

General Assembly of Educating Cities 29-30 MARCH 2022 IN TAMPERE (FINLAND)

PROGRAMME

IMPORTANT: programme according to Finland time (EET)

29 March 2022 :

15:00h-17:00h Study visits (see description on page 2-4)
Meeting point: 14:45 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel Hall

Choose **ONE** among the following options:

- ✓ Hiedanranta – a future city district with emphasis on urban culture & innovation (<https://hiedanranta.fi/en/hiedanranta/>)
- ✓ Vapriikki museum centre (<https://www.vapriikki.fi/en/museo/>)

30 March 2022:

09:00h-13:00h Study visits (see description on page 2-4).
Transportation will be offered.
Meeting point: 08:45h Marriott Courtyard Hotel Hall

Choose **ONE itinerary** among the following options:

Itinerary 1:

- ✓ Basic Education School: Vuores School (Rautiolanrinne 2, 33870 Tampere)
Video introduction of Vuores school:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGQ9IZaVsdo>
- ✓ Multifunctional Centre 13

Itinerary 2:

- ✓ Adult Education Centre Tampereen Seudun Työväenopisto
- ✓ Basic Education School (Same school as itinerary 1)

13:00h- 14:00h Lunch offered by Tampere City Council
Restaurant Majakka | Tampere Hall, 2nd floor (Yliopistonkatu 55, 33100 Tampere)

13:45-14:15h Registration and welcome coffee
Where: Tampere Hall: Address: Yliopistonkatu 55, 33100 Tampere

14:15h-19:00h Official welcome by City of Tampere and IAEC General Assembly

19:30h Farewell cocktail (*Old City Hall, Keskustori 10 | Central square*)

A bus transportation from Tampere Hall / Hotel Marriott to the Old City Hall will be provided after the GA meeting. After the reception, at about 21.30, Tampere will provide tram tickets back to Tampere Hall (station Tulli, 200 metres from Tampere Hall), to test our the city's new tram service.

STUDY VISITS

Basic information on formal education in Finland:

Formal education in Finland is organised in daycare programmes (for babies and toddlers), a one-year "pre-school" (for six-year-olds); a nine-year compulsory basic comprehensive school (for children aged 7-16), post-compulsory secondary education (academic track or vocational track), higher education (university) and adult (lifelong) education.

▪ **HIEDANRANTA**

This is an old industrial area which is being developed with civic participation and with the involvement of cultural activists and artists. The old factories will have new uses. The idea is that this new city district will focus on urban culture & innovation. The area now houses cultural and creative activities and serves as a laboratory for urban innovation with focus on recycling and reusing materials.

Hiedanranta area will be home for 20.000 inhabitants in the future, being one of the key areas for managing the growth of the city of Tampere.

More information: <https://hiedanranta.fi/en/hiedanranta/>

▪ **VAPRIIKKI MUSEUM CENTRE**

Vapriikki is a museum centre that hosts about a dozen exhibitions each year, with varied themes, including history, technology, and natural sciences. Vapriikki is also home to the Natural History Museum of Tampere, the Media Museum Rupriikki, the Mineral Museum, the Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame, the Doll Museum, Postal Museum and The Finnish Museum of Games.

The museum centre is housed in the old Tampella factory hall, whose oldest parts date back to the 1880s.

Besides visiting the museum facilities, visitors will be acquainted with Tampere's Cultural policy, the museum's activity program, pricing policy, and marketing initiatives to get new publics.

More information: <http://vapriikki.fi/en/>

▪ **BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOL** Vuores School (Rautiolanrinne 2, 33870 Tampere)

Basic education in Tampere is provided mainly in city-maintained comprehensive schools.

The City of Tampere also provides instruction for pupils who need special support and for multilingual pupils. It is possible to complete comprehensive school education in other languages than Finnish: basic education is provided in Swedish, English, French and German. It is also possible to complete grades 1-6 following a Montessori pedagogical

educational programme. Pupils who are not members of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church are instructed in ethics instead of religion.

Starting from grade 3, it is possible to study music or the visual arts with a special emphasis in the curriculum. Pupils for these music and visual arts classes are selected by using aptitude tests.

Many of the comprehensive schools offer various focus areas in their curricula in grades 7-9. Optional focus areas are offered, among others, in physical education, communication, information and communication technology (ICT), mathematics, creative expression, and crafts.

More information: <https://www.tampere.fi/en/daycare-and-education/preschool-education-and-basic-education.html>

The school that we will visit is a special one because it uses the natural environment as a learning venue. It also includes a kindergarten.

Video introduction of Vuores school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGQ9IZaVsd0>

▪ **MULTIFUNCTIONAL CENTRE 13 (MONITOIMITALO 13)**

Mulitoimitalo 13 is the City of Tampere Services Center, located in a multifunctional 5 floor building. It offers a variety of leisure activities and other activities for young people and parents alike, such as:

- Open activities: internet lounge, café, game world (billiards, board games, etc) free of charge. Wall space for art exhibitions is also available.
- Music studio: recording and editing of music videos at friendly prices, with the assistance of counsellors.
- Guided activities, workshop and courses
- Rental space for individuals, associations and organizations. The facilities have been designed with a variety of uses in mind, from a rock club through a ballroom to a meeting room

Although the center is run by the Youth Services it also works as yoga studio for grandmothers, art workshop for 6th graders, meeting space for local NGO's and formal conference venue for business.

More information (in Finnish): www.nuortentampere.fi/monitoimitalo/

▪ **ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE: TAMPEREEN SEUDUN TYÖVÄENOPISTO**

Education centre established in 1899, it offers courses in many fields:

- Human and social science: philosophy, culture and nature
- Personal development and healthy living: psychology, healthcare, physical exercise and dance
- Practical skills: information technology, video techniques, handicrafts, woodworking.
- Arts: drama, creative writing, music and visual arts.



- Languages are also well represented: courses in 20 languages are offered at different levels.
- ✓ Courses are open for citizens that don't speak Finnish fluently. There are also special courses for immigrants where they can learn Finnish, English and theatre. In addition, there are some courses where English is used as a working Language.
- ✓ It also offers courses for children and even babies in physical exercise, art and music.
- ✓ More information:
<https://www.tampere.fi/tyovaenopisto/opistoinfo/inotherlanguages/inenglish.html>