

# Let's Work Together

*Action group for supporting and integrating asylum seekers and refugees*

## MISSION

Let's Work Together -action group is established in autumn 2015 to support and help integrating asylum seekers and refugees in Finnish society. The School of Education in the University of Tampere and its partners are organizing common low-threshold activities for asylum seekers and refugees by the means of education. The aim is to provide meaningful activities to asylum seekers and refugees in Finland together with Finnish people.

The group collects together students and staff from the University of Tampere as well as adult and vocational education actors in the Pirkanmaa region interested in integrating the asylum seekers and refugees. It invites people and organizations to participate in the planned activities and to generate new forms of activities. Let's Work Together -action group serves the communication of the participants and the coordinates the activities.



## CO-OPERATORS

Finnish Red Cross Tampere  
Save the Children  
Student union of University of Tampere  
Student union of Tampere University of Technology  
Ahjola Adult Education Center  
Tampere Adult Education Center TAKK  
Tampere Vocational College  
City of Tampere  
Reception centers in Pirkanmaa region

## ACTIVITIES

### Courses

Adult asylum seekers and refugees with sufficient English skills and capabilities to study in academic level, may attend the courses, which belong to the normal curriculum and study schedule of the University. The participants shall receive Certificate of Completion for their attendance on the course.

The courses that we provided this autumn were *Struggles in education* (on this course, students study historical tensions and struggles about definitions and solutions of education), *Civic activity and education* (On this course, the students will learn about different forms and principles of civic action in Finland and transnationally).

Also there were two English courses: *Preparatory Course in Communicative Skills* that was directly for asylum seekers. *Dialogue: Constructive Talk at Work* –course focused on talking in work atmosphere.

### Children's club activity

Volunteer early childhood education students from Let's Work Together -action group have been working in Children's club in Tampere reception center. The club activities are organized by City of Tampere.

### Family Café

Together with Red Cross Tampere, Save the Children and Tampere reception center LWT-group is starting a new kind of activity. In the Tampere reception center there will be discussion sessions with asylum seekers, other immigrants, experts of education, workers of the center and volunteers from Red Cross and Save the Children about raising children. This kind of help is really needed in reception centers.

### ASAP

*Asylum seekers + Students Assembly* –Project

Let's Work Together -action group has been starting a new project which is coordinated by the two student unions of Tampere universities. ASAP's aim is to familiarize asylum seekers and university students with each other and with each other's cultures. Most of the asylum seekers in Pirkanmaa region are young people, and therefore students are a suitable group to be their first Finnish contacts.

### Other

The group has organized open discussion sessions. Also some graduate students are accomplishing their thesis research on LWT-related activities. The LWT-group has carried out a small survey on integrative activities in University of Tampere.

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