönköping University, Sweden. Her areas of expertise are early childhood education and didactics, creative preschool practices such as playworlds and exploratory learning. She has presented internationally on the Swedish Educare system, most recently at a conference on Russian quality assessment work at Moscow State University. She is a former preschool teacher.

Jeanette Thure, Elin Johansson and Anna-Karin Grandqvist are preschool teachers at the HallonEtt Preschool in Jönköping, Sweden.

Respondents include:

Anna Allanbrook, Principal, Brooklyn New School (P.S. 146), Brooklyn

Sherry M. Cleary, Executive Director, New York City Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, The City University of New York

Takeima Bunche Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Brooklyn Kindergarten Society

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