

Newsletter from the Digimentor of the Faculty of Science (1/2024)

Happy autumn! I am contacting you in the form of a newsletter about current themes related to education, teaching, and digitalization. You can approach me with any digital issues, from small everyday problems to new creative adventures. I offer “Walk In” digital mentoring on Tuesdays from 9-11 in my office BF101-17 (near the G-door, Nano and Molecular Systems Research Unit). You are warmly welcome to drop by any other time as well.

1.1. Seminar Series on Education in the Faculty of Science

Faculty of Science is organizing an education-themed seminar series for the teaching staff anyone interested in teaching. Welcome to join us on the last Thursday of each month from 14-16 to discuss, get inspired, and train. The seminar series begins with a well-being event, and you can find more information below. Mainly, the possible presentation materials are in English, the presentations in Finnish.

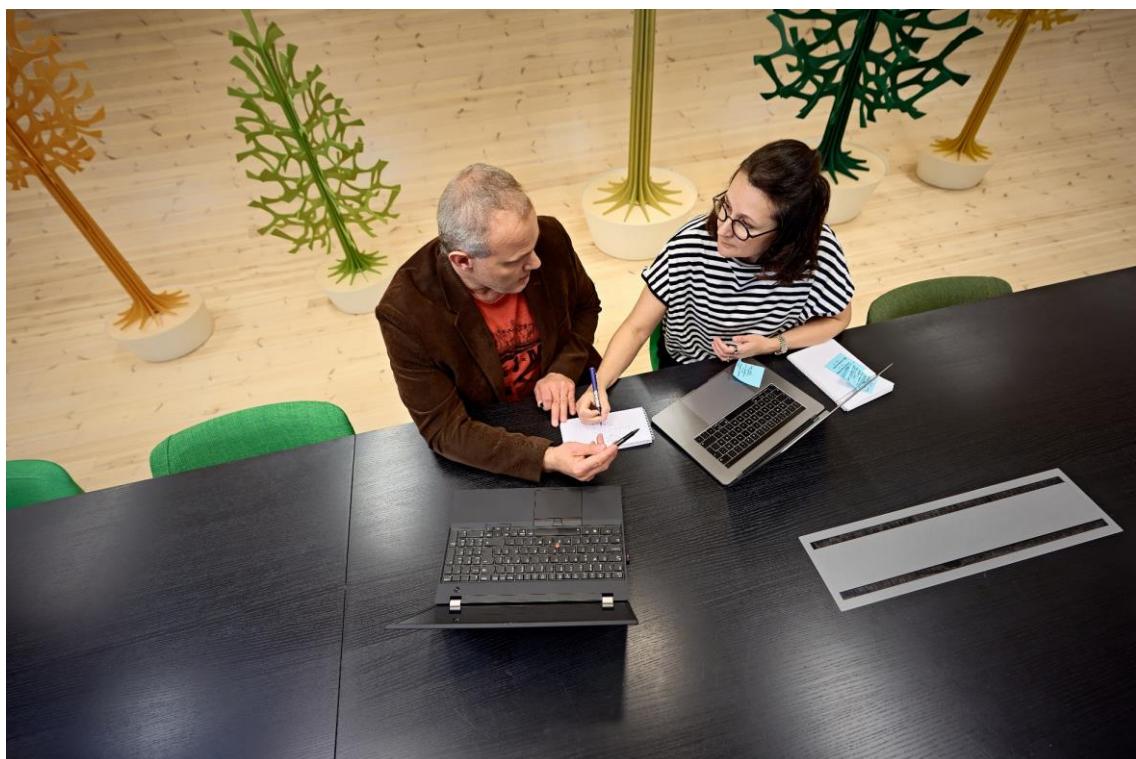
Event	Description (Location: Foodoo Garden/Timjami)
26.9. Well-being Afternoon for F. Sc. Teachers	On the well-being afternoon, we will walk together to Pyykösjärvi for a sausage roast. The event is for all teachers and people interested in teaching. Exercise planner Mari Patanen will join us and tell e.g. about UniMove services. A relaxed and cheerful afternoon event to chat, enjoy nature, and recharge. Let's meet in front of Timjami.
31.10. Inspiration for Digipedagogical Development	In the seminar, digital mentors from different faculties will share examples of high-quality teaching using digital tools. Digimentors Joakim Tervonen (OYKKK) and Henrika Honkanen (BMTK) will be present. There will also be information and discussion on utilizing digimentoring.
28.11. Educational info: What's Up?	In this event, teachers will receive information on e.g. AI guidelines, upcoming events, national changes in education, and video services. Discussion and future planning together.
30.1. Guidance Afternoon	Description will be added later.

1.2. How to Utilize a Digimentor

The digimentors of the faculties are experts in pedagogy, helping teachers with low-threshold support, working together with you. How to design a remote course where students genuinely interact with the teacher and other students? How to organize a large course so that the teaching is of high quality and does not cause an enormous workload for the teacher? Digimentors can help for example with the following issues:

- Guidance on practical arrangements for hybrid teaching, from planning to implementation
- Designing face-to-face/hybrid/remote courses in a digitally pedagogically high-quality way
- Choosing, building, and guiding the use of a meaningful platform/digital tool for learning, e.g. Moodle, Howspace, ThingLink
- Video learning materials and utilizing learning analytics from videos
- Guidance on AI, accessibility, video recording possibilities for teaching, the Opin.fi service, UNIC
- Developing a MOOC course

You can access the full news on digimentoring [here](#).



1.3. Current Digitips and News

Below you will find some current digipicks and news related to digitopics.

- [**Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education | Patio \(oulu.fi\)**](#)
- Registration for the English-language training opened 16th of September. [AI in Education training in English will start in October | Patio \(oulu.fi\)](#)
- From the link, you will find top tips for teaching from the teacher's toolbox: [As a teacher, you have several digital services in your use | Patio \(oulu.fi\)](#)
- In addition to digimentoring, ICT services consultations are also available to assist you: Digital Pedagogy Tip: Personal Digital Pedagogy Consultation at Your Service | Patio (oulu.fi)
- Digimentors were awarded at the opening ceremony of the University of Oulu this academic year. I am cheering here because our activities have been found useful! [Digimentors play a key role in adoption for new digital tools | Patio \(oulu.fi\)](#)

I am happy to receive tips on current themes, and co-writers for the newsletter are also welcome, even as occasional guests in the form of a joint letter. Let's meet in the corridors, exchange emails, and arrange meeting times. I am here for you!

Best regards,

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