Written Report

Jokainen vaikuttaa! Alla på verkar! covered a vast range of subjects: arts, science, culture, technology, education, individual action, mass movements and political issues. It was filled with passionate people, staggering facts, cultural diversity, and the devastating urgency of the climate crisis. The essence of this conference was that by working together, we can fight for our future and decelerate global warming. This was a Nordic conference that emphasized that answers will be found by sharing ideas across borders and over oceans. However, we should not only expand our communications geographically, but also between generations. We need to involve the youth sector more, not just because they are the ones that will be most affected by our actions, but because they have ideas and voices worth hearing. Saying this, the youth should also be involved in policy and decision making. Another important topic discussed was that our educational system does not take into account the omnipresence of technology. We should teach our children materials computers cannot learn and algorithms cannot answer. We should teach them about compassion, creativity and critical thinking. These are the traits we need in order to find solutions to our problems. Lastly, let’s never stop striving to become better.

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