

Media education in the upper secondary schools of Turku

The research is a thesis for the department of Media Studies at the University of Turku. The aim of the research is by interviewing teachers in upper secondary schools to find out how media education as defined in the framework curriculum and in the ICT-strategy is organised in practice in the everyday life of schools. The interviews are conducted in April and May 2007 and the thesis is expected to be ready in the late autumn 2007.

The research questions in the thesis are how the media education is organised in the upper secondary schools, what meanings do the teachers give to it in their teaching and how it is valued in the school.

The interviewees were found by contacting the principals of the upper secondary schools by email asking them to point the most important actors in the field of media education in their schools. The interviews were semi-structured with the topics of definition of media education, practices in media education, qualifications of the responsible teachers, student feedback, emphasis on the areas of media education, used materials and methods, cooperation with other teachers and media organisations, best practices, points of development and plans for the future. On top of that, there are some schools which offer the opportunity to take Media diploma to their students and with the teachers of these schools, this was brought up as one of the topics.

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