

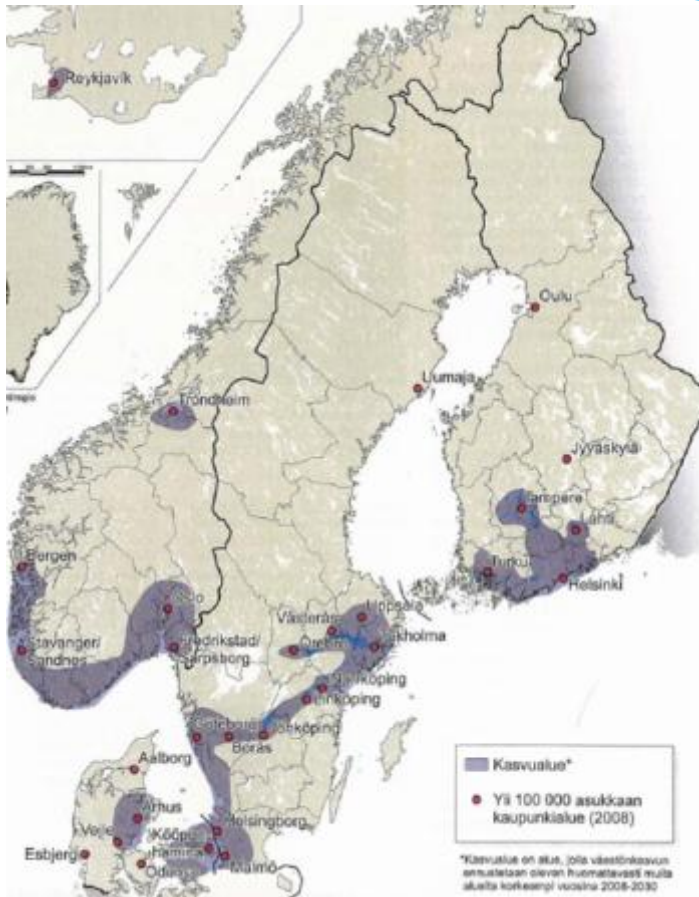
Valkeakoski Lifelong Learning Centre



Member states of the European Union (2008)

Candidate countries

Finland



5.4 million people

1.8 million saunas

5.2 million mobile phones

188,000 lakes (accounts for 10% of the total area)

180,000 islands

475,000 summer cottages

#1 in Ice Hockey World Championships 2011

#3 in PISA study 2009 (OECD)

Organization in brief

- * 1 January 2013: Valkeakoski, Pälkäne, Kangasala municipalities
- * 10,000 students annually (8,300 in adult education)
- * 51,200 teaching hours (24,500 in adult education)
- * 50 full-time staff, 21 in adult education, 250-270 part-time teachers

**VALKEAKOSKI
LIFELONG LEARNING
CENTRE**

**Liberal adult
education**

Valkeakoski branch

Pälkäne branch

Kangasala branch

**Youth art
education**

Music school

Fine arts school

Ballet school

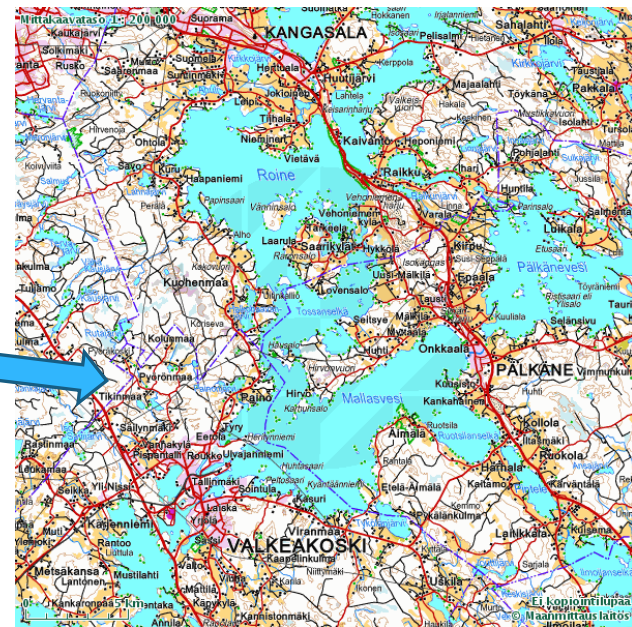
Craft school

Drama school

**Creative writing
school**

**Personnel
training unit**

Where do we operate?



Learners

- * Age 41-60: 32 %
- * Age 61-80: 29 %
- * 74 % female
- * 80% have secondary or higher education
- * Unemployed and those on basic pension benefits can take one course annually for free





Learning by doing

Use of social media

- * No e-learning courses, but blended applications
- * Target group: elderly people who have little or no experience of social media or ICT
- * Tools must be easy to use and manage
- * Blogs, Google tools etc. since 2009

Blogs as material banks

- Link list:
<http://internetitseopiskelussa.wordpress.com>
- Learning materials, instructions, photos:
<http://variherkkuja.wordpress.com>

Blogs as community builders

- Photos of group, works produced, communication teacher -> group <http://pellavapaa.wordpress.com>
<http://kangaspuutarha.wordpress.com>
- Student-student communication and problem-solving
<http://hiiri-kerhoa.blogspot.fi>
<http://hiiri-kerhob.blogspot.fi>

Blogs as learning platforms

* <http://letsgetsocial2010.wordpress.com>

Learner-initiated tools

- Facebook, YouTube