



**VAKKA-SUOMEN**  
KANSALAI SOPISTO

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***The institution covers the area of six municipalities:  
Laitila, Uusikaupunki, Pyhäranta,  
Vehmaa, Taivassalo  
and Kustavi.***



## *About us*

**Vakka-Suomi Adult Education Centre organizes liberal adult education, offering the residents of the area a wide range of opportunities for learning and for self-motivated personal development.**

Our institution's work is based on respecting the adult learner's standpoint as well as the choices he or she makes, and we aim at creating people opportunities for lifelong learning both for work and for life in general. Supporting local culture and preserving local cultural heritage are important guidelines in all our work.

### **Our institution organizes**

- Target-oriented, versatile, non-formal adult education
- Arts for children
- Open university courses

The emphasis is on teaching handicrafts, arts and physical education.

In addition to these, in different areas emphasis may also be on other subjects, e.g. languages, information technology and social studies.

Other important educational tasks are improving the basic skills required by the information society and developing general citizenship skills of the adult population.



***Laitila***



***Uusikaupunki***

# *Teaching and other activities*

Each year more than 750 courses are organized by Vakka-Suomi Adult Education Centre. We offer about 16,000 hours of teaching and classes are held in over 100 different locations.

About 220 people are employed by Vakka-Suomi Adult Education Centre annually. The vast majority of them are part-time teachers, as only about ten people work full-time for the institution.

Approximately 5,500 people sign up for one or more courses each year and the total number of participants on our courses and lectures is about 12,000.

## **Courses open to everybody**

- History, society
- Teaching and education, psychology
- Nature and the environment
- Music, drama and visual arts, dance
- Handicrafts
- Languages
- Information technology
- Practical skills
- Physical exercise and health

*In 2009 our institution received the National Quality Award from the Ministry of Education in recognition of our long-term work to improve the quality of teaching. In spring 2016 we were awarded the Sustainable Development Certificate of Educational Institutions by the OKKA Foundation.*

# *Administration and finance*

**Vakka-Suomi Adult Education Centre was established on 1 January 2007 when two older centres with a long history and traditions, Laitila-Pyhäranta Adult Education Centre and Uusikaupunki Adult Education Centre, were united.**

Our institution functions in the whole Vakka-Suomi region which has about 30,000 inhabitants.

**The centre is maintained by a municipal consortia formed by the six municipalities within the region**

- Laitila
- Uusikaupunki
- Pyhäranta
- Taivassalo
- Kustavi
- Vehmaa

The town of Laitila is responsible for our administration and finance. Each municipality has its own representatives in the board of governors. Our annual expenditure is approximately 1,35 M€, of which about one half is covered by government funding, about one third by the maintaining municipalities themselves and the remaining 17% by course fees and custom-made courses.



***Kustavi***

***Pyhäranta***

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