



Nordic CRAFT

Nordic CRAFT is based on the vision that the Nordic students at elementary level must be the absolute best in the world to solve problems through technology, cooperation, critical thinking, etc. Nordic CRAFT derives from good experiences with CRAFT in Denmark, including connecting eTwinning and CRAFT.

The countries taking part in Nordic CRAFT is: Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and Aaland Islands.

CRAFT means "Creating really advanced future thinkers". In a CRAFT thematic, students work on solving big or small issues from the real world using technology, innovation, creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking - 21st century skills.

CRAFT is a concept which offers capacity building for municipalities and schools providing a network, resources, where teachers can get help, knowledge, inspiration and feedback on innovative teaching supported by technology.

Experiences with CRAFT shows, that students gets more motivated to learn, they get involved, they produce and become active intermediary. Teachers become more facilitating and learn from each other.

CRAFT projects

A CRAFT project involves working with a real world problem. It can be a local, a national or a global problem. Students research the problem, they innovate, design a prototype and present their idea and get feedback from their target group. They can go through this process iteratively several times to improve their prototype. Teachers evaluate the student projects and give feedback inspired by ITL 21st Century Learning Design.

The Competition

Nordic CRAFT will develop CRAFT as a Nordic Championship in digital skills – a student competition where the Nordic countries have agreed on the assessment criteria and collaborate on practice, competencies and peer to peer learning. eTwinning will be used as a supportive structure for the entire network, student's projects and professional development of staff.

Winners from each country will meet at a conference each year to compete in the best national CRAFT school-project and the best Nordic eTwinning-CRAFT-project.

Over a 3-5 year period, the Nordic countries will be working closer together to strengthen CRAFT and eTwinning, cultural, linguistic and social understanding, through cooperation and joint events that support the countries' work with ICT and learning.