Closing remarks by Finn Tarp

Think Development – Think WIDER

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Oceania
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A selection of posters from WIDER events
The Moomin family

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Moomin values

Respect for each other
Respect for nature
Tolerance
Love
Adventures
Equality
Freedom
Friendship
Joy
Frankness

It is not inappropriate to say things as you see them. It can often be considerate, or even polite.
Shyness

Shyness is a great strength. It allows you to use your senses and intuition. A shy person is often more present in the moment than one who never keeps quiet.
Tolerance

A machine makes copies, nature does not. What may seem unusual to some people may be as normal for Finns as breathing ice-cold air.

We should cherish diversity – not contest it.
View from the WIDER terrace
The WIDER common area
At work in the office
“Leading an organisation through existential disruption can be done, but it is not about ruling with an iron fist. Leaders are there to inspire – not to decide everything. A chief should articulate a vision and provide the conditions for their team to perform, but he or she should also understand that their business is operating in constantly changing circumstances and anticipate change. Diversity of staff and thought is essential. But it should go beyond gender and nationalities – it also includes experiences and generations.”
Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendor of achievement;
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.