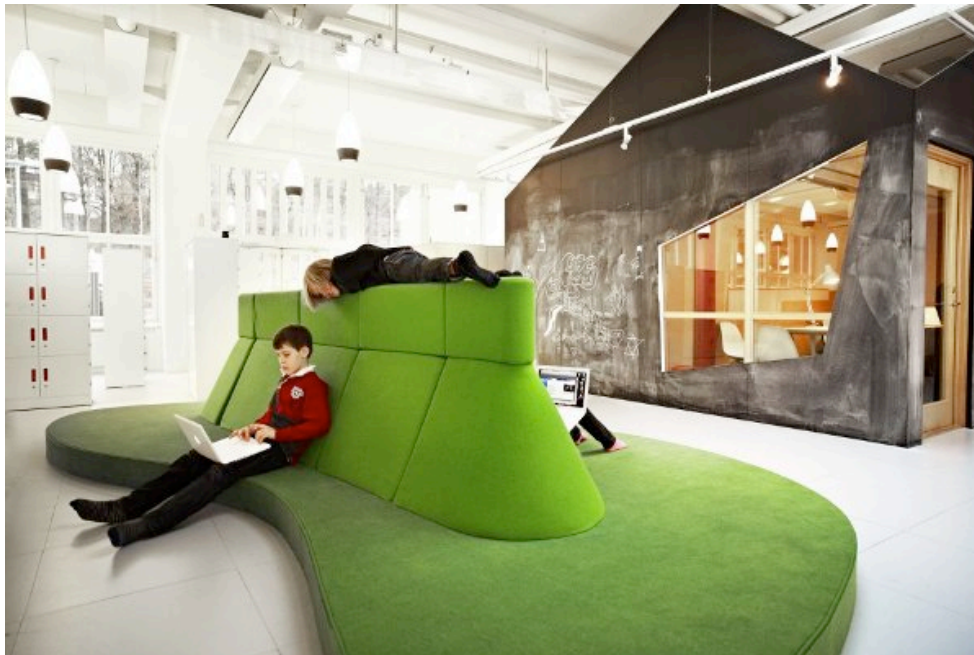


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New school system in Sweden is eliminating classrooms entirely



Telefonplan School, in Stockholm

Sweden has a new school system that is eliminating all of its classrooms in favor of an environment that fosters children's "curiosity and creativity."

Vittra, which runs 30 schools in Sweden, wanted learning to take place everywhere in its schools — so it threw out the "old-school" thinking of straight desks in a line in a four-walled classroom (via GOOD).



Vittra most-recently opened Telefonplan School, in Stockholm. Architect Rosan Bosch designed the school so children could work independently in opened-spaces while lounging, or go to “the village” to work on group-projects.



All of the furniture in the school, which looks like a lot of squiggles, is meant to aid students in engaging in conversation while working on projects.

The school is non-traditional in every sense: there are no letter grades and students learn in groups at their level, not necessarily by age.



Admission to the school is free, as long as the child has a personal number (like a social security number) and one of the child's parents is a Swedish tax payer.

