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SCIENCE CENTER SOPPI –

**BECOME PART OF THE
STORY OF LEARNING
AND EDUCATION**

2024 – THE YEAR OF SIVISTYS

SOPPI TOURING EXHIBITION

The Science Center for Education and Learning Soppi, run by the Kvs Foundation, opened to the public in August 2022.

During the Year of Sivistys, Soppi's pop-up module will tour around Finland.

The touring exhibition will stop in Tampere, Turku, Jyväskylä, Joensuu, Vaasa and Rovaniemi.

For a detailed schedule for the touring exhibition and more information about Soppi, see tiedekeskeskussoppi.fi.

THE LIFE OF LEARNING AND EDUCATION – TRENDS AND TURNING POINTS

In 2024, the Ministry of Education and Culture will launch the National Year of Sivistys. The year is being coordinated by the Finnish Lifelong Learning (Kvs) Foundation. 2024 will also be the anniversary year of the foundation: Finland's oldest educational foundation will turn 150 years old.

The Year of Sivistys will be a year of events, speeches and activities open to all and aimed at dusting off learning and education. The year's events will articulate and define the Sivistys of our time. What does Sivistys look, sound and feel like? What is an educated society and what is the role of the citizen in building it? What will Sivistys be like in 2024, and in what direction do we want to develop it?

We live in a time of multiple and global developments. More information is available than ever before; research and science are advancing and our understanding of the world is growing. On the other hand, knowledge alone will not lead us towards a sustainable and good future. We are also facing threats to an educated society such as the divergence of views and the rise of disinformation.

Sivistys means slightly different things to different people. The year's events will bring the different meanings of Sivistys into the present day and into everyone's everyday life. Finland and Finns have always trusted in the power of Sivistys. We have worked hard to become one of the most successful societies. In the Year of Sivistys, we will be building Finland's future.

THE TIMELINE ALLOWS THE VISITOR TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

Science Center Soppi's touring exhibition will focus on the timeline of learning and education. This timeline will outline the history of Sivistys. There are many parallel, overlapping educational and cultural traditions in the world that have influenced and continue to influence us. The timeline focuses in particular on Western and Finnish educational history.

The thinking of European philosophers of learning and education has influenced our understanding of humanity, culture, nationhood, education and democracy. The Finnish debate and education policy have been shaped by international currents of thought and events.

Sivistys has played a central role in building society. Investment in learning and education has helped us to find solutions to the major issues of our age. The timeline leads the visitor to examine how our concept of learning and our education system have evolved over time.

It is important to be able to create values-based goals in our own time, too. We need to be able to assess the influences behind the promotion of learning and education.

Which thinkers and events, turning points and phenomena have significantly shaped the European concept of Sivistys and the development of education systems?

How have international currents of thought or events shaped Finnish educational thinking and policy?

How has Sivistys been discussed in different times?

Which historical mindsets still influence our thinking?

SOPPI OFFERS PERSPECTIVES ON LEARNING AND SIVISTYS

Soppi's exhibition opens up some of the key research and analysis themes of our time, which help us to understand the current situation. These themes relate in particular to the missions and objectives of education, and to social structures, power and equality:



Visitors to the exhibition will be able to participate in defining the Sivistys of our time and to shape the future. In the exhibition you can, for example:

- > **Build the foundations of future education with educational building blocks**
- > **Freely photograph the exhibition and continue the discussion on social media**

GET INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Education is about the possibility of change. Social upheavals are challenging traditional notions of education. To assess the direction in which we should take education, we need to identify our strengths, but also our current challenges, for example in terms of equality. Soppi's exhibition themes help to reflect on desirable directions for the future.

What do you think our concept of education should include?

What does equality look like?
How would you describe equality?

Is our debate on education an exclusionary one?
How can you get involved in the debate on education?

What kind of Sivistys could be in pursuit of equality and justice?

What can we learn from the past?
What can we learn from others?

Who has access to educational services?
How can libraries support democracy?

What kind of information is valuable and whose information is valuable?

What could be left back in history?

What are the forces that control our minds? Do we dare to slow down and go deeper?



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PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION**

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