

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

PROGRAMME TOPICS

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| 13:00– 13:45 | <p>Quota refugees' selection missions</p> <p>What happens on the quota refugees' selection missions? Experts share their field experience on selection missions.</p> <p>Senior Adviser Juha Kannelmaa, Finnish Immigration Service</p> <p>Head of immigration, Jaana Suokonautio, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment</p> <p>Public nurse, Leila Savolainen, City of Kuopio tbc</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>The Integration Act is coming – are you ready?</p> <p>Review of the current status of the Integration Act What would you like to know about the Integration Act?</p> <p>Ask an expert. Participatory induction.</p> <p>Expert introduction: Adviser for Legal Affairs Juha-Pekka Suomi, Ministry of Economic affairs and Employment</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>I have the right to participate...</p> <p>An expert introduction to basic rights and discussion with interested parties about their realisation in Finland in 2018.</p> <p>Opening address and panel discussion</p> <p>Introductory talk: Prof. Tuomas Ojanen, Helsingin university</p> <p>Moderator: Project manager Sanna Rummakko, Familia ry</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>* Reducing blind spots of education</p> <p>Top 5 breakthroughs and setbacks in the education of immigrants. The most successful actions and measures.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Kirsi Kangaspunta, Director, Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland Comment speech: Researcher Mr. Antti Kivijärvi, Finnish Youth Research Network</p> <p><i>language: English</i></p> | <p>Immigrant entrepreneurship and other methods of employment</p> <p>For many immigrants, entrepreneurship is the best route to employment. What other paths to the labour market are available?</p> <p>Päivi Ruotsala and Hanna Wallenius, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment</p> <p>Expert introductions: Kaisu Keisala-Kaseja, Immigrant Entrepreneurship Coordinator, Federation of Finnish Enterprises</p> <p>María Victoria de la Cruz Molinari, Project Manager, The Somali Family Association of Lieksa</p> <p>Panellists: Ahmed Ibrahim, Entrepreneur Hanna Tarvainen, Coordinator, The Federation of Finnish Enterprises South-West Finland Johannes Hirvelä, Business Coordinator, Stadin osaamiskeskus</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> |
| 13:55– 14:40 | <p>From refugee camp to a new homeland</p> <p>Tales from the journey.</p> <p>Finland's refugee of the year, Sirwa Farik Expert by experience, Ghaled Alsalmo Planning officer, Emilia Fagerlund, Finnish Red Cross Expert Janette Grönfors, Finnish Red Cross</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Housing support</p> <p>How can you guarantee functional relationships with neighbours in promoting integration? Do people with immigrant background know how to live in Finland? Do rental housing companies understand their special needs? What can you do if the relationship with the neighbours is broken?</p> <p>Workshop.</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Immigrants as a part of the guidance and advisory services</p> <p>How are guidance and advisory services arranged, how do they support inclusion, and what are the future possibilities that reflect issues such as the upcoming new Act on the Promotion of Immigrant Integration?</p> <p>Opening remarks: Maria Tiilikkala, City of Espoo Presenting the integration act: Paula Karjalainen, Ministry of economic affairs and employment Presenting services in the municipalities: Anne Saloranta ja Jenni Korjus, City of Lahti Anu Kilpinen, City of Kotka, Petra Winberg, City of Vaasa</p> <p><i>languages: Finnish and Swedish</i></p> | <p>Language awareness in teaching, introduction lecture</p> <p>Language awareness – why, what, how?</p> <p>Speaker: Jenni Alisaari, University Teacher, University of Turku</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>*Exciting examples of employment</p> <p>What can we learn from each other in regard of employment? Is it easier for an immigrant to find work in other countries than in Finland? Is there a common road to success?</p> <p>Moderator: Coordinator Sami Komppula, City of Helsinki</p> <p>Keynote speaker Sonja Hämäläinen, Migration Director, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment</p> <p>Other panellists: Samir Omar, Programme Manager Epique Enrique Tessieri and Dr. Fulvio Rizzo, Otava Folk High School Dr Rachel Marangozov, Thematic Expert – Migrants, ESF Transnational Platform</p> <p><i>language: English</i></p> |

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| <p>14:50– 15:35</p> | <p>Municipal perspectives on integration</p> <p>Reception of quota refugees and asylum-seekers. Experiences on receiving new municipal residents. Veteran municipalities and starting municipalities meet at a panel discussion.</p> <p>Coordinator of immigration affairs, Kristiina Illikainen, municipality of Tuusula Refugee Counsellor Karoliina Miskala, Municipality of Rautalampi Public nurse, Leila Savolainen, City of Kuopio Moderator: Expert Johanna Warius, Finfami</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>*Social housing initiative in Antwerp</p> <p>Antwerp city wants to ensure that young fugitives have the opportunity to rebuild their lives in Antwerp. Their first priority is the integration of these youngsters who, like all youngsters, deserve that extra helping hand. CURANT combines human compassion and social responsibility.</p> <p>Introduction of the ERDF-funded Curant-project, <i>language: English</i></p> | <p>*Pitching on inclusion practices!</p> <p>How to involve and engage as many people as possible in the society? Come and listen to the ideas, solutions and best practices in promoting inclusion from actors in the field of integration – non-governmental organisations (NGOs), authorities as well as private actors.</p> <p><i>language: Finnish and English</i></p> | <p>Language awareness in teaching, workshop</p> <p>From theory to practice – towards language-aware teaching and leadership.</p> <p>Speaker: Jenni Alisaari, University Teacher, University of Turku</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Getting rid of prejudices and harassment at the workplace</p> <p>Where do prejudices come from and what are their consequences? Who is the most prejudiced at the workplace – the employer or the other employees? How can you promote equal treatment at the workplace?</p> <p>Expert introduction and moderator Eve Kyntäjä, Immigration Policy Specialist, the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK)</p> <p>Panellists: Kirsi Pimiä, Non-Discrimination Ombudsman Nexhat Beqiri, Coordinator, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment Camilla Weurlander, Human Resource Manager, IKEA Katja-Pia Jenu, Inspector, Regional State Administrative Agency</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> |
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WEDNESDAY 19 September 2018

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| 10:15–11:00 | <p>Importance of early integration</p> <p>Perspectives on early integration at the reception stage. Experts by experience, volunteers as well as project and reception centre experts participate in the panel discussion.</p> <p>Expert by experience Huda Basher Expert by experience Noorulhaq Haqiar SuomiKamu -volunteer Taina Raiski, Finnish Red Cross Reception centre volunteer and application helper Keijo Rantanen, Finnish Red Cross Project manager Sari Hammar, Osaka-project, Finnish Immigration Service Director of the Reception Centre Minna Jussila, Finnish Red Cross, Häme District</p> <p>The panel discussion is moderated by Expert Janette Grönfors, Finnish Red Cross</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Undocumented persons</p> <p>Which services undocumented people have the right to receive? Do they have rights? What policy definitions have been made regarding their social and health care services? Are they being realised?</p> <p>Expert introduction: Senior social worker Mikaela Lindroos City of Helsinki</p> <p>Project coordinator Meri Korniloff, Physicians for Social Responsibility</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Whose integration, whose inclusion?</p> <p>The aim of the workshop is to add an anti-racist point of view that examines relations in a society into the theme of the conference and challenge problematic nuances in the discourse on integration and assimilation in Finland.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <i>Abdi Cisman</i> <i>Jana Turk</i> <i>Mina Zandkarimi</i></p> <p><i>Moderators: Leif Hagert, Anti-racist forum and Mia Luhtasaari, Ministry of Justice</i></p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Succeed in guidance! Panel discussion</p> <p>What works in guidance and what is challenging, are there still services missing? In the panel, experts discuss pitfalls and solutions they have discovered.</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> Kurvi-toiminta, Counsellor Iina Helldan, Finnish Refugee Council Stadin Osaamiskeskus, Head of vocational education division Arja Koli Springhouse, Director, Services for Immigrants Kristel Kivisik Founder of Let's read together network, Marja Liisa Toivanen Espoon kaupungin Edetään Espoossa –hanke, project coordinator Maryan Hussein</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Rural areas with plentiful job opportunities</p> <p>Rural areas have many opportunities for immigrants, too. How can immigrants find employment in rural enterprises? What prevents and what promotes employment?</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p>Chief development officer Jarmo Matintalo, The Federation of Education in Central Ostrobothnia Legal counsellor, Olli Sorainen, Ministry of Economic affairs and employment Post-doctoral Researcher Tiina Sotkasiira, University of Eastern Finland Coordinator Kaisu Keisala-Kaseja, The Federation of Finnish Enterprises Executive Director Elisa Vepsäläinen, Startup refugees</p> <p>Moderator: Director of business development Marko Mäki-Hakola, The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK)</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> |

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| <p>11:10–11:55</p> | <p>Recognising vulnerability at the reception phase</p> <p>Concise expert introductions and joint discussion.</p> <p>Senior adviser Maria Kunelius, Finnish Immigration Service Senior social worker Tarja Jokinen, Helsinki Reception Centre Expert Suvi Piironen, SOS-Crisis Centre</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Referral to social and health care services</p> <p>How are families with children referred to the right kind of support? How easily can people find help? There are still only few elderly people with immigrant background; should municipalities prepare for elderly immigrants in some way? Mental health problems have increased, are there low threshold services available for everyone who needs help? Do people know how to help those with an immigrant background in time?</p> <p>Introduction with three themes: 1. Services for families with children 2. Mental health support 3. The elderly Counsellor Paula Mattila, City of Vantaa Service counsellor Päivi Lackman, City of Tampere Coordinator Alina Ahtamo, Monikko ry</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>*Benchmarking good practices in the European level</p> <p>The session will focus on the importance of identifying and benchmarking good practices not only in Finland, but also in other European Cities.</p> <p>Guest speakers: Mai-Britt Haugaard Jeppesen, Director, Bydelsmødre Denmark Dr. Levente Polyak, EU URBACT Lead expert and Eutropan co-founder</p> | <p>Recognition of prior learning – introduction to different models</p> <p>Can we identify the clients’ strengths and their existing competence? Inspiration and practical tools available.</p> <p>Models presented by: Osaamis- ja ammattitaitokartoitus immigration expert Vilppu Palmberg, TE-services SIMHE-project, project planner Marianne Autero, project manager Heidi Stenberg Monika-Naiset liiton osaavat naiset –malli coordinator Riikka Laitinen Osaamismerkkimalli, Sivis Expert, Minna Pesonen Osaamisen tunnistaminen peruskoulussa Finnish for foreigners teacher Anna Nylund, Eiran aikuislukio Stadin osaamiskeskuksen osaamisen tunnistamisen prosessi Vocational teacher Jaana Kenola-Krusberg Arffman Consultingin osaamisen tunnistaminen verkkopohjaisessa kotokoulutuksessa (tbc) Positiivinen CV, teacher Elina Paatsila</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Talents – international experts</p> <p>Why does immigrants’ previous education and work experience remain hidden? How could Finland take advantage of their expertise? How can we reach a win-win situation? Should Finland attract more international experts?</p> <p>Expert introduction and moderator: Laura Lindeman, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment</p> <p>Panellists: • Svetlana Tchistiakova, Chairman Vantaan Venäläinen Klubi - Russkij Klub Vantaa ry • Mari Taverne, Senior Business Advisor, Business Tampere</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> |
| <p>12:05–12:50</p> | <p>Wellbeing through hobbies</p> <p>How has sports been supported in practice? Expert views on the importance of hobbies - theory and practice.</p> <p>Psychologist, project manager The Southwest Finland Association for Mental Health Instructor Sami Parkkinen, Mikkeli reception centre Expert by experience Mahdi Rezaei</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Gamification and the digitalisation of services</p> <p>What advantages does new technology offer for people with an immigrant background? Can robots, platform economy and gamification offer help in a new way?</p> <p>Presenting a digital application by the Kyky project, the Guider Game, Gamu ry., the Tulka interpretation service, Tulka Oy. The robots Naomi and Pepper. Pitching.</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Influencing issues without borders</p> <p>In the discussion, the speakers challenge the many forms of inclusion and influencing matters today and in future.</p> <p>The speakers include: Zrinka Bralo, Migrants Organise UK</p> <p><i>Language: Finnish and English</i></p> | <p>Pitching competition on innovations in immigrant education</p> <p>The cleverest education products and services compete to win the pitching competition. The winner will receive an award.</p> <p>Competitors: Edupoli: Äidit mukana -project Utelias Oy: Elias-robot Startup refugees: Business program Arffman Consulting Oy: Kotopaja Perho Liiketalousopisto: Fast track Uusimaa Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment: The power of associations in integration-project Tampere Adult Education Centre TAKK The Finnish Refugee Council City of Helsinki, Buddyschool –project</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> | <p>Introducing good practices</p> <p>Work experience for young people with migrant background: Sami Komppula, Coordinator, Maahanmuuttajanuorten Helsinki and Job’d</p> <p>Towards working life through partnership! : Suvi Lindén, Project Manager and Bassam Arslan, Coach, City of Vantaa</p> <p>Good services provided by the employment and economic development office supporting the employment of immigrants: Jussi Leponiemi, Service Director, Employment and Economic Development Office of North Ostrobothnia</p> <p>Moving forward with the help of working life mentoring: Miska Keskinen, Project Coordinator, Red Cross, Varsinais-Suomi</p> <p><i>language: Finnish</i></p> |