



# Survival Guide 2025



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# Greetings!

**Hello and welcome to Aalto University!**

What you are reading now is the Survival Guide made for the international students and master's fuksis (fuksi=freshman) of the School of Engineering (ENG) in Aalto University. We hope this guide will help you navigate Otaniemi and get you acquainted with student life here in Aalto.

We can't wait to see you in autumn and wish you a great end of summer!

**ENG Master's Captains and International Deputy:**  
**Senja, Petteri, Pessi and Noah**

## Checklist

- ☐ Enrol as attending
- ☐ Set up your Aalto IT account password.aalto.fi
- ☐ Pay the AYY and Guild's membership fees
- ☐ Get an apartment!
- ☐ Arrive on time on Monday 25.8. *The week is full of useful and fun events! If you can't make it, send a message to your master's captains!*
- ☐ Order a student card from [www.myfrank.fi](http://www.myfrank.fi) or an ISIC student card
- ☐ Get an HSL travel card and register your student discount for public transit!
- ☐ Download Telegram and join the course chat. *Check page 15!*



# Student life in Finland

Finnish student culture is based in a strong sense of community. It is normal for students to go to great lengths to foster this sense of community by organising an array of different events and being a part of different clubs.



## Overalls

A big and visible part of student culture is the overalls. Different subject associations have their own with a wide range of colours. People wear their overalls with great pride. Everyone has the freedom to modify their overalls in any way they wish, and you can see some very unique things among the students. The most common modification is to sew patches onto the overalls. Many events give patches out as mementos, other patches signify which clubs someone is a part of, and sometimes patches are just cool.

## What is a teekkari?

Among different disciplines the students of technology have become infamous for their lively and active student culture. In Finland a student of technology is nicknamed a “teekkari”. You can recognize a teekkari from wearing the teekkari cap (seen in several pictures). The cap in its current form has been in use since 1893 and is trademark protected so that only those who earn it may wear it. The cap therefore holds a great significance in teekkari circles. All first year students (bachelor’s and master’s!) are given the chance to earn their cap by participating in teekkari culture.

## Sitsit

A staple event in student circles is an “academic dinner” called sitsit. At sitsit you get to enjoy good food, drinks and singing. Lack of singing skills is not an issue, it is said that a teekkari sings rather than well!





# The School of Engineering

Aalto University consists of six schools.  
Their names and abbreviations are:

School of Engineering  
ENG

School of Science  
SCI

School of Chemical  
Engineering  
CHEM

School of Electrical  
Engineering  
ELEC

School of Arts, Design  
and Architecture  
ARTS

School of Business  
BIZ

You are going to be a part of the School of Engineering (ENG), a great choice! Within ENG, there are three student guilds that organize student life:

The Guild of  
Surveying  
Engineers

The Guild of  
Civil  
Engineers

The Guild of  
Mechanical  
Engineers

Guild name in Finnish:  
**Maanmittarikilta**

Guild abbreviation:  
**MK**

Guild name in Finnish:  
**Rakennusinsinöörilikilta**

Guild abbreviation:  
**IK**

Guild name in Finnish:  
**Koneinsinöörilikilta**

Guild abbreviation:  
**KIK**

## What is a guild?

The different guilds focus on their respective subjects and bring together likeminded people. Guilds host a wide array of events both in Finnish and English. The guilds of ENG, especially in events for master's students, cooperate a lot and host many things together. So you will most likely have the pleasure of meeting people from all three guilds.

### Master's degrees studied in each guild:

#### The Guild of Surveying Engineers (MK)

- Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering
- Water and Environmental Engineering
- Real Estate Economics
- Geoinformatics
- Urban Studies and Planning in Real Estate Economics
- EIT Urban Mobility
- Environmental Engineering (Nordic Master)
- Cold Climate Engineering (Nordic Master) – Space track

#### The Guild of Mechanical Engineers (KIK)

- Advanced Energy Solutions
- Mechanical Engineering
- Innovative Sustainable Energy Engineering (Nordic Master)
- Cold Climate Engineering (Nordic Master) – Sea track
- Maritime Engineering (Nordic Master)

#### The Guild of Civil Engineers (IK)

- Building Technology
- Geoengineering
- European Mining Course

- Manufacturing (EIT Manufacturing Master School, Additive Manufacturing for Full Flexibility, Zero Defect Manufacture for Sustainable Economy)
- Environmental Pathways for Sustainable Energy Systems





# The Guild of Surveying Engineers

Hello! First and foremost a warm welcome and a congratulations for coming to study here with us.

Our names are Senja and Noah, and we are the Master's Captain and International Deputy for the Guild of Surveying Engineers or Maanmittarikilta (MK) in Finnish. We'll be your Aalto and Otaniemi Google for the next year, so please don't hesitate to ask us anything that's puzzling you about starting your studies here in Aalto. We may not know everything but we can find out the answer together. You can also always contact your tutors (or ISOs, as we say in Aalto) if you have anything in mind.

**Senja:** Hi and welcome again! I am Senja, your Master's Captain. I'm 23 years old and I'm just starting my master's programme in Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering, just like many of you! This will be my 4th year in Aalto and in the Guild of Surveying Engineers, and I have enjoyed my time here immensely. So now I'd like to help you get amazing Otaniemi experiences as well. In my free time I like to knit and crochet, play disc golf and drink good coffee. I also like cats and trains. I live currently in Espoo but I'm originally from Turku area. I love travelling, especially in France since I've studied the language for years.

**Noah:** Welcome from me as well. I'm Noah the Masters Deputy of MK. I too am 23, but unlike Senja I'll still finishing up my bachelors. I'm half Australian and I spent my childhood in a town near Sydney. In Finland I've lived in Helsinki, but find myself finding new things to see here. I spend my time hanging out with my flat mates and playing sport (right now volleyball is where it's at). I also consider myself to be an excellent guild room mario kart player. My time in Aalto has been amazing and I've got to do and see so much. I found that I love working together to contribute to the community. I hope you all during your time here find that same sense of community!

We look forward to finally meeting all of you in the orientation week, so see you on August 25th!

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**Hey you new member of the Guild of Surveying Engineers!** Congratulations on your acceptance to Aalto University and on making a great choice for your master's degree.

Don't let the name fool you - our organization brings together students from all aspects of the built environment field, regardless of how much actual surveying we do. The name is a relic from our long and rich history, which spans 124 years at the time of writing. During that time, the guild has continuously evolved and grown, all the while retaining its core identity as a warm and close-knit community.

Regardless of your major, all are welcome in the Guild of Surveying Engineers. We organize events of all shapes and sizes throughout the year. Participating in the guild's activities is a good way to meet like-minded people and make the most of your student life here in Otaniemi. I strongly encourage you to give our events a shot, because there is something for everyone. Speaking from experience, being active in the guild brings with it amazing people and lifelong memories. Remember to stop by the guild room Monttu (the Pit) when you have a chance. It's a great place to meet new friends, refill your tank with (FREE) coffee and decompress with a quick game on the Switch.

Our community would not exist without our many volunteers. At the start you will mostly interact with your tutors. They will certainly take good care of you, but don't hesitate to approach any other guild actives if you have something on your mind. We are here for you!

On behalf of the board, I wish you an amazing start to your studies with us:)

Joonas Häkli, Chair 2025  
The Guild of Surveying Engineers





# The Guild of Civil Engineers

Hello, and huge congratulations on starting your studies at Aalto University!

I'm Petteri, and I'm the International and Master's Captain for the Guild of Civil Engineers, also known as IK. I'm 23 years old and currently I'm studying in the Civil Engineering programme. I am now starting my fourth year of studies. In addition to studies, I have several hobbies, everything from cycling and hiking to skiing and bouldering.

As your International and Master's Captain I'll be, together with the amazing tutors in the Guild, your guide into the student life and culture at Aalto University. Together with my colleagues at other guilds, I hope we can provide you an amazing start to your student life in Finland. If you encounter any problems, feel free to contact me!

This coming semester I'll be organizing several different events together with the aforementioned tutors and colleagues. These are an opportunity for you to get to know your peers, have some fun and make unforgettable memories. While student life can occasionally be hectic and overwhelming, I hope to see you during the coming months and you'll find your place and group in this unique community.



The student life in Otaniemi is one of a kind in the world. Of the over 200 student associations in Otaniemi, several will likely overlap with your own interests. As such, I highly encourage you to bravely seek what this awesome community has to offer, since there is something for everyone in Aalto.

Looking forward to seeing you at Orientation!

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**Hello, and welcome to the Guild of Civil Engineers! :D**

I love Aalto for being such a diverse community with a plethora of possibilities in the field of studies. Studies aside, Aalto also offers one of the widest variety of voluntarily hosted student associations and hobby clubs in Finland's student culture with the Guild's right at the heart of it all.

Guild's form close knit communities bringing together students from similar fields of study. Us, the Guild of Civil Engineers, or less formally IK, unites students from a wide range of engineering fields due to some recent changes in our majors. We offer events, study guidance and a good spirit for all our members no matter the field of studies you are starting in. I hope that we can offer you all something that makes your University time here special.

The Guild is run by a 12 member board (see picture) and a huge bunch of volunteers. The most important ones for your upcoming Fuksi year are the BIGs (tutors) who will be helping you get a grasp of the Finnish student culture! Do not be afraid to ask questions and seize opportunities!

Eagerly waiting for your arrival to Otaniemi on the behalf of our whole Guild,  
Oscar Rouvinen  
Chair 2025  
The Guild of Civil Engineers



# The Guild of Mechanical Engineers

Hello Everyone, and a warm welcome to Aalto University!

My name is Pessi, and I'm the Masters captain for the Guild of Mechanical Engineers or Koneinsinöörrikilta (KIK) in Finnish. I'm 22 years old and about to start my third year in the Mechanical Engineering Bachelor's programme this autumn.

Outside of studies, I've found that the best way to make new friends and have a good time is by getting involved in the guild. The community is incredibly warm and welcoming and I truly encourage you to take part in the events!

Before I started studying at Aalto, I went to high school in Helsinki where I've actually lived my whole life, until moving to Espoo earlier this year. In my free time I play the Trumpet and Guitar, work on my car and do some film photography. I also love to talk about music and fashion, so feel free to come chat with me anytime!



This coming year we, the Master's Captains and your tutors, will organize all kinds of events for you to have fun in! While it can feel overwhelming starting studies in a new environment, I'm certain that you will soon find your own place in this awesome community. Still if you encounter any problems remember that me and your tutors are always here to help!

I hope you'll take full advantage of everything Otaniemi student life has to offer. It's vibrant, diverse, and sometimes almost too active! There are over 200 different associations to join, so whether you have a particular hobby in mind or are looking to explore new interests, I'm confident you'll find the perfect fit for you.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events!

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## Hello New Members of the Guild of Mechanical Engineers!

First of all, congratulations and welcome to the Guild of Mechanical Engineers! We are always happy to have new members in our guild, and hope that your time here will be filled with memorable experiences. As a guild, our job is to connect the students from several different major programs together, give feedback and opinions about our studies to the university, and arrange excursions to the companies. The guild is led by a board, which has 13 students in it, and we also have a bunch of officials to help with the daily operations and various different projects. We have a dance group and a group for driving and fixing our Soviet crawler tractor, but we also organize typical Finnish sauna evenings since there are so many saunas around Otaniemi.

Finnish people are known for their love of nature, and I encourage you to explore nature while you're here. Otaniemi is a beautiful, walkable campus with some nature – some years ago people were constantly seeing a fox walking around the woods. For more nature, the Nuuksio National Park is a wonderful place to go for a hike for a few hours, and you can get there by bus. Of course befriending a Finnish person is always a good idea, but also because you might be able to go to their cabin and stay for a few nights. My family's cabin is a true representation of how our ancestors lived: on an island in the Turku archipelago with lots of fish and a vast sea.

As you go through the school year, semester, or your studies, my sincere hope is that you will gain much more than academic knowledge. Please taste the Finnish cuisine, visit museums, and embrace our traditions. In addition to that, being a teekkari is a unique thing. In Otaniemi, there is much to explore. Join clubs and associations that correlate to your interests, attend big and small events to meet new people, and enjoy the vibrant community. The majority of the organizers, including the board of our guild, are volunteers, who dedicate their time and efforts purely out of love for what they do. Once again, welcome to our guild and get your own pink overall during the Orientation Week! We are one of the biggest guilds in Otaniemi, and are very recognizable with the baby pink. Remember to have fun in a way that others have fun too, respecting others and our dear nature. Feel free to reach out in person or via Telegram — I'm especially happy to help with anything guild-related or more technical/mechanical questions.

Valtteri Erkkilä  
The Chair of the Board 2025  
Guild of Mechanical Engineers



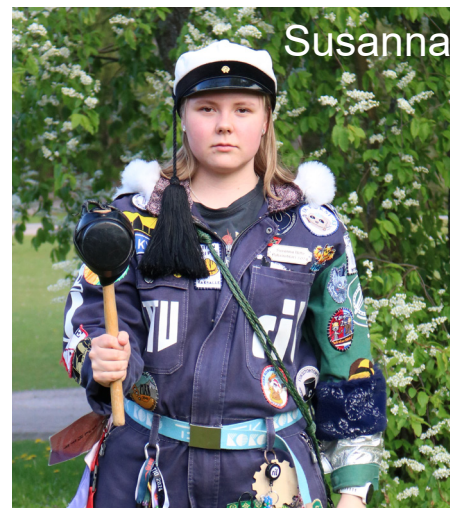
# Tutor Responsibles



Emmi

Hello everyone! My name is Emmi and I'm the master's tutor coordinator for MK this year. I'm here to help guide the tutors and make sure they know how best to help you, as well as to support our master's captain Senja. I'm very excited to meet all of you soon, and remember that you can also always reach out to me with any questions!

Hi! I'm Susanna Uitto, the guild of Civil Engineers ISOresponsible for this year! I guide the international student's ISOs and help them make sure you new fuksis get the best introduction to Otaniemi! Have a great summer, and I hope to see you all during orientation week!



Susanna

Hello! I'm Vilma Hytönen, the tutor coordinator of the Guild of Mechanical Engineers for the academic year 2025–2026. My responsibilities include guiding both the Bachelor's ISOs and the International / Master's ISOs and thus making sure that the new fuksis get the best possible start to student life here in Otaniemi. Hopefully we'll meet during orientation week!

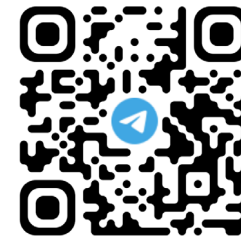


Vilma

# Telegram and Other Useful Apps

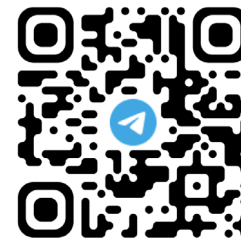


The main communication channel in the student community is Telegram. Therefore we highly recommend you to create an account and join at least these important channels:



## ENG Masters 2025-2026

This **conversation group** welcomes all students starting their master's degree in The School of Engineering. Free chatting welcome!



## ENG Masters INFO 2025-2026

This **information channel** welcomes all students starting their master's degree in The School of Engineering. Follow the channel to get info on important events and schedules, starting from the orientation week!

You should also consider downloading these apps to make your life easier in Otaniemi:



**HSL.** The app for public transport in Helsinki region. You can buy tickets and find routes in the app.



**Frank App.** You can get a digital student discount card in Frank App. Get discounts for food, travel, shopping and much more!



**Aalto Space.** If you're lost on campus in your first weeks, don't worry! You can find all lecture halls and classrooms in this app. You can also reserve study spaces on campus for free!



**Kide App.** This app is very commonly used for selling tickets to various student events, such as parties, apros and sitsit!



# Autumn Calendar

Here are some events to look forward to during autumn semester. But don't remember to follow your guild's Telegram info channel to find out even more fun stuff to do!



## August

25.-30.8.  
Orientation week

28.8.  
Aalto welcome fair

29.8.  
Teekkari life  
presentation

30.8.  
OtaFest(ival)

## September

2.9. Aalto party &  
Afterparty

3.9.  
Picnic and chill

5.9.  
Stadi Orienteering

12.9.  
Practice Sitsi sitsi

20.9.  
CampENG

24.9.  
Beer TastENG

## October

TBD.10.  
KyykkENG

4.10.  
Suomi-evenENG

11.10.  
International  
Grand Sitsit

## November

TBD.11.  
ENG movie night

2.11.  
International  
Grand Sitsi

17.11.  
Danny Devito's  
Birthday

23.-25.11.  
OtaCruise

28.11.  
Wappu Simulator

## December

6.12.  
Finnish  
Independence  
Day

13.12.  
ENG International  
Small Christmas

24.12.  
Christmas Eve





# Orientation Week Timetable

## The Guild of Surveying Engineers

If you are in the Guild of Surveying Engineers (if unsure, check page 7), this is the timetable for your orientation week!  
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- [Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering](#)
- [Water and Environmental Engineering](#)
- [Geoinformatics](#)
- [Real Estate Economics](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning in Real Estate Economics](#)
- [EIT Urban Mobility](#)
- [Environmental Engineering \(Nordic Master\)](#)
- [Cold Climate Engineering \(Nordic Master\) - Space track](#)

	Mon 25.8.		Tue 26.8.		Wed 27.8.		Thu 28.8.		Fri 29.8.												
	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree											
09:00				Degree-specific school programme		Degree-specific school programme		Info for tuition-fee liable-students (Otakaari 4)			09:00										
09:30	Breakfast and morning session (Stage, Puumiehenkuja 5)	Breakfast and welcome (213a, Otakaari 4)							How to make the most of your exchange (U2, Otakaari 1)	Aalto welcome fair (Otakaari 1)	Exchange hangout (Mordor, A Grid, Otakaari 5)	Personal study plan + Q&A (Otakaari 4) [EIT at the Design Factory]	09:30								
10:00			Studies (U2, Otakaari 1)		Settling in Finland (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)		Friendling (U2, Otakaari 1)	Aalto Welcome Fair (Otakaari 1)					Better Study Life lecture (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	Teekkari Life (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	10:00						
10:30																Lunch break	HSL pop-up point (open 10:00-16:00, Otakaari 1)	Finnish way of living (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	Better Student Life at Aalto (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	Guildroom pre-party @Otakaari 4	10:30
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- [European Mining Course](#)

	Mon 25.8.		Tue 26.8.		Wed 27.8.		Thu 28.8.		Fri 29.8.		
	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	Exchange	Degree	
09:00				Degree specific programme (Details later)		Degree specific programme (Details later)		Information for tuition-fee liable students (Otakaari 4)			
09:30	Breakfast and morning session (Stage, Puumiehenkuja 5)	Breakfast, Dean's welcome and study essentials lecture @ Lecture hall 213a, Otakaari 4							Aalto Welcome Fair (Otakaari 1, lobby)	Exchange hangout (Mordor, A Grid, Otakaari 5)	Personal study plan and Q&A (Otakaari 4) ; (EIT students: Introduction to Entrepreneurship Ecosystem (Design Factory, Puumiehenkuja 5)
10:00			Studies (U2 (U157), Otakaari 1)		Settling in Finland (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)		How to make the most of your exchange (U2 (U157), Otakaari 1)				
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11:30							Friendling (U2 (U157), Otakaari 1)				
12:00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break		Aalto welcome fair (Otakaari 1)			Better Study Life lecture, (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	Teekkari life (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)		
12:30											
13:00											
13:30		Afternoon session: Scientific writing and Intercultural Communication, Study Skills, and AYY	Lunch break		Finnish way of living (Aalto-hall), Otakaari 1)		Better Student Life at Aalto (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)				
14:00	Afternoon session (216, Otakaari 4)									Student communities (U2 (U157), Otakaari 1)	
14:30											
15:00											
15:30								RaksaRock at IK Guild room, Rakentajanaukio 4. Live music, grilling and chill hangout.			
16:00	Campus tour with tutors										
16:30											
17:00			Overalls reception and suiting up @ Guild Room, Rakentajanaukio 4								
17:30											
18:00	Overalls Gala and Games @ Rakentajanaukio 4				Otaorienteering, start at 16:50 @ Amphitheatre						
18:30			Evening hangout with ENG guilds: more information later! @ Otaniemi								
19:00											
19:30	Overalls fitting, chill hangout and food with the rest of the Guild @ Otakaari 20				Afterparty @ Smökki	Kaukkarit party @ Smökki					
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# Orientation Week Timetable

## The Guild of Mechanical Engineers

If you are in the Guild of Mechanical Engineers (if unsure, check page 7), this is the timetable for your orientation week!

Don't miss the colour codes:

Exchange students follow the **yellow** column.

Degree students follow the **green** column.

The School of Engineering is in charge of the day programme in **blue**. This is the important part where you get all the necessary information for your studies and life in Finland.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, you can find **degree-specific programme** for degree students. You can find your programme through the link to your own degree. Click the link and scroll down the page.

The Guild of Mechanical Engineers is in charge of the evening programme in **red**. This is the part where you get to know the student culture and your fellow students in the guild and in Aalto University.

- [Advanced Energy Solutions](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering](#)
- [Innovative Sustainable Energy Engineering \(Nordic Master\)](#)
- [Cold Climate Engineering \(Nordic Master\) – Sea track](#)
- [Maritime Engineering \(Nordic Master\)](#)
- [EIT Manufacturing](#)
- [Environomical Pathways for Sustainable Energy Systems](#)

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10:30												Finnish way of living (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)
11:00			Lunch break		HSL pop-up point		Aalto Welcome Fair				Better Study Life lecture (Aalto-hall, Otakaari 1)	
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# Aalto University Student Union

As a student of Aalto, Aalto University Student Union, AYY, is your student union. AYY brings together about 17,000 students of arts, design, business and technology. We work to ensure the well-being of all our members and we want to develop teaching at Aalto and the best student life in the world.

As a member of AYY, you are entitled to numerous student union services and student benefits both locally and throughout Finland. AYY offers several services for its members, such as affordable student housing, rental facilities, and advocacy. As a student of Aalto, you can also participate in activities and events organised by AYY and over 200 associations within the Student Union.

## AYY in Figures

- More than 17,000 members
- Approximately 200 organisations and associations
- Approximately 2,700 student apartments
- Nearly 50 employees
- 10 full-time board members
- Approximately 500 volunteers

## Communication Channels

You can find comprehensive information about all AYY’s services and opportunities at [aay.fi](http://aay.fi). We compile all current information concerning students in the weekly newsletter published by email on Mondays.



@aay\_fi  
@aayhousing



aay\_fi



AYY Info  
AYY Events



Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunta - AYY  
AYY Housing



Aalto University Student Union AYY



Student Union AYY

# Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!



A warm welcome to Aalto University and especially to your Student Union AYY.

Student life is a matter close to our hearts, and we at AYY are working hard to ensure that you can experience the best student life in the world! Our goal is to ensure that every student enjoys a safe and supportive environment during their studies.

A new open world full of great opportunities is now in front of you. We encourage you bravely jump into the unknown – to learn, to discover, to explore and above all to enjoy your time at Aalto. Challenges are part of life and finding your own path can be challenging at times. So don’t hesitate to contact us as we are here to support you with any problems you may have.

See you on campus!

AYY board '25



# Services

## Student housing

AYY owns 2700 student apartments and offers home for over 3400 residents. Apartments are located in Otaniemi and Leppävaara in Espoo and in various parts of Helsinki.

Living in AYY's apartments requires AYY membership and a valid right of residence to AYY apartments.

AYY has single room apartments, studios, two room apartments and bigger apartments. Single room apartments are offered primarily to new students and exchange students. All the apartments are unfurnished, and rent includes internet and water. Laundry room and sauna slots are extra service for free.

You can browse and search for AYY's housing through the Domo system: [domo.ayy.fi](http://domo.ayy.fi). You can read more detailed application instructions on AYY's Housing website. As a student, you can also apply housing from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS).

## Advocacy and interest representation

AYY represents students' interests and rights on university level and national level, making sure students are being heard in the society! You can take advantage of AYY's advocacy services, for example, if your exam results are late or you may get in touch with an

equity officer if you encounter any type of harassment. As a member of AYY, you can apply for administration as a student representative and influence the decisions made at the university.

AYY's highest decision-making body is the Representative Council (RepCo), which is elected by vote. In the elections, all AYY members can vote and run as candidates. The next Representative Council elections will be held this fall. Members of the Representative Council decide on the goals and policies of the Student Union.

## Student culture

Volunteering, association activities and diverse events are an essential part of Aalto student culture and the Aalto community. The highlights of the year include Wappu and Orientation week events, annual ball, Shrovetide celebrations and many other events.

In addition to the Student Union, events are organised by volunteers who work in sections and committees. AYY has five sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum Section, and Advocacy Management Group (more commonly known as EduJory). The call for volunteers will open in late autumn. Information on the call will be published in AYY's communication channels.

In addition, AYY has more than 200 associations that organise activities in the fields of sports, music, games, and other hobbies. New students are always welcome to join association activities, and

AYY offers help, support, and advice for the establishment of associations and their activities. Keep an open mind for different opportunities and get to know the associations in upcoming events!

The Museum of Student Life has expanded its exhibition and activities to cover the student cultures of the entire Aalto community - technology, business and arts. In addition to technology students' culture, the museum now also presents the history and present of KY - Aalto University Business Students and TOKYO, Students of Art, Design and Architecture. In addition, AYY's art collection will also be presented in the exhibition collections. The museum is located at Jämeräntäival 3A.

## Rental facilities

In addition to housing, AYY has numerous saunas, event venues and recreational facilities that members can rent. Some facilities are free of charge. AYY also rents a van.

## Scholarships and project grants

You can apply for a project grant from AYY or the TTE-Fund for a project organised by a group of friends or an association. You can also apply for scholarships awarded by AYY.

## Student benefits

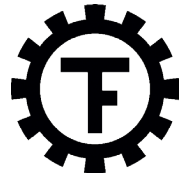
You will receive a digital or plastic student card to prove your student status (card delivered by Frank). By showing your student status, you are entitled to hundreds of benefits from 1 Aug onwards, including Kela, Matkahuolto and VR, as well as to student lunch discount in student restaurants. You are also entitled to student discount in public transport in the metropolitan area if you live in the HSL area and have updated your student status in your travel card at the HSL service point or activated the student discount in your HSL-app. You can find the list of all benefits and discounts available with the student card on Frank's website at [frank.fi](http://frank.fi).

The digital student card Frank App is an official student ID, which you can download and activate starting on 1 Aug once you have enrolled for attendance at the university and paid AYY's membership fee. You can check the prices of other card options on Frank's website. You can also add an ISIC license to both digital and plastic student cards. More information on different student cards can be found on Frank's website at [frank.fi](http://frank.fi).

If you have chosen the plastic student card, please remember to pick up the academic year tag (aka. sticker) for your card from AYY's service point! At the same time, you can also pick up a free Design Notebook and a badge.



# Teekkari Guilds and Associations



TF  
Teknologföreningen  
Association for swedish-speaking students



KK  
Kemistikilta  
Chemistry Guild  
Aalto CHEM



MK  
Maanmittarikilta  
Guild of Surveying Engineers  
Aalto ENG



AK  
Arkitektikilta  
Guild of Architecture  
Aalto ARTS



IK  
Rakennusinsinöörilta  
Guild of Civil Engineers  
Aalto ENG



KIK  
Koneinsinöörilta  
Guild of Mechanical Engineers  
Aalto ENG



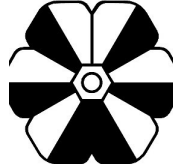
SIK  
Sähköinsinöörilta  
Guild of Electrical Engineering  
Aalto ELEC



PJK  
Puunjalostajakilta  
Forest Products Guild  
Aalto CHEM



FK  
Fyysikkokilta  
Guild of Physics  
Aalto SCI



VK  
Vuorimieskilta  
Guild of Materials and Metallurgy  
Aalto CHEM



Prodeko  
Guild of Industrial Engineering and management  
Aalto SCI



TiK  
Tietokilta  
Guild of Knowledge  
Aalto SCI



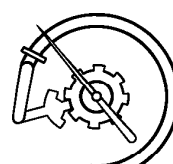
AS  
Automaatio- ja systeemitekniikan kilta  
Guild of Automation and Systems technology  
Aalto ELEC



Athene  
Guild of Information Networks  
Aalto SCI

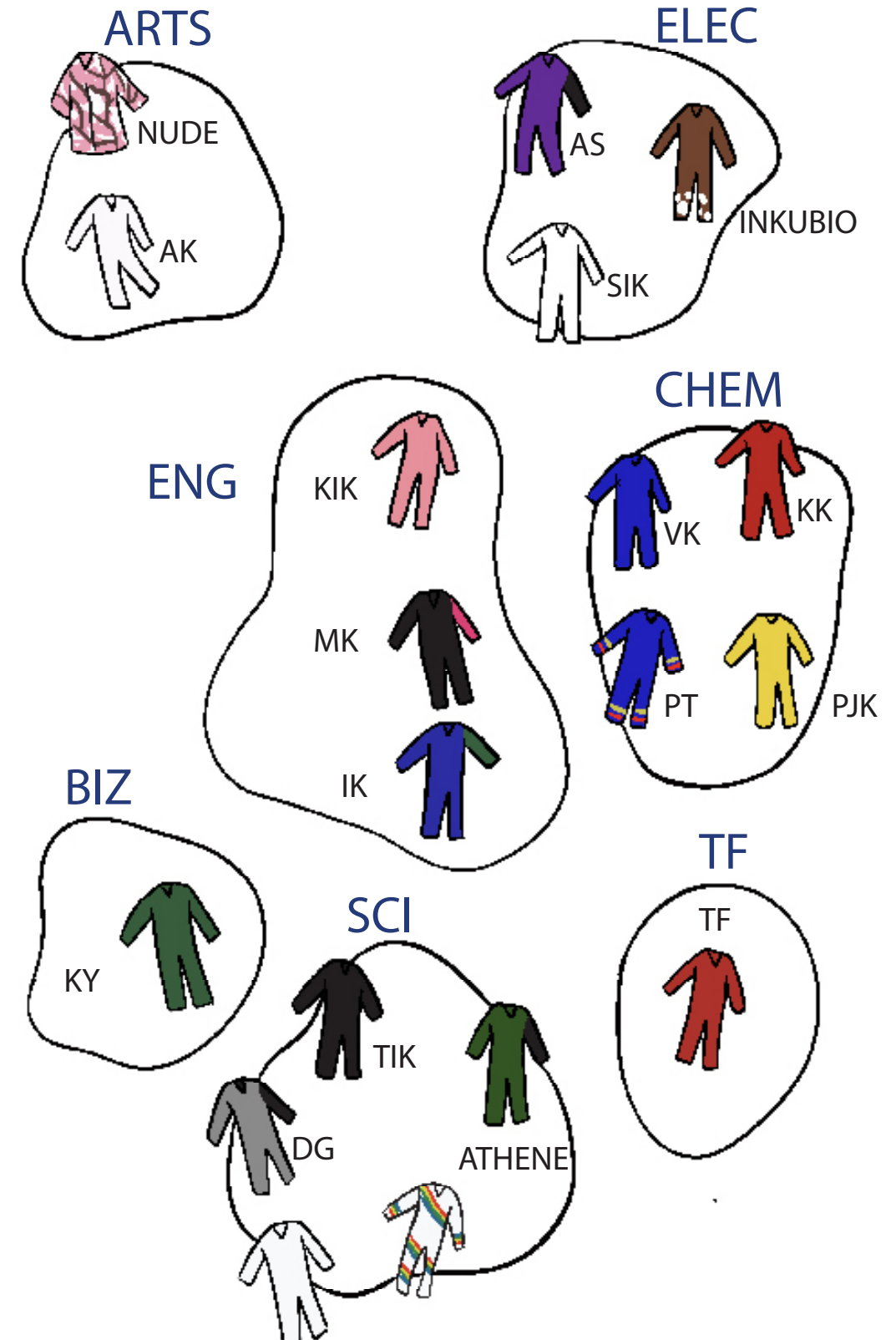


Inkubio  
Guild of Bioinformation Technology  
Aalto ELEC



PT  
Prosessiteekkarit  
Association of Process Engineering students  
Aalto CHEM

# Overalls





# Professional Subject Associations

Professional Subject Associations, often called “AA clubs” (short for ammattiainekerho not anonymous alcoholics... ), are for students who wish to deepen their connection to a specific subject. The Guilds are relatively large organizations catering to everyone, but in these clubs you can connect with like minded people and get more professional content on fascinating excursions, seminars and fun evening parties. Of course, nothing stops you from joining several of them if you are interested! Most of the activity is in Finnish, but just ask and you’ll surely get help.



Akva  
water and environmental  
engineering club  
akva.ayy.fi



LVK  
Energy Engineering Club  
lvk.ayy.fi



Fundi  
Real estate economics stu-  
dents’ association  
fundi.fi



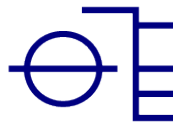
MKR  
Geotechnical and Hydraulic  
Engineering club  
mkr.ayy.fi



Linkki  
Transportation and High-  
way Engineering Club  
linkki.ayy.fi



Poligoni  
Geoinformatics Club  
poligoni.ayy.fi



LRK  
Shipbuilders’ Club



ROPO  
Construction Economics  
Club  
ropo.ayy.fi



LVI  
Architectural engineering  
and energy engineering Club  
lvi.ayy.fi



VTK  
Production and manufactur-  
ing engineering club  
valmistustekniikankerho.com



AMEK  
Association for students  
interested in mechatronics  
amek.fi



## Congratulations Fuksi!

Become a student member of TEK! Membership is completely free, and includes a host of services to help you not only work in Finland, but to thrive here. These include guidance on how to summer job hunt, recommendations for your salary, as well as legal aid to check your first contract or to later protect your rights. As a joining gift, you will receive a TEK overall belt.

TEK is a community of some 81,000 university students and graduates in the field of technology. We strive to ensure that our members have the best working conditions possible, in order to help them solve the major issues of our time; from climate change and natural resource scarcity to artificial intelligence.

Find out more at [www.tek.fi/en/students](http://www.tek.fi/en/students) or join [www.tek.fi/en/join](http://www.tek.fi/en/join) now!

Best regards,



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**TEK**  
*Powering your career*



# International Committee



**The International Committee** or **KvTMK** (comes from the Finnish word Kansainvälisyystoimikunta) consists of the people in charge of international students and matters in different guilds and associations and is led by the International Director. KvTMK is involved in the fuksi and tutoring activities regarding the international fuksis (new Master's students, exchange students and Double Degree students). The events organized by KvTMK are for all Aalto students, yet prioritizing the internationals as the main language in KvTMK's events is always English. Furthermore, KvTMK also promotes internationalism and the role of foreign students at Aalto and the Teekkari guilds and associations.

KvTMK works under Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto in Finnish), or TJ when shortened. Teekkari Section's main job is to uphold various Teekkari traditions and organise many different kinds of activities that are meant to strengthen and enrich the Teekkari spirit. Although its main objective is to focus on Teekkari life, the activities are open for all Aalto students.

Additionally, as the representative of the oldest and original technical university students in Finland, Teekkari Section's opinions have a big impact on the future of Teekkari traditions.

## KvTMK Symbols

There will be many events which are organised by the whole of KvTMK, so its good to know how to recognise one. So let's get acquainted with the Teekkarius KvTMKius.

### Suspenders

The first and easily the most obvious feature is the bright green **suspenders** worn by the committee members. They have their names on them as well if you find yourself forgetting a captains name.

### Panda Hood

Another easy way to spot a member of our committee is our panda hoods with a rainbow stripe. Each stripe corresponds with a guild and the order they are has a deep meaning behind it which a certain IK Captain is always eager to explain. This identification method isn't fool proof as all previous committees have the same hood.

### Globe necklace

Another general identifier is a globe necklace that is adorne by past and present committee members during more formal settings.

### Panda Mascot

Finally the way to spot the alpha Masters Captain is by spotting our mascot Paavo the Panda he carries around at all times.

These are the traits of the illusive Teekkarius KvTMKius, happy spotting!!





# International Director's Greetings

Greetings, new fuksi!

Heartfelt congratulations on your admission to Aalto University, you have made a choice of your lifetime applying here! I wish to warmly welcome you to our Aalto community and the unique community of technology students, Teekkaris!

My name is Niklas Riihelä, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union, known as AYY. I am the current chair of the International Committee, KvTMK for short, which consists of the International Captains, International Officers, or Master's Captains of the Teekkari guilds and associations, as also stated above.

Our goal with the aforementioned International Captains of the Teekkari associations and your ISOs / BIGs or tutors is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable and as accessible as possible!

The Teekkari culture is very unique and something that you can experience ONLY in Finland. The community, the International Committee and your own International Captains will provide you with events and unique experiences in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Otaniemi and the rest of Finland and meet other fellow students. The activities are a great chance to enhance your stay in Aalto and to have the time of your life!

The Teekkari culture has an extensively long history and Teekkaris have had a presence throughout Finland over many years, especially in Otaniemi and Helsinki. Teekkaris have been based in Otaniemi since 1966. The most prized distinction of a Teekkari is their tasseled cap (Teekkarilakki), which goes back to 1893. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy not only in itself but also for those around it. Outside of Otaniemi, Teekkaris are known, among other things for their pranks (jäynä), tempaus, and singing culture. The Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance - Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are.

For what matters to you is the long-standing tradition of fuksi education and upbringing. My, and your International Captains' task, is to welcome you to the Aalto community and guide you through your first year or semester in Aalto.

As a fuksi, you will be able to collect fuksi points from various events and activities. These points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, as well as to all the fun memories! Collecting enough of these points may grant you the possibility to earn you your very own Teekkari cap.

The fuksi year will culminate in the largest, most joyful, and revered event for us Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that you, the fuksis, have proven yourself worthy. If you are an exchange student leaving after the autumn term, I strongly suggest visiting Otaniemi again for the potential Wappu.

In addition to technology student fuksis, there are also arts and business students studying in Otaniemi. The united and multidisciplinary university, as well as the Aalto community, will provide you with a rich and abundant selection of student activities to complement your studies. And I can personally promise that everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

My most important advice for you is to participate with an open mind and heart. Get to know your International Captains, tutors, and other fellow students. Besides studying, experiencing new things together and building friendships are some of the best opportunities our university can provide you during your time here as a student. Your guild or association, the International Committee, and countless other people and organizations create the framework for the activities, but you decide how you want to shape your time as a student.

A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you and I recommend that you make the most of it! I am in the privileged position of accompanying you and your fellow students on your journey to becoming Teekkaris. See you at orientation week!

Best regards,

The International  
Director

*Niklas Riihelä*





# NEW STUDENTS!

## WELCOME TO UNISPORT

### WHAT IS UNISPORT?

The university members' own sports center & 100% the best place for students to exercise!

#### UniSport's top 3:

Versatile selection of sports  
Relaxed atmosphere  
Community spirit

### WHAT CAN YOU FIND AT UNISPORT?

High-quality gyms  
Nearly 200 group exercise classes  
Ball sports  
Personal Training services  
Massage  
Sports courses

KLUUVI | KUMPULA | MEILAHTI | OTANIEMI | TÖÖLÖ

### AUTUMN CAMPAIGN: TRY OUT FOR FREE!

The first time is always free!  
Additionally, you get **3 free part-time single visits** until September 30, 2025.

**Come and try it out – you might get hooked!**

from  
**8€**  
/month

### SCAN FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN



### MEMBERSHIP - STUDENT'S BEST DEAL

#### What options?

- 12-month/4-month/1-month memberships
- More affordable part-time membership is valid during all other opening hours except Mon–Thu from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM

#### What's included?

- Gym training
- Group exercise classes + online services
- Ball game groups

Aalto community  
AYY annual ball - festivals  
adventures - sports  
wellbeing  
activities for master students  
interdisciplinary events

community section

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section - committee - events



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AYY events

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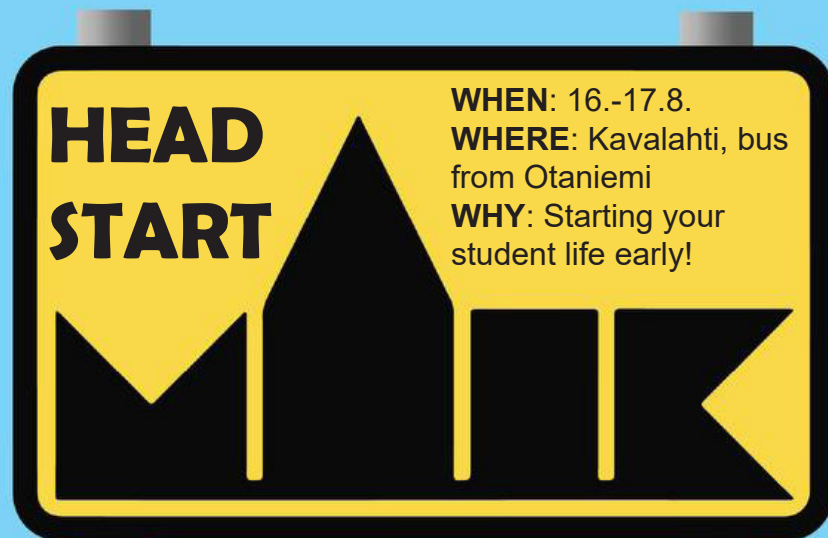


MORE INFO: [www.unisport.fi](http://www.unisport.fi)



FOLLOW US: @unisportfi





**WHEN:** 16.-17.8.  
**WHERE:** Kavalahiti, bus from Otaniemi  
**WHY:** Starting your student life early!

MAIK is a professional subject association connecting the Surveying, Architecture, and Civil Engineering student guilds. The association's goal is to bring together students from Aalto University's built environment fields already during their studies, due to the obvious need for networking within these professions. This is done through relaxed events – and the first one is approaching fast!

**MAIK Varaslähtö (Headstart)** is a great opportunity to get to know your future fellow students and spend the first unforgettable MAIK moments of your university journey with other Maikkians even before the official orientation week begins! What could be better than kicking off your studies in a cozy cottage setting with good food, drinks, and the best company? I can also assure you that your first days of school will be easier when you already recognize a few familiar faces!

In addition to new students, the event will include fuksi captains and board members from the Surveying, Architecture, and Civil Engineering guilds, ISOs (=tutors), and of course, the MAIK board. The program includes activities such as sauna and outdoor games! The Varaslähtö takes place at the Kavalahiti camp center from **Saturday to Sunday, August 16–17**. Bus transportation will be arranged from Otaniemi on Saturday and back to Otaniemi on Sunday.

**Registration** will open later on the Kide.app platform (online at: kide.app). You can find more information about registration on MAIK's Telegram, Instagram, website, and in your guild's freshman chat on Telegram!

Read more and become a MAIK member today: <https://www.maik-ry.fi/> (P.S. It's free!)

Also, check out MAIK's Telegram (via QR code) and Instagram: @maik-yhdistys

Leo Jussila  
 Chairman 2025  
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# KIK + SIK Head Start

## Can't wait until orientation? Join KIK + SIK head start!

The Master's fuksis and new exchange students of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers Guilds will have a head start together on the 16th of August from 17:00 forwards! Remember to bring clothes suitable for the weather, cash and sauna equipment if you wish.

We will start at Ossinlampi in Otaniemi.

## KIK + SIK HEAD START 2025

**WHAT:** Having a great time with new friends and enjoying the Finnish summer by chilling and going to sauna

**WHERE:** Ossinlampi, Otaniemi

**WHEN:** Sat 16.8.2024 from 17:00 onwards

**BRING:** clothes suitable for the weather, cash and sauna equipment if you wish



# Otaniemi - English Dictionary

Here is a collection of some of the words that don't necessarily carry much meaning outside of Otaniemi but are useful to know while you are studying or living here. You don't have to remember all of these and can always ask an older student if you are unsure of something.

## Places

**A Bloc:** A small shopping centre above the Aalto-University metro station

**Alvari:** The square behind the Undergraduate Centre. Also a cafeteria in the Undergraduate Centre

**Amfi:** Amphitheatre outside the main building

**Dipoli:** The main building of Aalto-University in Otaniemi. Also a cafeteria

**Jämeräntaival; JMT:** A street in Otaniemi with most event venues and lots of student housing

**Kandilafka:** Slang word for the Undergraduate Centre

**Keskustoimisto; Keto:** AYY Central Office

**Kiltahuone; Kiltis:** Guild room, which is a place for guild members to hang out, drink coffee and play games

**Konelafka:** The main building for mechanical and surveyor engineering students

**Lafka:** A slang word for an University building

**Niemi:** Otaniemi. Also means peninsula in Finnish

**OK:** Otakaari, the road which goes through Otaniemi

**OK20:** A building often used for parties on Otakaari

**Oppimiskesku:** Learning centre. A library and study space on the south western edge of Alvari

**Ossinlampi:** A small pond in Otaniemi

**Palju:** A hot tub, the place to be at sillis

**Perhekylä:** The SMT side of Teekkarikylä

**Polyteekkarimuseo:** The museum of teekkari culture

**Päälafka:** See Kandilafka

**Raksalafka:** The main building for civil engineering students

**Rantasauna; Rantsu:** A sauna on the sea shore in Teekkarikylä

**Servin Maijan tie; SMT:** A road in Otaniemi with a lot of student housing

**Smökki:** The main event venue in Otaniemi

**Teekkarikylä:** A district in Otaniemi which consists of JMT and SMT

**Täffä:** A cafeteria in Otaniemi owned by TF. Serves spaghetti on wednesdays

**Ullanlinnanmäki; Ullis:** A part of Kaivopuisto where students gather to celebrate on the 1st of May

**Väre:** A building above the Aalto University metro station. Main building for ARTS and BIZ students

## Guilds and Organizations

**Aava:** AYY's community section bringing students together through events

**Arkkitehtikilta; AK:** The Guild of Architects

**ARTS:** Aalto University's School of Arts and Design

**Automaatio ja systeemitekniikan kilta;**

**AS:** The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology

**Athene:** The Guild of Information Networks

**AYY:** The student union of Aalto University. Promotes the interests of students and organizes events

**BIZ:** Aalto University's School of Business

**CHEM:** Aalto University's School of Chemical Engineering

**Domo:** AYY's student housing managing system where you can apply for student housing

**ELEC:** Aalto University's School of Electrical Engineering



**ENG:** Aalto University's School of Engineering. Your school!

**Fyysikkokilta; FK:** The Guild of Physicist

**FTMK:** The Fuksi Committee under AYY. It contains all of the Fuksi Captains led by the Fuksi Major

**HOAS:** Helsinki region student housing foundation. You can apply for student housing through their website

**HSL:** The Helsinki Regional Transport Authority. You can look up routes and buy tickets from their app or from reittiopas.fi

**Rakennusinsinörikilta; IK:** The Guild of Civil Engineers

**Inkubio:** The Guild of Bioinformation Technology

**Kemistikilta; KK:** The Chemistry Guild

**Koneinsinörikilta; KIK:** The Guild of Mechanical Engineers

**Kilta:** A guild. It is an association bringing together students studying in the same field

**KvTMK:** The International committee under AYY. It contains all of the Masters Captains led by the International Director

**Maanmittarikilta; MK:** The Guild of Surveying Engineers

**Puunjalostajakilta; PJK:** The Forest Products Guild

**Prodeko:** The Guild of Industrial Engineering and Management

**Prosessiteekkarit; PT:** Subject association for process technology students

**Aalto-yliopiston Sähköinsinörikilta;**

**SIK:** The Guild of Electrical Engineering

**Teknologiföreningen; TF:** Students union for Swedish speaking students

**Tietokilta; TiK:** The Guild of Computer Science

**Teekkarijaosto; TJ:** The Teekkari Section under AYY. Holds the highest authority regarding all teekkari things

**TEK:** Finnish trade union for academic engineers and architects

**Vuorimieskilta; VK:** The Guild of Materials and Metallurgy Students

**YTHS:** FSHS. Finland's health care service for students

## Studies and student life

**Assistentti; Assari:** A course assistant, often an older student who runs exercise sessions

**Diplomi-insinööri; DI:** Master of Science in Technology

**Excursio; Excu:** A visit to a company in Finland or abroad

**Fuksi:** A first year technical student

**Fuksipassi:** A fuksi pass. A leaflet where you collect fuksi points

**Fuksipiste:** A fuksi point. Points that you collect to your fuksi pass to get the teekkari cap. Those who have collected many of these will get the title of fuksi doctor

**Fuksikapteeni:** Fuksi Captain. Person responsible for all of the bachelor fuksi's of their guild

**Fuksimajuri:** Fuksi Major. The chair of FTMK. Holds the highest authority over all things regarding bachelor fuksi's and decides together with the International Director if Wappu will be held

**Gravitaatio:** An event organized by AYY in February



**Teekkarihymni:** Teekkari hymn. A traditional teekkari song that is sung at midnight

**Kansainvälisyystirehtööri:** International Director. The chair of KvTMK. Holds the highest authority over all things regarding masters fuksi's and new exchange students and decides together with the Fuksi Major if Wappu will be held

**ISO:** A student tutor who introduces fuksi's to the student life in Otaniemi

**Julkku:** A Wappu magazine that is published on even years

**Jäynä:** A friendly prank or practical joke that aims to lift the spirits of everyone involved. Jäynä should never be mean or leave a bad feeling

**Konelainen:** A Mechanical Engineering student

**Kylteri:** A business student

**Kyykkä:** An old Finnish outdoor sport which teekkaris have adapted as their own

**Lakinlaskijaiset:** A big event on the last day of September where teekkari caps are taken off for the winter

**Laskuharjoitus; Laskari:** A study exercise

**Lukkari:** A song leader in sitsis. Tells bad jokes and tries to sing in tune

**Maisterikapteeni:** Masters Captain. Person responsible for all of the masters fuksi's and new exchange students of their guild

**Havis Amanda; Manta:** A statue in the centre of Helsinki which will have a cap put on its head during Wappu

**Mittari:** A Surveying Engineering student

**MyCourses:** An online system for handing in assignments and completing courses

**Noppa:** A study credit. Also means a dice in Finnish

**Oltermanni:** A guilds connection to the schools staff and departments. Also a brand of cheese

**Haalarit:** Overalls which are a common attire for students. They indicate the guild or association of the wearer

**Raksalainen:** A Civil Engineering student

**Sillis:** A brunch event after a big party like an annual ball. Usually lasts the whole day

**Sisu:** An online system for planning and signing up for courses

**Sitsit:** An academic dinner party with a three-course meal, drinks and singing

**Speksi:** An interactive and humoristic musical made by students

**Teekkari:** A student of technology who has studied for at least one year and has the right to wear the teekkari cap

**Teekkarilakki:** The teekkari cap

**Telegram:** A messaging app widely used in Otaniemi. Without it life in Aalto could be hard

**Tempaus:** A major event organized by students that aims to direct the attention of the public to a chosen aspect of society

**Tupsufuksi:** A first-year student who has earned and received their teekkari cap

**Wappu:** A Teekkaris Christmas, New Year and Birthday combined, organized if the Fuksi Major and International Director allows so

**Äpy:** Wappu publication that is published on uneven years





# Otaniemi Campus Map



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Student Housing



Places of studies



Amenities

1. ABloc (shops)

2. Student Healthcare

3. Unisport

4. AYY office



Places of interest

5. Library

6. Dipoli

7. Design Factory

8. Smökki (Parties and events)

9. Rantsu (Sauna)

10. Teknologföreningen

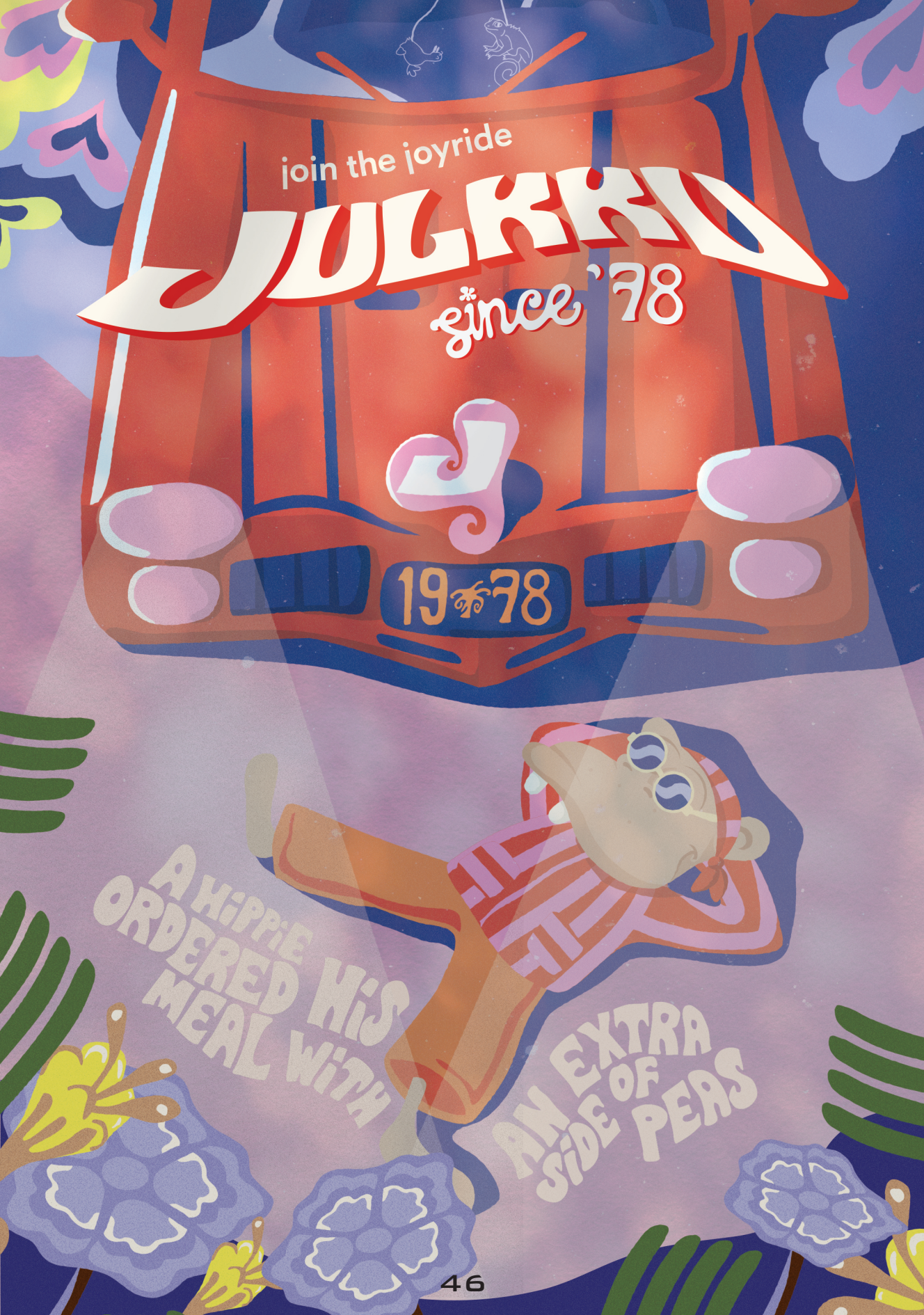


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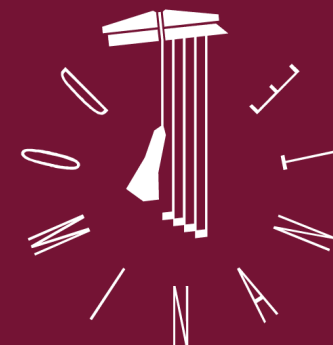
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Open rehearsal 1.9. at 18:00  
Audition dates 3.9. & 4.9.

Ask for more information and reserve your audition  
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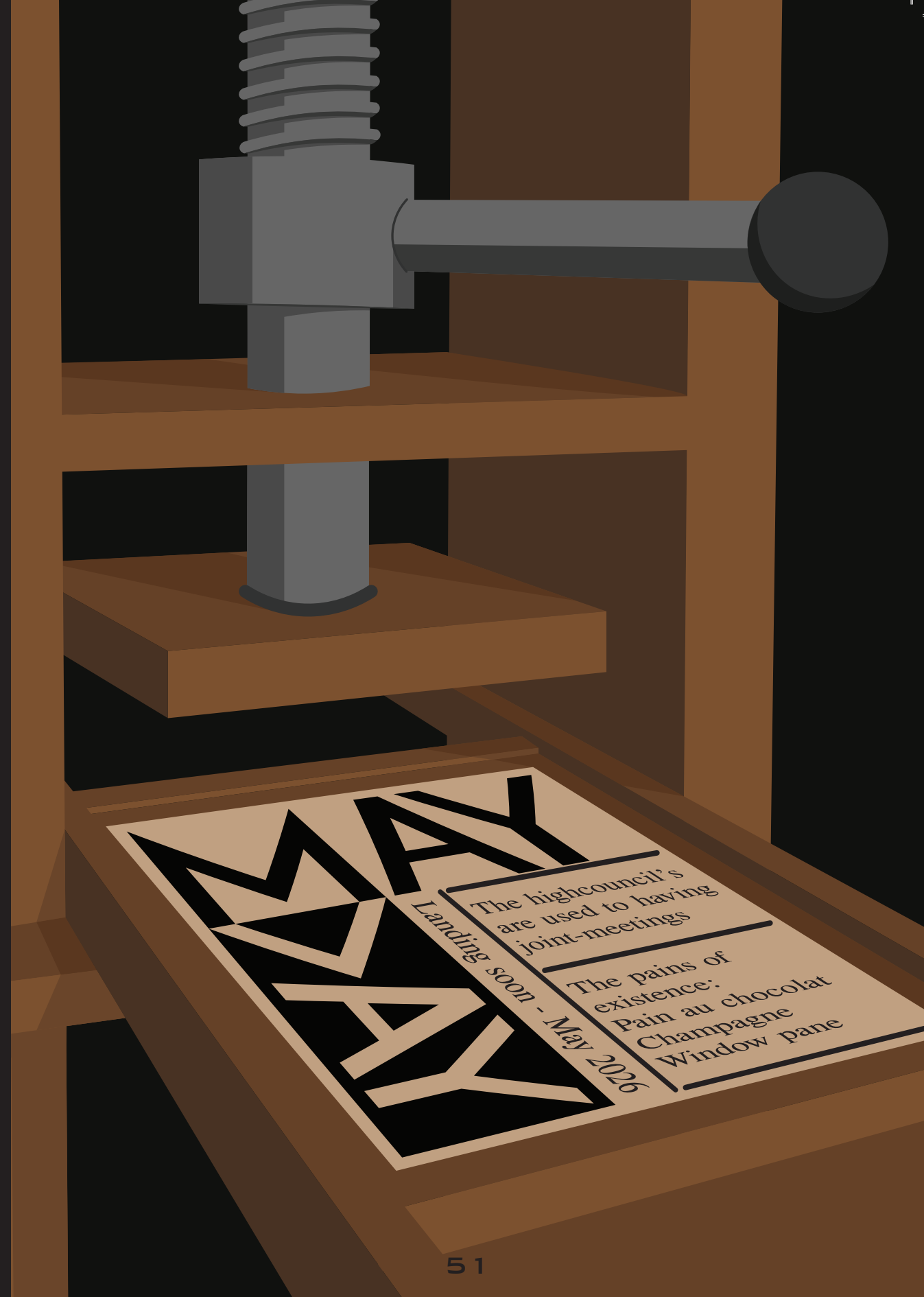
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# TOKYO

TOKYO ry is the student association for the whole School of Art, Design and Architecture and was founded in 1961. TOKYO is an acronym for 'Taideteollisen Oppilaitoksen Kuvaamataidonopettajaosaston Ylioppilaskunta', which translates to 'The Student Union of the Art Teacher Department of the Institute of Industrial Arts'.

It is known as the umbrella association for the rest of the arts associations such as NuDe, Kooma, CRUST and GRR to name a few. TOKYO also owns its own canteen on campus, Kipsari, which offers solely vegan food to all any student in the heart of Väre.

At the moment TOKYO's board contains following sectors:

- Chair
- Vice chair
- New students
- Internationality
- Sheryl
- Advocacy
- Communications
- Artistic activity
- Outreach
- Campus and spaces



On top of that, we own vegan restaurant Kipsari, student info-magazine Torso and recently opened Cinema Sheryl!



Outside of that we carry a system of Committees - our volunteers who help out with the board work and events!

Join our telegram channel to stay tuned with all the new info!



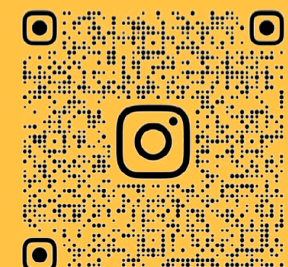
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TARHAPÖLLÖN ÄÄNI KIMIÄ,  
KUULUU PAPPILASTA PÄIN, KUULUU PÄIN  
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