

The Importance of Art in Childhood

Ensuring every child's participation in cultural life

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How ?



Infrastructure and nation-wide Projects

- Infrastructure of Art education institutions and Children's Cultural Centres
- Art education in schools – during lessons and after them
- Art and cultural institutions – how much value and efforts for young audience?

Everybody onboard? Not necessarily.

- Children's participation essential: offerings – children's interests
- Inclusive projects:

Art Testers (all 8th graders)

<https://www.taidetestaajat.fi/?artType=overall>

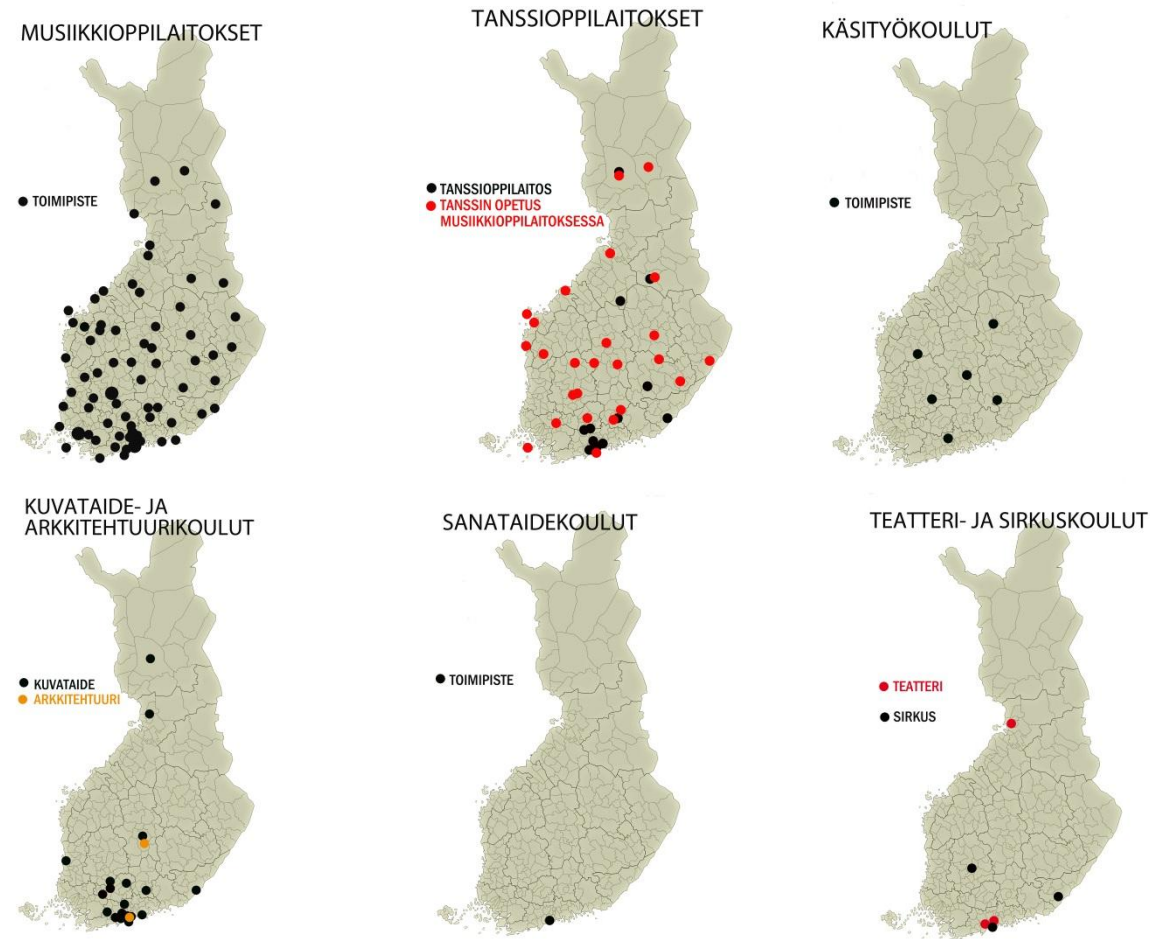
Cultural Education Plan (36 % of municipalities)

<http://kulttuurikasvatussuunnitelma.fi/en/>

- *Coming up:* Culture and Sport Pass for all children and young people in secondary schools (13-15 years old, 7-9 graders)

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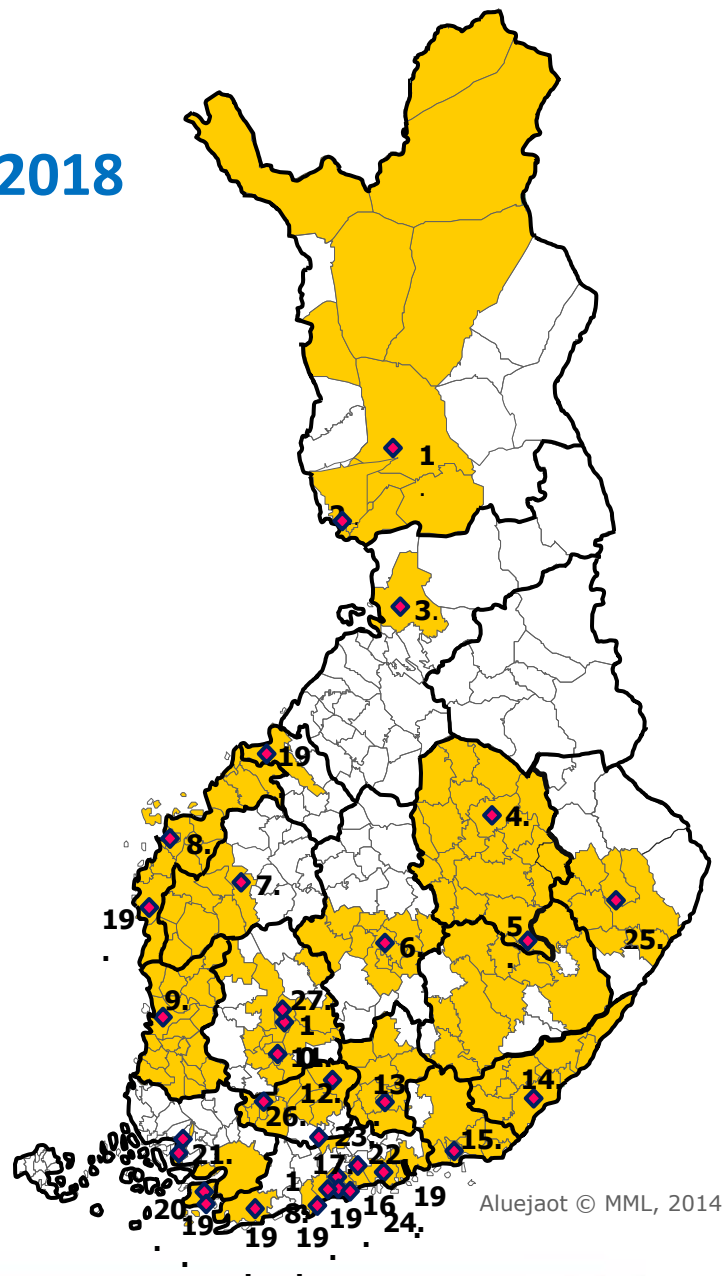
Basic Art Education: schools by art field



*Kuvassa opetustuntikohtaista valtionosuutta saavien oppilaitosten (128) määrä ko. taiteen alalla: arkkitehtuuri (1), kuvataide (16), käsityö (5), mediataiteet (0), musiikki (87), tanssi (12), sanataide (1), sirkustaide (3) ja teatteritaide (3)

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28 Children's Cultural Centres in 2018



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THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ART REVIEW GETS UNDER WAY


ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS IN FINLAND, NEARLY 200 000 YOUNG PEOPLE, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ART AS PART OF THE FINNISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION'S THREE-YEAR ART TESTERS INITIATIVE. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A REVIEW OF THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND THE RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON THIS WEBSITE IN REAL TIME.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DISCOVER WHAT FINNISH YEAR 8S ARE THINKING AND FEELING AND TO SEE HOW YOUNG PEOPLE AT YOUR OLD SCHOOL OR IN YOUR HOMETOWN ARE REACTING TO WHAT THEY SEE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT INSPIRATION YOU MIGHT FIND FOR YOURSELF.

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Cultural education familiarizes children and youth with their home region's culture and history and teaches them to appreciate its cultural heritage.

A tool for the writing of a cultural education plan



What

is a cultural education plan?



Why

should a cultural education plan be made?



How

is a cultural education plan made?

Culture and Sport Pass for all secondary school youngsters in 2019

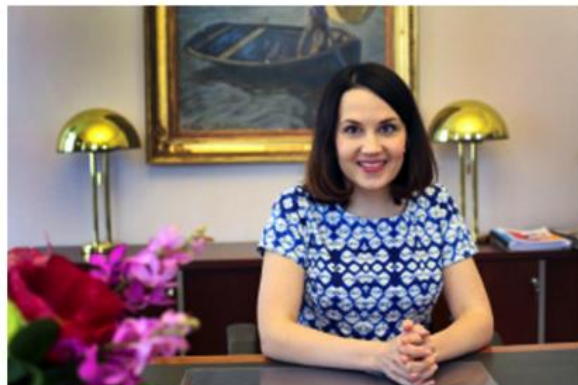


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"Children and young people will be offered greater opportunities to take an active part in art and cultural pursuit, and to improve their creative skills, cultural competence and capacity for learning."

Government Program's Key project on Art and Culture

Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön kysely peruskoululaisille



Mitkä taiteenalat ja liikuntalajit kiinnostavat sinua ja minkälaisia harrastuksia haluaisit omaan kouluusi?

Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö haluaa kuulla koululaisia. Kyselyn esittelee opetus- ja kulttuuriministeri Sanni Grahn-Laasonen videolla:

[Katso video tästä linkistä](#)

Kysely liittyy hallituksen taiteen, kulttuurin ja liikunnan kärkihankkeiden toteuttamiseen vuosina 2016-2018

Kyselyn vastausaika on 28.1.-22.2.2016.

Harrastusterveisin,
Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö

**KYSELYN VASTAUSAIKA ON NYT PÄÄTTYNYT JA AINEISTON ANALYYSI KÄYNNISSÄ.
KIITOKSET KAIKILLE AKTIIVISESTA OSALLISTUMISESTA!**

Aloita

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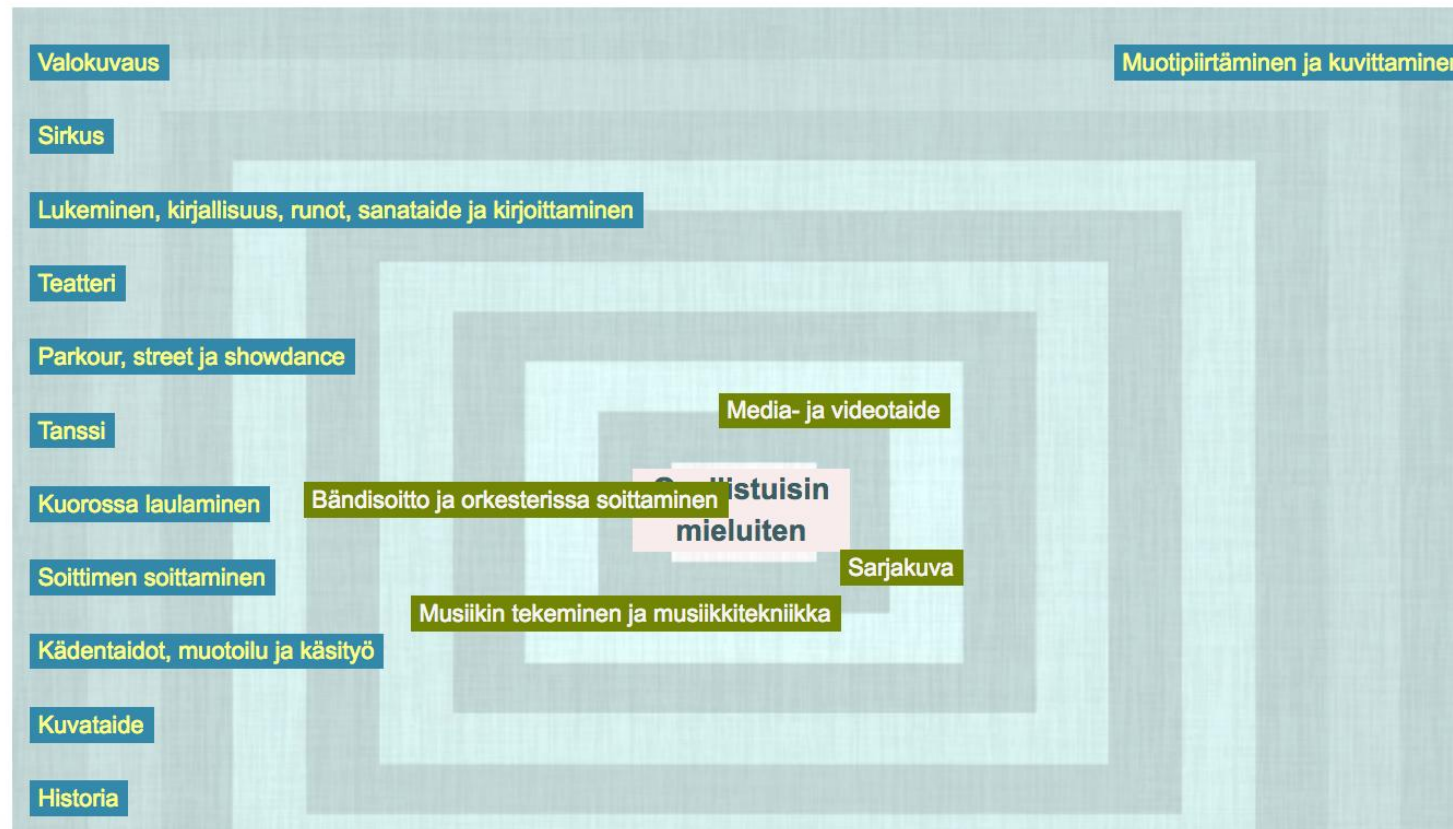
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Mitkä taiteen ja kulttuurin harrastetunnit kiinnostaisivat sinua koulussa järjestettyinä?

Kuvassa on taiteen ja kulttuurin harrastuksia. Jos laitat hiiren taidealan päälle, saat näkyviin, mitä se tarkoittaa. Mitkä taiteen ja kulttuurin harrastetunnit kiinnostaisivat sinua ja haluaisit osallistua?

Ohje:

- Siirrä hiirellä laatikoita kohti keskustaa, lähimmäs keskustaa se, johon mieluiten haluaisit osallistua.
- Liikuta niitä harrastuksia, joista olet kiinnostunut
- Voit siirrellä laatikoita useita kertoja
- Kun olet valmis, siirry eteenpäin sivun alareunan "Jatka"-painikkeella



Most children and young people (7-16 years old) have a wide interest in art, culture and sports:

One third of children are interested in all or almost all (17/18) fields of art and culture.

Curious Class Pilot 2018-2019

Linked to OECD project on creative and critical thinking: involving 11 countries, 4 years of work, 1. phase supported by Creative Europe program

Art and culture and art educator/artist inspire children to learn any subject in a new way, learning is easier or subject becomes more interesting

All Art is good for the children – Yes. But with certain criteria, more results can be reached:

Creative thinking

Critical thinking

Collaboration skills

Communication skills



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It is an opportune time...

- To give more attention and space for younger generations and their interests and ideas
- To collect best practises to enhance creative thinking / enhance imagination of children
- To link new European Agenda for Culture, Council Work Plan and new Creative Europa

Do more !

