

# Survival Guide

## 2022



Athene

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# Welcome to Athene

Hey You!

I'm Rahim, the Captain of International & Master's Students in our guild Athene.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate you on making the great decision of coming to Finland and Aalto University, and to warmly welcome you to our guild! My job as the International & Master's Captain is to make sure you all have a successful and unforgettable year in Finland, both academically and culturally!

Athene is your home guild – the association uniting Information Networks and ICT Innovation students at Aalto University. Athene organizes all sorts of activities and events to its members from parties to sports events as well as maintains relations to the corporate world and school staff. Joining Athene is your chance to make the most out of your time in Finland. As a member of the guild, you will be very welcome to join in all our events.



We hope everyone will find something interesting to do! A big part of our guild is also the guild room, which we call Oluhuone or Olkkari, which means Living Room in Finnish. Olkkari is situated in the computer science building at campus so it is an easy place to hang out during the school day. I hope to see all of your faces there next semester.

In addition to being in the board of the guild, I am also part of the International Committee, KvTMK (Kansainvälyisystoimikunta) at the university. Our job in the committee is to ensure that all the international students are looked after well. We also organise fun events for all the international students of Aalto University.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you in the autumn!

Rahim Ahsanullah  
Captain of International & Master's Students  
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# Finnish student culture



Finland has a very active, unconventional and fun student culture with countless traditions formed over several decades. There are multiple centres of student life which naturally take place in the large university cities, such as Helsinki, Turku, Vaasa, Tampere, Oulu, Rovaniemi and Joensuu. However, you are in great luck since arguably the best and liveliest of them all is the Aalto University campus, Otaniemi.

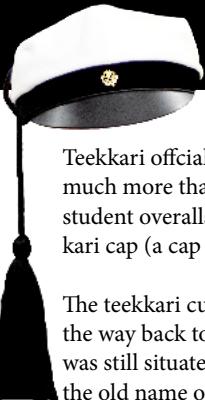
The student culture and traditions are largely maintained by student associations, which there are many types of. All fields of study usually have their own subject clubs, which in the field of technology are

called guilds. Especially guilds are often very active, and organize all types of events, such as parties, sitsit (peculiar and traditional dinner party), sports events, wellness events and events related to studies. However, in addition to subject clubs there is also a wide variety of different student organizations and clubs which unite people with common interests like sports, gaming, cocktail-making or virtually anything you can think of!

In Finland, there are many things of which you can spot a university student even from afar. When attending events or partying, Finnish students wear large long-sleeve overalls in all colors of the rainbow. By the color of the overall, you can also often tell what the student's major is, since all subject clubs have their own overalls in specific colors. The overalls are often decorated with strange dangling objects and sewn-on badges, which students get for example by attending different types of events. Sometimes students also pair their overalls with a white sailorman-like cap, which they have gotten when graduating from high school.

Student culture is also quite diverse and colorful, varying a lot between different fields and cities. For example students in law, business, social sciences and technology all have their own traditions. As technology students, we take pride in our strong and traditional Teekkari culture, which you will surely get to enjoy during your time in Finland!

# What is a “teekkari”?



Teekkari officially means a technology student, but in reality it is much more than just that. You can recognize a teekkari from their student overalls (with the color signifying the study program), teekkari cap (a cap with a tassel) and their cheery and positive attitude.

The teekkari culture of Otaniemi dates all the way back to 1872, when the school was still situated in Helsinki (thus, the old name of the school was Helsinki University of Technology), and is a point of pride for all teekkaris alike. Teekkaris also built the first apartments in Otaniemi before the school came here, so we all consider Otaniemi our home.

Being a part of the teekkari culture in Finland holds a lot of emotion and pride formed over time, which is why we take such good care of our freshmen, to ensure they get the chance to become fully a part of the teekkari culture.



An important part of being a teekkari is the cap. It is protected, so that only the technology students who have completed their “degree” in teekkari culture are allowed to wear them.

This is done by following a point card (which you will get from the Captain of International & Master's Students), and completing a certain amount of points before the first of May. This will include, for example, visiting companies, attending sitsit-parties, going to the teekkari museum and singing (teekkaris love singing, we have a saying that goes: “a teekkari sings rather than well”).

Don't worry, it is all doable, if, and hopefully when, you decide you want to do it. However, it is important to notice that none of this is mandatory. Teekkari culture is all about having fun and doing things that you want to do.

# Greetings from the Tutor Responsible

Hi!

My name is Markus and I'm the Tutor Responsible of Athene in 2022. To help you adjust to all the changes, Rahim and I have recruited 30 amazing tutors who are eager to be the first to welcome you to the Aalto student community and our guild Athene. We also call these tutors by the name of ISO (which means "big" in Finnish), so don't be confused if the same people are referred to as ISOs, BIGs and tutors.

All through the year, your tutors are there to make you feel at home and be your friends. They will answer all your questions and guide you in regular things such as getting around Helsinki, but they will also be introducing you to Finnish student culture! I can guarantee you that you have absolutely amazing tutors waiting for you, who are here to make sure that your first year at Athene is unforgettable. Finnish student culture is really exceptional, so i warmly recommend to make the most out of it by joining Athene's events!

The tutors are here to help you, so never be afraid to ask!  
Can't wait to meet you!

Markus Laine,  
Tutor Responsible



# Greetings from the International Advisor

Hi!

I'm Niels, the International Advisor of Athene in 2022. I'm from the Netherlands, but in total I have already about 1.5 years of experience in Finland, and I really enjoyed my time so far.

I hope you will have an amazing time in Finland and in order to make sure you will have a smooth start, I'm here to help you! Whenever you have any questions regarding practical matters, for example when it comes to moving to Finland or school related matters, you can contact me. I'll do my best to help you.

Further, I will keep you up-to-date regarding all events that are organized by Athene and I hope to make you feel at home in the guild, as well as in Finland. I can also give you all kinds of tips and tricks, to make your life as an international student in Finland easier!

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and whenever you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me!

Niels van Slooten  
International Advisor



# Greetings from your tutors

Here are your tutors! Together with the Captain of International & Master's Students they will make sure your stay in Finland and at the guild is as enjoyable as possible. They will help you with any problems you might have and also keep you informed about events and parties.



Janne Silfverhuth  
“Jesters do oft prove prophets.”



Bastien Jeannelle  
Make Italian friends and they will cure your hangovers with delicious pasta



Otso Koiso-Kanttila  
“Most of everything is nothing”



Anna Takkala  
“not the sharpest pencil in the case :D”



Gábor Major

“The Wednesday queue is part of the experience.”



Kristo Numminen

“Il ketchup è come l'erba, migliora il sapore della pasta.”



Inka Viita

“When I drink alcohol everyone says I'm alcoholic but when I drink fanta, no one says I'm fantastic.”



Samuel Moawad

“Always in a rush to get home to do absolutely nothing”



Julia Sippala  
“Ei se tahti vaan se tahto.”



Juha Honkanen  
“Sometimes lose always win”



Valentin Jutila  
“STAY HUNGRY”



Max Schütte  
“Enthusiasm is the steam that drives the engine!”



Eero Lindbohm  
“Locked in cage, wild animal cannot  
be”



Stefano Facchini  
“In case of need, you'll find me at the  
pool table.”



Kristiina Suojanen  
“Don't chase anything but drinks and  
dreams”



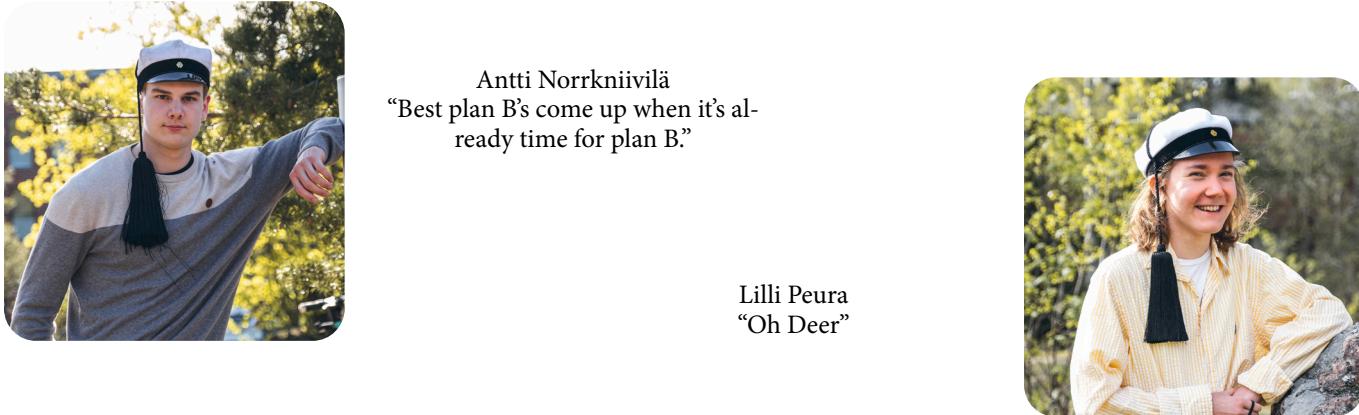
Niklas Koskela  
“Feeling shame always takes two. Don't  
be the first one.”



Antti Norrknivilä  
“Best plan B’s come up when it’s already time for plan B.”



Gaia Businaro  
“Why is it that if you donate a kidney, people love you, but if you donate five kidneys, they call the police?”



Lilli Peura  
“Oh Deer”



Niels van Slooten  
“No, I’m not EIT”



Leo Salmio

“The roof is not my son, but I will  
raise it”



Vilma Ikola

“Today we will take”



Venla Saavalainen

“Welcome to Hel (sinki)”



Mette Luntama

“i'm stressed about being stressed”



Juho Sälevaara

“Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope I find it along the way.”



Enni Pietilä

“I like ice cream”



Paavo Camps

“Everything you heard about me is true”



Sanni Saarinen

“Tomorrow is tomorrow”



Nea Nieminen  
“You cannot lose if you do not play””

Maria Oehlandt  
“I feel like Im too busy writing history  
to read it”



# Greetings from the Chair of the Board

Hey you, brand new Athenian!

I'm Ulrica, the current chair of the board of Athene. Athene is the Information Networks students' guild, and we have the privilege to welcome all the EIT digital students to the local student community here in Aalto University. In addition to EIT and Information Networks students, we are also welcoming a brand new major to our guild this year, Engineering Psychology.

A guild is a student organization built around students in the same study program. Together with all the other guilds and organizations in Aalto, we organize all kinds of events and activities during the year. Guilds are tightly knit communities and through them everyone can find their own place in student life, make new friends and gain new experiences. In total we have almost 400 members – Athene is not the biggest, but still one of the most active guilds in Otaniemi!



In practice, our board and volunteers organize parties, sport events and company excursions, take care of our guild room Olkkari (slang word for 'living room', Oluhuone) and much more. We are in close contact with the Aalto School of Science and the Departments of Computer Science as well as Industrial Engineering and Management to make sure that the students' points of view are considered in academic decision making.

There is a huge variety of possibilities and I encourage you to try out everything student life in Aalto and Athene has to offer. Parties and events are only a small part of what makes Athene such a great community. Athene is a guild with lovely people and a culture of helping each other out.

We are really excited to welcome you along – see you in September!

Ulrica Bladh  
Chair of the Board, Athene  
[puheenjohtaja@athene.fi](mailto:puheenjohtaja@athene.fi)

# Greetings from the Phuksi Captain

Hello!

I'm Laura, Phuksicaptain of Athene. My task is to make sure the bachelor's freshmen (= phuksis/fuksis) of Athene have an easy transition into life as a university student. I'm responsible of arranging events and activities for the phuksis as well as helping with practical things, and I try my best to help with any issues our phuksis might have. In addition, I guide the phuksis through their first year in to finally becoming a "teekkari".

In practice, I organize events especially for phuksis inside our own guild, and as a member of FTMK (Fuksitoimikunta = Fuksi Committee), for all the phuksis of Otaniemi as well. International students are also more than welcome to most of these events! Rahim will keep you updated on all the fun events you should definitely attend, but don't hesitate to ask me about them (or anything else that pops in your mind) either!

The people of Athene are a bunch of warm, friendly people who, as I very much hope you will discover, happily support you with any problem you may have, and with whom you'll find yourself engaging daily in exciting and inspiring conversations. I truly hope you'll enjoy it here, and feel like home.

Can't wait to get to know you!

Laura Puusola  
Phuksi Captain





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# The board of Athene



The board of Athene is the “administrative” body of the guild. These people are the ones that are responsible for most of the stuff that happens in the guild. Each member of the board has their own area of expertise, but everyone is always ready to help one another.

The board has meetings weekly, and those meetings are open for all guild members. In the meetings they go through all that has happened between meetings, and what will be happening before the next meeting, making sure that the guild members are being looked after.

The board is selected via elections in the fall assembly of Athene, where guild members can volunteer for different positions (in addition to the board we have a lot of volunteer officials in charge of different jobs, like photographing). All of the volunteers hold their posts for the calendar year, and after that the new board (and officials) take the reigns.

Chair of the Board is the big boss, organizing and managing the guild, and steering the board in the right direction.

Treasurer is the one in charge of cash management, budgeting, accounting and financial statements.

Secretary is in charge of writing the transcripts of meetings and organizing a lot of practical things, and on top of that helps out other board members in their fields.

Host & Hostess are the dynamic duo in charge of all the parties and other events (like sauna nights) in the guild. They prepare and organize all events with the help of the Host team, making sure all guild members have fun throughout the year.

The Academic Affairs responsible makes sure that the school keeps organizing all the education needed, looks after the rights of the students and ensures our study program is as we like it to be.

The Corporate Relations responsible communicates with different companies, signing sponsor deals and ensures the guild has enough money to organize all kinds of cool activities for the members.

Head of Communications looks after our website and social media accounts, she is also responsible for all communications towards the guild members.

Phuksi Captain looks after phuksis (freshmen) and ensures they have a memorable first year, and that they get their teekkari caps.

The Community & External Affairs responsible organizes events and co-operation with other guilds and student organizations.

Captain of International & Master's Students is in charge of the Teekkari Education of international students and master's freshmen at Athene, making sure you all have a memorable year in Finland, and that you have everything you need. This year she is also the Vice Chair, acting as the Chair's right hand.

# Athene's Events

Greetings and welcome to our guild!

We are the host and the hostess of Athene, Rebecca and Ruusu, often abbreviated as IE (comes from the Finnish words "isäntä" and "emäntä" which translate to host and hostess). Our job in the guild is to organise parties for you and all other guild members throughout the year. The guild offers various types of events for you to take part in. There are parties, hangouts and even sports. So something for everyone! We aren't the driving force behind every event, but we often help with the refreshments.

One particular event that is quite popular in Finland, is something called "sitsit". It is a term you will soon be familiar with, but we will briefly introduce it so that you know what to expect. Sitsit means "academic table party" infused with singing and some fun etiquette. Basically what this means, is a traditional three course dinner, which is often preceded by a cocktail event and subsequently followed by an after party. We create them entree to dessert by ourselves with the help of our eight apprentices. The singing and the stories accompanying the songs are the defining characteristic of sitsit. However, no need to be stressed about the singing, as it is meant to be fun group singing, no skills required! Predominantly presented in Finnish and heavy on word plays,



the sitsit are a crash course to the language, but not unilingual and there are songs and stories often sung and told in Swedish, German, English and more. Not to mention special international sitsit with a selection of songs to match. Sitsit also have wildly varying themes and the dress code differs from cocktail dress to animal suits. We believe sitsit are the most pleasing way to sit around a table and truly recommend to try it at least once!

Participating in the events is a great way to make new friends, let go of stress and quite simply to enjoy your time, so don't be shy to attend. Everyone is welcome to our events just as they are, and our main priority is that everyone can feel comfortable and enjoy themselves! Us, along with your captain, will do our best to keep you informed of any events, but if you have any questions, you can always contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to our guild and hope to see you soon! Let's hope that the restrictions caused by the pandemic have gone away before fall so we can meet you all face to face as soon as possible!

Rebecca Sihvola & Ruusu Nurmi, Host & Hostess

# Greetings from the community manager

Hello!

I'm Julia, the Community Manager of Athene. I welcome you to our guild Athene and Otaniemi and hope that during your stay here you will learn to love them as much as I do!

The Finnish student culture is incredibly rich, and offers something to everyone. The Otaniemi campus, where you will study, is the most active home of student life in Finland. There are all kinds of events and activities all around the year from parties to sports and from networking to hackathons. There are three base-level event organizers: guilds, associations and AYY. All these levels are run by volunteers.

Guilds are student associations that are catered to the students of a specific subject(s). The guild of Information Networks, Technical Psychology and EIT Digital is Athene. Within the guild, there are volunteers running it: the board and guild officials. Athene has over a hundred guild officials who are here to offer events, activities and advocacy to guild members. For example, there are officials taking care of our guild room, handling the guild's corporate relations and running the guild's digital services.

In addition to guilds, Otaniemi is home to tons of associations for people of different interests. These are also run by students for students. There are associations for i.e. basketball, wine tasting and entrepreneurship. Whatever your interests might be, there is probably an association for it in Otaniemi. I highly recommend you to check them out. There are also many multidisciplinary events that are open to everyone. Most of these are organized by AYY volunteers. They work in several committees under AYY that are focused on organizing different events.. AYY also has volunteers taking care of student advocacy and wellbeing.

To conclude, you will not run out of things to do in Otaniemi! I encourage you to check some of them out during your stay here. And always remember to appreciate our community and the volunteers making the student life possible <3

See you in a bit!

Community Manager Julia







# International director's Greetings

Greetings, new fuksi!

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University, you have made a great choice applying! I want to warmly welcome you to our Aalto community and the unique Teekkari (technology student) community!

My name is Oliver Hiekamies, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union. I'm the chairperson of the International Committee (or KvTMK for short), which consists of the International Captains, International Officers, or Master Captains (a dear child has many names) of the Teekkari associations and guilds. My task, together with the mentioned international responsible of the Teekkari associations and your ISOs (tutors) is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable.

The Teekkari culture is a very unique student culture and something that you can experience only in Finland. The community, the International Committee and your own International Captains, International Officers, and Master Captains will provide you with events in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Finland and Otaniemi and meet your fellow students. The activities provided are a great chance to uplift your time in Aalto and to make your time here one of the best times of your life.

The Teekkari culture has a 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. Outside of Otaniemi, Teekkaris are known amongst other things for their pranks (*jäynä*), tempaus and singing culture. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy not only in itself, but also for those around it. The most prized distinction of a Teekkari is their tasseled cap (*Teekkarilakki*) which goes back to the year 1893. The Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance - Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are and don't leave anyone behind.

Fuksi education and upbringing has a long tradition in Otaniemi. My, and your international responsible's task is to welcome you to the Aalto community and guide you through your first year or semester in Aalto. During this time you will be able to collect fuksi points from various events and activities, which will earn you your very own Teekkari cap.

The fuksi points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, as well as to all the fun memories! The fuksi year will culminate in the largest and most revered event for us

Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that the Fuksi Major decides to organize one for you. If you are an exchange student leaving after the Autumn term, I strongly suggest visiting Otaniemi again for the possible Wappu.

In addition to technology students, 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. 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 responsible, tutors and your fellow study buddies. Beside 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 yourself 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. With best wishes,

Oliver Hiekamies



# International committee

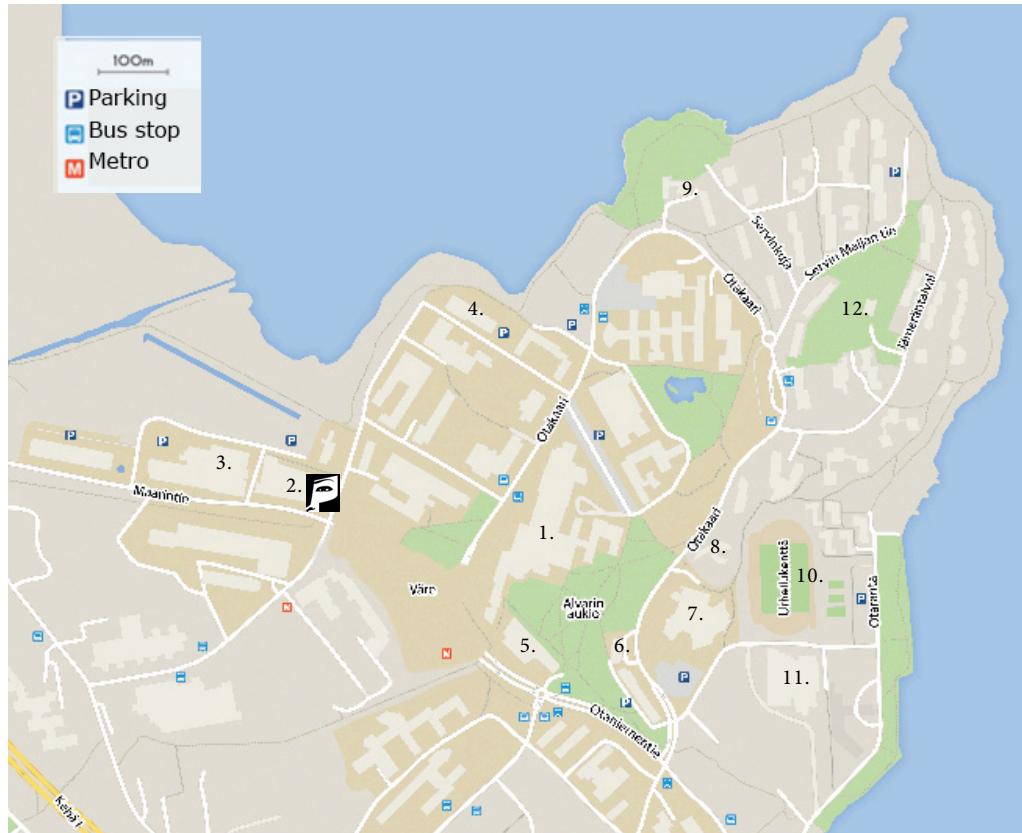
The International Committee or KvTMK (kansainvälisyystoimikunta) consists of the people in charge of international students and matters in different guilds and associations (also us!) and is led by the International Director. KvTMK is involved in the fuksi and tutoring activities regarding the international fuksis (new Master students and exchange 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 (Teekkariajosto in Finnish), or TJ when shortened. TJ'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, TJ's opinions have a big impact on the future of Teekkari traditions.



# Otaniemi Campus Map



1. Kandikeskus - Undergraduate Center (Main Building)
2. T-talo - CS Building
3. TUAS-talo - TUAS Building
4. Maarintalo - Maari Building
5. Harald Herlin Centre - Main Library
6. Keto - AYY Central Office
7. Dipoli
8. TF - Täffä
9. YTHS - FSHS
10. Sports field
11. Otahalli Sports Centre
12. Smökk

 Guild room OLOhuone

# International Associations

## BEST Helsinki

BEST Helsinki is the local section of BEST (Board of European Students of technology) and a part of AYY. They organize different events in Otaniemi, as well as events where people from around Europe come to participate. They have Finnish and non-Finnish members and are one of Aalto's international organizations. Everyone in Aalto is welcomed to join.

See more information:  
[Facebook.com/BESTHelsinki](https://www.facebook.com/BESTHelsinki)  
Telegram: [t.me/BESTHelsinki](https://t.me/BESTHelsinki)



## ESN Aalto

ESN Aalto is the local section of ESN Finland and ESN International. They arrange events mainly for exchange and international students at Aalto University, but everyone from Aalto is welcome whether they are studying through Erasmus or not.

For more information:  
[facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficial](https://facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficial)  
[snaalto.org](https://snaalto.org)  
Telegram group: [t-me/ESNAalto](https://t.me/ESNAalto)



## Mosaic

Mosaic is the international section of the student union of Aalto University (AYY). They organize different multicultural events that offer great new experiences from all around the world, help everybody to improve their language skills as well as help people getting to know other cultures.



# Guilds of Otaniemi...

## ELEC (SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING)

### AS - Guild of Automation and Systems Technology

Family in the sense that they came from TiK like us as well. They wear purple overalls with black sleeves like ours. Their guild room is located in the TUAS-building.

### Inkubio - Guild of Bioinformation Technology

The youngest guild in Otaniemi (that is, the only one that is younger than us), who wear brown overalls with white spots as a reminder of their days with the Guild of Electrical Engineering. Their guild room is located in the TUAS-building.

### Sähköinsinöörikilta (SIK) - Guild of Electrical Engineering

One of the bigger guilds in Otaniemi, they wear clean-white overalls, and are the forefathers of many guilds in Otaniemi, like the Computer Science guild. Their guild room is located in the TUAS building.

## ENG (SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING)

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

One of the bigger and older guilds in Otaniemi, they wear “builder’s blue” overalls. Their guild room is located in the Civil Engineering building.

### Maanmittarikilta (MK) - The Guild of Surveying Engineering

The oldest guild that still receives new freshmen every year, they wear matte black overalls with a sleeve colored according to their studies. Their guild room is located in Otakaari 4.

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

One of the older and possibly the biggest guild in Otaniemi. These guys can be spotted from afar, as they wear pink overalls. They have their guild room in the complex of mechanical engineering buildings.

## SCI (SCHOOL OF SCIENCE)

### Athene - Information Networks guild

Us, the second youngest and one of the smallest guilds in Otaniemi. Our overalls are forest green, with a black sleeve as remembrance of when we were part of TiK, and our guild room OLOhuone is located in the CS-building.

### Tietokilta (TiK) - Computer Science guild

The forefather of Athene, they wear shiny black overalls that are said to repel dirt and water. Our own green overalls have a black sleeve as a memory from the days we were part of Computer Science guild. Their guild room is located in the CS-building like ours.

### Prodeko - Guild of Industrial Engineering and Management

Our beloved friends, who wear white overalls with rainbow details, which differ every year. Located in the TUAS-building.

### Fyysikkokilta - Guild of Physics

The true scientists of SCI, who wear natural-white overalls. Their guild room is located in the old main building, and they’re rarely seen over at the CS-building.

# ... and other student associations

## CHEM (SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING)

### Prosessiteekkarit (PT)

An association founded when all the Bachelor studies in CHEM were merged into one program, they are not a guild, but are treated equally. Their overalls are the same as the Guild of Mining and Metallurgy students (below) with red and yellow stripes, as reminders of the three guilds their students go to when they enter their Master's studies. Their guild room is located in the Chemical Engineering complex.

### Vuorimieskulta (VK) - The Guild of Mining and Metallurgy Students

One of the older guilds in Otaniemi, and like all guilds in CHEM no longer gets new Bachelor students. You can recognize them from their "beer basket blue" overalls. Their guild room is also located in the Chemical Engineering complex.

### Kemistikilta - Chemistry Guild

The oldest guild in Otaniemi. Their overalls are red, and like all the CHEM guilds they no longer get new Bachelor students. Their guild room is located in the Chemical Engineering complex.

### Puunjalostajakilta (PJK) - Guild of Wood Processing

One of the older guilds in Otaniemi, they used to be quite big, but like all the other guilds in CHEM they no longer get Bachelor students. Their overalls are yellow, and can be spotted from afar. Their guild room is located in the complex of Wood Processing buildings.

## OTHERS

### Arkkitehtikilta (AK) - The Guild of Architects

Although they are no longer associated with the schools of technology, they wear teekkari caps as the rest of us. Their overalls are painter's-white. Their guild room is in one of the Architecture buildings. Also, they are now a part of ARTS (School of Arts)

### Teknologföreningen (TF)

TF is the only students' union in Otaniemi, and they are the Swedish speakers of Otaniemi (from all programs). They have dark (wine-like) red overalls, and they have their own building with a student restaurant, where lots of students go eat their famous spaghetti every Wednesday.

### Kauppatieteiden ylioppilaat (KY) - Association of Economics Students

The economic students joined us in Otaniemi for the first time in fall 2015, they are not technology students, and thus don't have teekkari caps. They wear overalls that are dollar-green and have their own club rooms etc. next to the CS building and in the center of Helsinki.

### TOKYO – Association for the students of Arts and Design.

The school of ARTS arrived in Otaniemi in the fall of 2018. They mainly study in Väre, the newest building in Otaniemi. ARTS students don't wear overalls, instead, they have jackets called "Wapputakki", that have a different design each year and where their overall patches are sown. TOKYO is the association for the whole school of ARTS, and under it there are several smaller associations for different study programs.

# Teekkari Guilds and Associations of Otaniemi

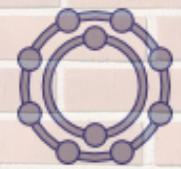
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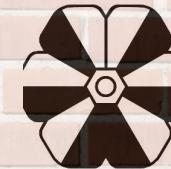
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Association for swedish-speaking students



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Guild of Physics  
Aalto SCI



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Chemistry Guild  
Aalto CHEM



VK  
Vuorimieskilta  
Guild of Materials and Metallurgy  
Aalto CHEM



MK  
Maanmittarikilta  
Guild of Surveying Engineers  
Aalto ENG



Prodeko  
Guild of Industrial Engineering and management  
Aalto SCI



AK  
Arkkitehtikilta  
Guild of Architecture  
Aalto ARTS



TiK  
Tietokilta  
Guild of Knowledge  
Aalto SCI



IK  
Rakennusinsinöörikilta  
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Aalto ENG



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Guild of Automation and Systems technology  
Aalto ELEC



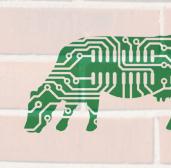
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Guild of Information Networks  
Aalto SCI



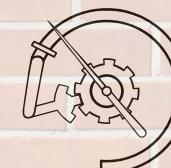
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Inkubio  
Guild of Bioinformation Technology  
Aalto ELEC



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Puunjalostajakilta  
Forest Products Guild  
Aalto CHEM



PT  
Prosessteekkarit  
Association of Process Engineering students  
Aalto CHEM



# Otaniemi Campus



# Teekkari - English - Teekkari dictionary

## **Amfi - Amphi**

The amphitheater-like construct of the old main building. Very popular as a place from which all kinds of adventures begin. There you will also receive your teekkari caps if Wappu arrives and you have earned the right to wear them.

## **Appro - Bar crawl**

An event where students go from bar to bar getting at least one drink per bar on a pre-determined route (by the organizers). One of the favorite event-types for the students at the University of Helsinki.

## **AYY**

Abbreviation for “Aalto-yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta”, the student union for all Aalto students and umbrella organization for guilds. (see p. 27)

## **Ethana**

The hobby sports team of Athene, led by “Hercules & Xena”. Organizes matches against other student teams in for example floorball, basketball, volleyball and futsal as well as other sports events within Athene.

## **Excu - Excursion**

A visit to a company, usually organized by the guild. Organized in order to get to know the local companies that hire students from the guild, to network and of course have fun (companies like to host teekkaris).

## **Haalarimerkki - Overall badge**

Badges of different events, groups, associations and memes that students sow to their overalls. Can be used for showing groups they support, events they've been to and just plain fun. Also used to distinguish between freshmen and older students (if the overall has no or very few badges, the user is most likely a freshman).

## **Hymni**

Teekkarihymni, a traditional song that is sung at midnight.

## **IE**

Host and Hostess (see p. 17)

## **ISO**

Your tutors (see p. 6-11)

## **Jäynä - MIT hack**

A good willed, harmless and fun prank carried out by teekkaris. The definition of a jäynä is that it should amuse all participants (both “victims” and makers alike) and cause no property damage or physical/psychological harm.

## **Kaljakroketti - Beer Croquet**

Athene's “national sport” - a game where certain liquids are used in addition to ordinary croquet equipment.

## **Kulta - Guild**

A student association for study programs. Guilds are specific for technical students in Finland, and most other student associations are formed around similarities in attributes (like language) or the major subject in universities. The objectives of a guild are to make sure that the school listens to the students (when making decisions about study programs etc.) and to organize different kinds of events like sitsit.

## **Laulukirja - Songbook**

The book of teekkari songs. One of the best future memories from your time as a student in Finland, these contain most of the songs sung by teekkaris in sitsit etc. The reason why they form up to be great memories is the tradition of writing or drawing greetings and messages to your friends' song books during sitsit, so after a few, you can find a lot of happy memories there.

## **Lukkari - Songmaster / Toastmaster**

The people who lead the singing at sitsit.

## **OLOhuone / Olkkari - The Living room**

Our guild room, which is always open for guild members to socialize, drink coffee, study or play some PS4. Located in the CS-building right across the main doors, you can't miss it.

## **(Opiskelija)haalarit - (Student) overalls**

The main form of distinguishing university/college students from the major populace, that are worn in major happenings (that happen in the public, if unsure ask your tutor whether to wear them :) ). To the students they also tell what you are studying, and ease finding your mates at big gatherings ( find a bunch of forest green overalls, and you're sure to find friends). The main point of these, is to show the unity and like-mindedness of students.

## **Otaniemi**

Otaniemi, also called 'Niemi' is a neighborhood in Espoo, which also acts as the campus of Aalto University and the home of teekkaris. (see p. 24)

## **Sitsit**

Academic table party. At its most basic form a three course dinner, with wine and other refreshments, where the attending men wear suits and women wear cocktail dresses (remember to bring yours!), with a lot of singing and socializing. These are something you do not want to miss during your stay! There are also themed sitsit, which aren't as formal, but just as (or even more) fun!

## **Smökk (Servin mökki)**

The biggest place to hold parties or sitsit in teekkari village, and also a historical landmark. This place will be very familiar to you after a few months!

## **Teekkari**

A technology student in Finland, who has earned the right to wear a teekkari cap. Known by their overalls, teekkari caps and overall good will and humor. In Finland teekkaris have a fairly good reputation, as we take care of our own (and others), cause no trouble to outsiders and are cheery throughout the year.

## **Teekkarikylä - Teekkari village**

The place where teekkaris live, if they live in Otaniemi, and a place where most inhabitants are technology students. Also famous for the fact that you will always find some place to sleep there if need be.

## **Teekkarilakki - Teekkari cap**

A cap with a tassel. People in Finland who have passed high school wear similar caps (around Wappu mostly), but without the tassel. Teekkari caps are the most distinct recognition of being a teekkari, and the right to wear one needs to be earned before Wappu. It signifies that the wearer knows the history and culture of teekkaris in Finland, and understands the significance of the right.

## **T-talo - CS-building**

Computer science building, the building where Athene and the Computer Science guild preside. Also home to most departments related to computer sciences, and where at least some of your studies will be at.

## **Paniikki**

The 24/7 computer room located in the CS-building. Favorite study place for many of students in the computer sciences or Information Networks.

## **Phuksi - Freshman**

Often also spelled 'Fuksi', but 'ph' at Athene. At Athene, there are about 50 new bachelor's phuksis every year. At Wappu, phuksis become Teekkaris.

## **Wappu**

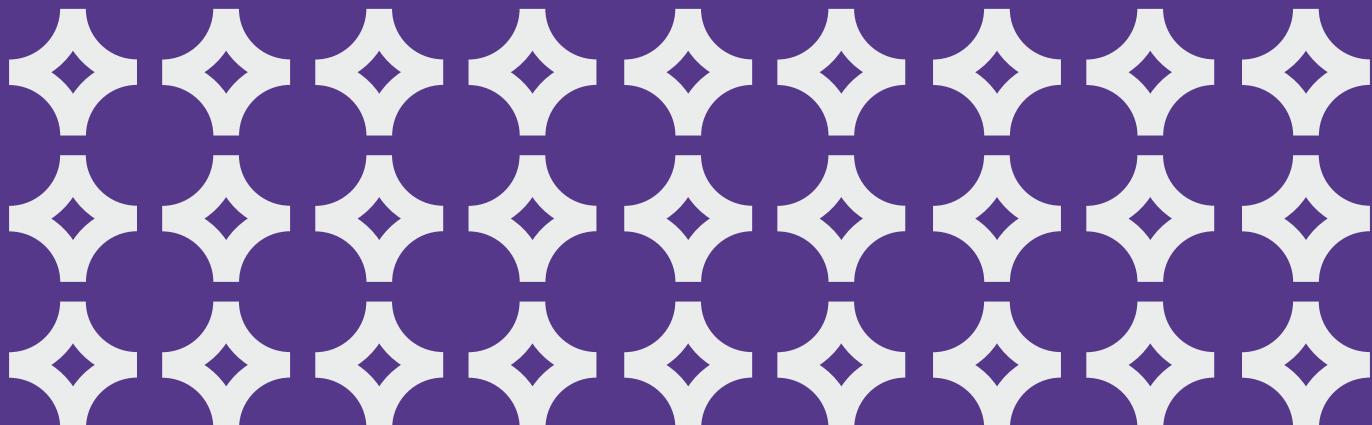
The most important celebration of the year for teekkaris on 1st of May. Also known as May Day or Walpurgis Night, the celebration begins already a few weeks prior to first of May. Also remember that Wappu will only be arranged if the new freshmen have deserved it. (Do not mix with Vappu, which is the general May Day celebration for all other Finns.)

## **YTHS - FSHS**

Finnish Student Health Service, closest post in Otaniemi in Otakaari 12.

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# Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!

Welcome to Aalto University and its student union, AYY! Here at the Student Union we aim to ensure that you can truly experience the best student's life in the world here at Aalto. Our wish is that every student feels good and safe in our student community, and that every one of us receives all the help and support they need for the entire duration of their studies.

You are stepping into a world of endless opportunities. We urge you to be curious, try new things, to learn and most of all to enjoy your time at Aalto. Don't be afraid even though finding your own passion and place in the world might seem like a big task and never fear mistakes. We are here to support you with all of your problems.

See you around!

**Erik Halttunen**

Board Member (New Students, Associations, Council and Facilities)



# What is AYY?

As a student of Aalto, Aalto University Student Union, AYY, is your student union. AYY brings together about 15,000 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 15,000 members
- Approximately 200 organisations and associations
- Approximately 2,600 student apartments
- Nearly 50 employees
- 10 full-time board members
- Approximately 400 volunteers

# Communication Channels

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



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AYY Info  
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# Services

## Student housing

AYY owns approximately 2,600 affordable student apartments in Helsinki and Espoo and offers a home for over 3,200 residents. All degree and exchange students who are members of AYY have the right to apply for AYY's housing. You can apply for housing as soon as your admission is confirmed by the university.

First-year students and students moving from outside the Helsinki metropolitan area are given priority in the allocation of housing. First-year students receive an additional score when they apply for AYY's shared apartment queues. To receive the score, students must apply for housing no later than in July or December, depending on when their studies begin.

You can browse and search for AYY's

housing through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi. As a student, you can also apply for housing from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS).

## Advocacy and interest representation

You can take advantage of AYY's advocacy services if your exam results are late or you may get in touch with a harassment contact person if you encounter 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, which is elected by vote. In the elections, all AYY members can vote and run as candidates. Members of the Representative Council decide on the goals and policies of the Student Union.

The next Representative Council elections will be held in the autumn.

## 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 events, anniversaries, Shrovetide celebrations and many other events starting right from the orientation week.

In addition to the Student Union, events are organised by volunteers who work in sections and committees. AYY has five sections: Aava Community Section, Campus Section, Teekkari 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!

After a renovation and a brand reform AYY's renewed museum welcomes everyone to get to know the history of student cultures.

## 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 and a trailer.

## 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 tra-

vel card at the HSL service point. 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).

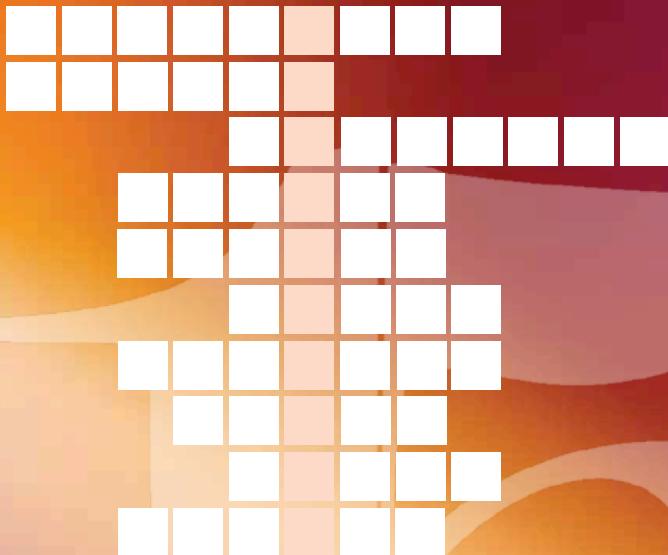
Once you have received the plastic student card, please remember to pick up the academic year tag for your card from AYY's service point! At the same time, you can also pick up a free Design Notebook and get advice.



# CONGRATS, FRESH TEEKKARI-TO-BE!

WHAT A SPECIAL YEAR TO START YOUR STUDIES! TEEKKARIUS CELEBRATES IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2022. THIS YEAR IS UNIQUE FOR ALL TEEKARIS AND TEEKKARI MINDED AND IN HONOR OF THE JUBILEE PLENTY OF EVENTS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. JOIN TO CELEBRATE THE LONG AND EVENTFUL HISTORY OF TEEKKARIS!

TRY YOUR TEEKKARI KNOWLEDGE OUT WITH THIS CROSSWORD PUZZLE!



1. Not every teekkari becomes an engineer. These people, who tend to like houses, are Teekkaris too!
2. Hanging from the cap is a ...
3. In which part of town do Teekkaris study in Tampere?
4. Otaniemi party central in Jämeräntaival 4
5. A theatrical performance popular with Teekkaris, combining improvisation, music, dance and humor
6. The biggest jubilee of spring, the Christmas of the Teekkaris!
7. A special piece of clothing among Finnish students
8. A special name for the Associations of Technology Subjects
9. A first year student, ie ...
10. An academic table party especially favored by students

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# Hi 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.

TEK is a community of 77,000 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/students](http://www.tek.fi/students), or join at [www.tek.fi/join](http://www.tek.fi/join) now!

Best regards,



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Me teknikaan takana

# äpy

Four letters you can count on.





**TOKYO RY IS A STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS OF  
AALTO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ARTS, DESIGN, AND ARCHITECTURE.**

There are multiple subject organizations within Aalto ARTS, but TOKYO is the umbrella association open to all ARTS students. As a school-level association, TOKYO takes an active part in student advocacy and organizes events to gather together all the ARTS-minded students and alumni. Events include Lapland trip, Maskerad (costume party around Halloween), and Christmas Sales, where students can sell their art. TOKYO also owns Kipsari and Kipsari Studio – two great restaurants that are fully vegan from this year on! – as well as Torso magazine, which you could be a part of.

**AUGUST 18  
PRE-START  
PICNIC**

**SEP 2  
START ARTS**  
CHERRY ON TOP OF THE  
ORIENTATION WEEK EVENTS

**MID-OCTOBER  
TOKYO  
LAPLAND TRIP**

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO FINLAND  
IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE

**END OF  
OCTOBER  
MASKERAD**

GET YOUR COSTUME  
AND DANCE MOVES READY

**END OF  
NOVEMBER  
CHRISTMAS SALES**

SELL YOUR ART OR BUY  
AUTHENTIC PRESENTS

MORE INFO AND UPDATES?  
CHECK OUR SOCIALS:  
IG: [toko\\_aalto\\_arts](#)  
<https://toko.fi>

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STATUES SUIT UP WITH FACE MASKS ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY – JÄYNÄ BROUGHT SOME GOOD SPIRIT IN THE MIDST OF BAD NEWS



POLICE OF THE YEAR AMUSES DRIVERS – TECH STUDENTS DELIGHT WITH A FUNNY COSTUME



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ESPPO. Vartti-lehti joutui viime viikolla teekkarjäymin viljicidaksi. Keskivirkkona 18. marraskuuta lehdessä oli ilmoitus 800 hengen kotihileisint soveltuvalta opiskelijakampista Länsi-Espoossa. – Ilmoituksen takana ovat teekkarit Lappeenrannasta,

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Musiikkitalossa la 15.4.2023

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# Hello fuksi and welcome to Aalto community!

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## KY - AALTO UNIVERSITY BUSINESS STUDENTS

We are KY, a community of more than 3000 business students, "kylteris". Our purpose in the Aalto community is to cherish our over 110-year-old traditions, uphold KY culture and advocate for our members. At the campus you can spot us in our dollar green overalls!

KY is home for hundreds of volunteers, who participate actively in KY's clubs, subject clubs, subcommittees and committees. They organise a wide selection of activities and festivities to make sure that everyone gets the most out of their time in the university. We have many traditional events that are also open for anyone in the Aalto community, such as the adventure competition Aalto City Challenge, Hukkaputki pub crawl and KY Wappu. Follow us on social media to spot the ticket sales!

**Website:** [ky.fi](http://ky.fi)

**Instagram:** [ky\\_1911](https://www.instagram.com/ky_1911/)

## PROBBA



Probba is the student association of Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus. All students studying at the Mikkeli Campus major in International Business and are members of Probba, bringing their size to around 240 members.

**Website:** [probba.org](http://probba.org)

**Instagram:** [probbar/](https://www.instagram.com/probbar/)



**KY** '911

# Orientation Week Events

The Head start and Orientation week will be full of exciting events! You'll receive the full schedule via telegram soon, here are the most important dates to reserve:

Head Start on Friday 26.8. at 6 pm

You will meet your fellow EIT digital students and Information networks tutors in picnic and get your first touch with Aalto student life and campus!

Orientation week 29.8-2.9

Orientation week is full of fun events and getting to know Aalto and its unique student life, You don't want to miss this! :)

Try to arrive in Finland before the Orientation Week, but don't worry if you just can't make it to these events. The year will be full of them!



@athenekilta



# See you soon!



## TO-DO

- Read the guide
- Join the Telegram group: [https://t.me/+JqQ\\_6o6wp1AyYTM0](https://t.me/+JqQ_6o6wp1AyYTM0)
- Become a member of Athene ([www.athene.fi/join](http://www.athene.fi/join)) and pay the membership fee (8€)
- Read the newsletters and other information material sent by your study coordinator at Aalto University, and follow the instructions for pre-arrival arrangements
- Follow Athene on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/athenekulta/?hl=fi>
- Make sure the Captain of International & Master's Students knows when you arrive in Finland.
- Order a student card or download Frank app
- Pack warm (Finland gets cold surprisingly fast!)
- Make sure you can either pick up your keys for your apartment, or that your tutor will get them for you.
- Come to Finland with an open mind.
- Enjoy and get the most out of your stay here!