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2024 Sivistyksen teemavuosi
Temaåret för Bildning
The Year of Sivistys

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*Sivistys in Suomi – Should we all have a
Year of Sivistys?*

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Why the Year of Sivistys?

- The idea for the theme year was born already three years ago, and we couldn't have imagined how relevant the theme would become. War broke out in Europe when Russia attacked Ukraine. Democracy is under threat as those aiming for dictatorship seek power. The global economy has been in crisis, and markets in turmoil. There is a fear that Sivistys could be overshadowed by these changes. It is important to ask whether Sivistys could help us overcome these challenges.
- Sivistys is seen as one of the key foundations of our society. Civil society, lifelong learning, and the integration of Sivistys across all of society are things that must be nurtured. We need everyone to join in the fearless defense of Sivistys.

Source: Lauri Tuomi, Futura journal, forthcoming in October 2024



The assignment by the Ministry of Education and Culture



The task of the Year of Sivistys is to wipe off the dust from the surface of Sivistys and to update the definition.

Incorporation of the various sectors of the society broadly: education, science, arts and culture, sports and athletics, libraries, museums, youth, business, and working life.

Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation (Kvs Foundation)

- an independent and non-political foundation
- The oldest foundation in Finland to promote lifelong learning, adult education and *Sivistys*



Our vision 2030

is a society in which *Sivistys* is part of our everyday life in order to take care of each other and the environment.



Chair of the Council, the former President of Finland
Mrs Tarja Halonen

The Patrons



President Tarja Halonen



The Finnish National Youth Council Allianssi

Six themes for the Year of Sivistys

- Digitalisation and Compassion as overlapping themes

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Sustainable future



Equality



Culture & arts



Science



Literacy & dialogue



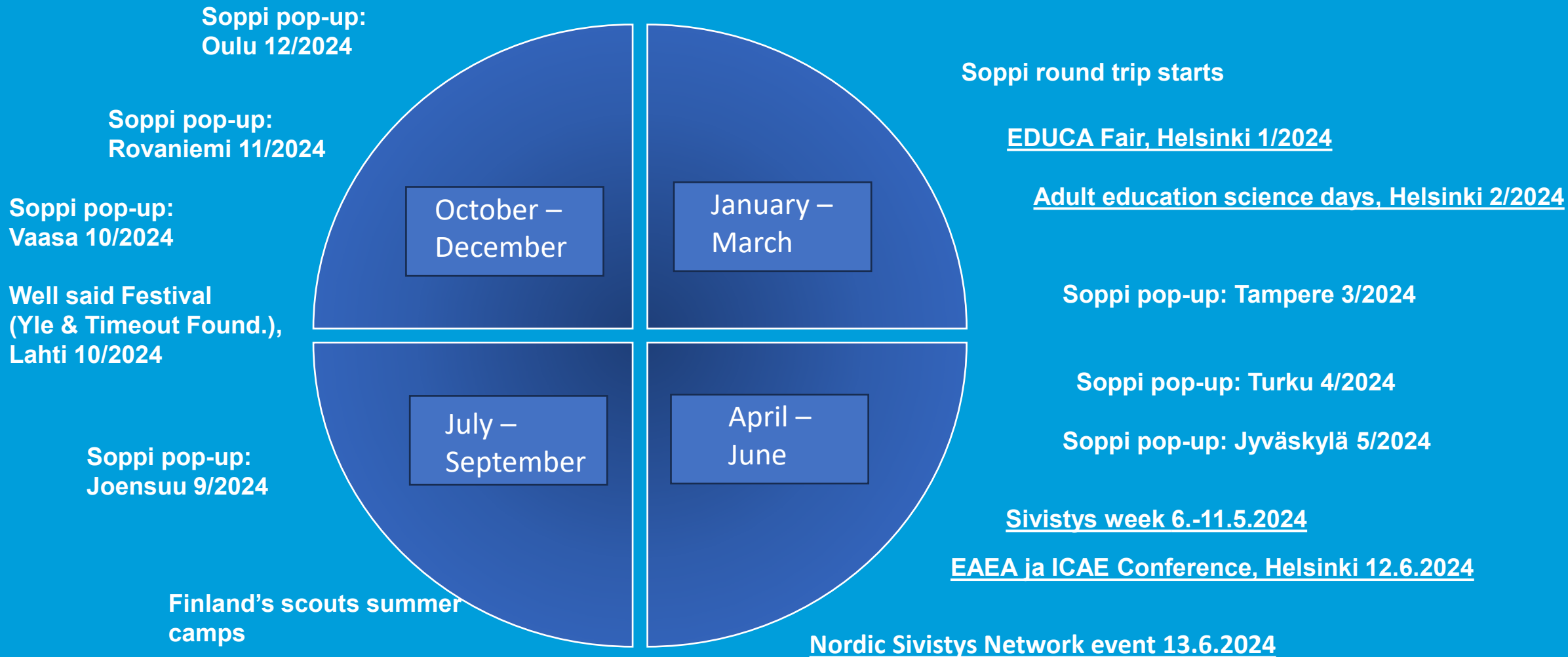
Lifelong learning

Soppi Science Center on a tour in Finland

The Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation runs a science center on Finnish learning and education. The exhibition looks into the history and future of the educational system, lifelong learning and Sivistys. The permanent exhibition is in Helsinki.



Soppi pop-up as a platform for events



How the Year of Sivistys is organized?

- The Enabler: The Ministry of Education and Culture
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the link to the embassies
- The Coordinator: Kvs Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation (moderate funding from the ministry)
- The Committee: a forum for the follow up & development led by MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen, 50 members
- The Patrons
- The Key partners (e.g. National Gallery)

- The event calendar was opened in 2023 (www.sivistys.fi)
- Media partners

The Intermediate Results

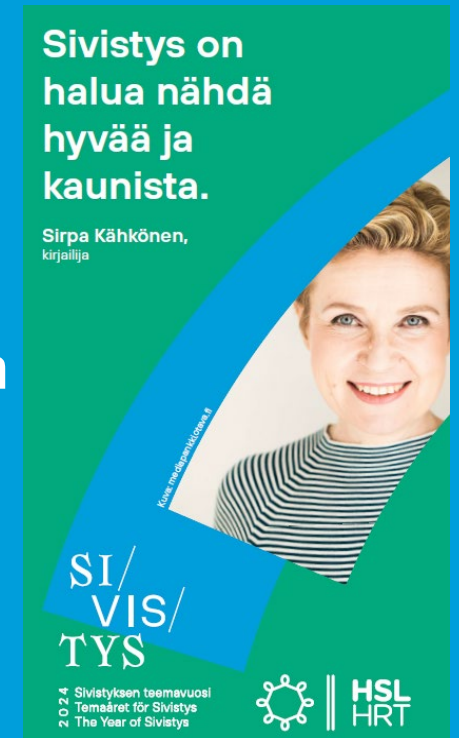
- About 50000 participants in the events during Jan-June 2024
- More than 3 million persons reached
- More than 200 events so far in Finland and in abroad: both f2f and virtual
- All themes are covered. The #1 is Lifelong Learning and #2 Literature & dialogue and 3# Culture & arts
- Different types of events: conference, webinar, book launch, lecture, concert, reader circle, exhibition, learning project etc.
- 57% of the events have gained media visibility (incl. the tv, radio, publication, newspaper...), 95% have used social media
- Media company MTV and the national broadcasting company YLE have been very active.

Sivistys according to the intermediate results

- Essential are dialogue and interaction.
- Science has an essential role in building Sivistys.
- Sivistys is considered a diverse and multifaceted concept.
- Open-mindedness, as well as the ability and willingness to learn and change one's views, are also seen as important parts of civilization.
- Planetary Sivistys (ecosocial) is considered an important part of it and its future.
- Community and communal spirit were also considered important builders Sivistys.

The next steps

- **A campaign** in buses, trains, trams and trains (largest and medium sized cities)
- The citizens are invited to join a **web brainstorming**
- **The final report** will be prepared in the early 2025
- **Sivistys seminar** will be organised on the 19th March together with Ministry of education and culture:
 - **The report will be published**
 - **The best practices will be shared**
 - **The new assignment: vision & roadmap**



Thank you

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