



Ideas from the network: Finnish Network meeting 16 March 2022

1. What should the Network's or coordinators' priorities be? Social media campaigns?

Networking? Communications? Something else?

- networking
- networking opportunities
- networking on different levels; university, actors and associations
- youth-oriented networking
- networking & communications in order to know what others are doing to avoid overlapping
- networking between Finnish members, not just international networking
- fostering discussion
- activism
- webinars with foreign speakers
- webinars and social media campaigns
- TEAM FINLAND: taking part and promoting each other
- giving visibility (more than newsletter)
- supporting each other as members in this organization
- win-win situation for all participating
- help in diversifying the target audiences of participating institutions
- inspiration to Finland from international members
- best ways to follow / keep in contact?
- more activities also outside Helsinki region

2. What would be the best ways to involve members in the activities?

- sharpening the focus and message of the network
- social media campaign that share information about the network & also encourage organizations to take part in the campaign > to spread the campaign more widely
- inform early enough about the events taking place
- COVID-19 has made it easier for organisations outside capital region to participate in the activities (virtual activities etc.)
- focus on actual issues and on different levels
- diverse and international roster of speakers
- motivation by events
- regular meetings, inviting different organisations to participate in different activities, importance of promoting activities, involvement, being part of the process, implementation done together > creating ownership
- twinning: old member & new member together



3. How have you benefitted from membership? What would benefit you in the future?

- Thinking about the contents and reacting to current events
- international events / participation / experiences

Network and partners

- new project partners
- finding new partners and connections that would help our institution to reach broader and more diverse audiences
- knowing all members
- collaborations / networking
- would like to get in contact with other small associations
- the network to promote the activities of the own organisation and perhaps to organise/implement something together

Fundings and training

- a small fund received > the activities realised with the fund have benefitted the organisation in creating broader project
- funding for events
- funding and training
- funding opportunities
- process of international funding was slow and frustrating
- training
- trainings are useful and interesting

4. How can you benefit the Network/What can you offer to other members?

- youth work knowledge
- knowledge about youth work networks
- network of speakers and experts
- partnership
- expertise in the institute's own country of activities: local networks, experts and activist groups
- seeing the world from an international perspective
- specialist lectures from a long (historical) point of view and a wide angle of social dynamics
- different areas of expertise & knowledge in different organisations so sharing good practices and knowledge will benefit everyone
- Villa Elba could be the place to organise events
- FOKUS: our portal and social media channels reach some thousand of people: happy to help
- I could help to organize an event on human rights in refugee context (or so...)
- FOKUS: room for small work shops in our office
- Finnish Institute at Athens provides happily space for events (and accommodation for speakers)