Radical Educator from Global Diversity Pace-Setter Iceland
Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir Commemorative Japan Seminar

Designing a Diverse Society through the Hjalli Educational Method

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An innovative educator and principal speaks on “Post-Diversity will Change Society”

Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir

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Icelandic educator. Taking aim at gender disparity and aiming for greater diversity, Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir created a unique and radical method and theory of education 27 years ago when she founded the first Hjalli Method kindergartens and elementary schools. In these schools girls are taught assertion and logical thinking, and boys are taught to be affectionate and nurturing. This method received support from the people of Iceland, and from just one school, the model has grown to be used in 14 kindergartens and four elementary schools in 11 municipalities.

Margrét has published many books and given many lectures on equality in education methods, parenting methods and more.

She received the prize of the Minister of Equal Rights in 1997, and the The Knight’s Cross of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon from the President of Iceland.

# Reinforcing Humanity: Mutual Respect

Children are formed by their education and growth process, but even if they are taught from the same textbook in the same way at the same time, there are things that some children do not acquire or are even lost over time. This is why Margrét emphasizes the importance of teaching ways of living that emphasize respect for others, while contending with and overcoming one’s own weaknesses. She also instructs teachers to respect their students.

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