

Finland

Equality Week, Stadin ammattiopisto (Stadi vocational institution)



The Equality Week aims to engage students and create interesting events where students, teachers and equality experts can interact

Target groups:	VET students/learners, all gender minority groups, female students, teachers, all personnel, policymakers, general public
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Focus:	Awareness of equality issues in an inclusive way, information for students in VET, interaction between students and policy makers, teachers and experts
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Objectives: The Equality Week (tasa-arvoviikko) has been organised at Stadin ammattiopisto (Stadi Vocational Institution) for the past three years. It is based on cooperation with the SEGLI project for advancing equality and reducing segregation in education and working life (Tasa-arvon edistäminen ja segregaation lieventäminen koulutuksessa ja työelämässä, project website here: <https://www.kaikkienduuni.fi/>)

Methodology: The Equality Week consists of different kinds of programmes organised on different campuses of Stadia. Teachers have guided the planning and students have participated, providing ideas. The programme for the week includes presentations, panel discussions with equality experts and students, discussions and different performances and talks, as well as themed cafes where the issues are discussed. The activities depend on the campus, and therefore can be tailored for each target group.

The activities are very inclusive and an engaging way to bring up equality issues. The good practice works well because it is organised in cooperation with students and draws in students with interesting events. In the panel discussions, for example, students would be able to meet and address experts and policy makers.

Impact: The Equality Week has only been organised for a few years and the process is still about learning and growing. The idea was to bring students and teachers in contact with each other as well as experts.

Conclusion: Raising awareness is the most important thing, changing attitudes. It is important to get students involved in a way that speaks to them.



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<https://www.hel.fi/amatillinen/fi/uutiset/tasa-arvoviikko>,

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