

Kerli was born in Estonia and got her MA in Teaching Estonian from Tallinn University. While she was studying at university she started working as a mother tongue teacher for grades 5 to 12 in Pirita Gymnasium of Economics.

Kerli has also lived in London for ten years where she taught Estonian as a mother tongue and foreign language to 3–12 year old pupils at the Estonian School in London, Estonian as a foreign language to adults at different levels, to the current British ambassador in Estonia, to several British army groups who came to work in Estonia and many others. In addition to this she has experience in public service interpreting and written translations. In London she also worked in Sandringham Primary School and Stratford School Academy in the Learning Support department, first as a teaching assistant and then as a teacher.

She has leadership experience from being a board member of Estonian School in London and the Estonian House in London. While in London she also organised several Estonian language, culture and literature events.

Experience in teaching her mother tongue in Estonia and the UK to all ages and levels, plus working with pupils with educational needs has made her see how important a personalised approach to each student is, wherever and as much as possible. She is keen to always find new ideas from pupils, parents, fellow teachers and everyone else and adapts to change easily.

In IB education Kerli loves that students have a say in what and how they are learning and being assessed.

In her spare time Kerli likes to travel, read and attend music concerts. Like the three jolly fellows in “Naksitrallid” she is always eager to get to the seaside. If there is none around, then forests or mountains will do as well.