



Newsletter

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The Adult Learner's Week in Finland will be held during 5th –11th of October in 2009. The themes of the week are creativity and innovations. Hundreds of events take place around the country. Launching the week a special tabloid is published on October the 4th in the country's largest newspaper, Helsingin Sanomat. Mrs. President Tarja Halonen is the official guardian of the week.

Adult learners take over the Old Student House!

The national main event will take place on October the 6th–7th. The venue is beautiful and historical Old Student House situated in the heart of Helsinki. The building itself has a long and colorful history: originally it was located in the outlying district of the capital. As years passed the city center shifted slowly closer to the Old Student House, which is nowadays known as the midpoint of the town. In the year 1968 students were on the barricades also in Finland. The old Student House – or “Vanha” (meaning ‘old’) as it is friendly called – was taken over by a group of students that demanded a change in the Universities and politics. In the year 2009 “Vanha” will be taken over by adult learners!

The whole building is turned into an oasis of education: schools, organizations and educational institutes offer demonstrations, courses and counseling. The two days will be filled with interesting and entertaining program. On the main stage we will see well-known actors like **Lorenz Backman** and **Juha Veijonen**, famous psychologist **Pirkko Lahti**, professor of educational psychology **Kirsti Lonka**, a grand old lady of Finnish fashion **Annikki Karvinen** and **Julio Romero** with his charming salsa orchestra. The current status of the economy is paid attention to in the panel discussions on Finnish enterprises and on life after denouncements. Our brilliant hosts are award-winning actress **Elina Knihtilä** and the soul-man himself, **Veeti Kallio**. The doors are open for public free of charge.

Participating organizations are: Adulta, Aducate koulutus- ja kehittämispalvelu/ Itä-Suomen yliopisto, AIKE Oy, Amiedu, Avoin amk, Axxell, CIMO, Diakonia-ammattikorkeakoulu, Edupoli, Eiran aikuislukio, Eri-laisten oppijoiden liitto, Helsingin Diakoniaopisto, Helsingin Sanomat, Helsingin TE-toimisto, Helsingin yliopiston aikuiskoulutus, HUMAK, Hyria koulutus Oy, JAKK, Keuda, Keskuspuiston ammattiopisto Orton, KJY, Koulutusrahasto, Kouvolan ammatillinen aikuiskoulutuskeskus, Luovasti.fi, MJK-koulutuskeskus ry., Next Step -koulutus- ja työpaikkamessut 2010 / Ammattiin Opiskelevat -SAKKI ry., Omnia, Opetushallitus, opetusministeriö, *Opin ovet* -hankekokonaisuus, Pohjois-Karjalan Aikuisopisto, Suomen Yrittäjät ry., Suomalainen kirjakauppa, Teatterikorkeakoulu, TTS koulutus, Työhyvinvointifoorumi (STM), työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö and Vapaan Sivistystyön Yhteisjärjestö.

AIKE Oy (Developing Company of Adult Education) is in charge of organizing the week and its main event accompanied by associations VSY (Association for Non-formal Adult Education in Finland) and EOL (Finnish Diverse Learners' Association). The campaign is supported by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Employment and the Economy. The main partner is the newspaper Helsingin Sanomat. More information will soon be found also in English on our website: www.aoviikko.org.

Let your creativity blossom!

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