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Get Together Network

Summary of ideas from Dec 2, 2021

Ideas for activities

16 people joined (out of 40 registered)

Suggestions for activities were collected with the dotmocracy method: state your idea, what needs to be done, what you can do and comment the other participants' ideas

Suggestions ranging from general leisure activities, to sports, to meditation and some more specific needs

Summary of the material with **already existing links and tips** !

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Social events

A social welcoming club for expats and locals / gathering with locals and internationals

Activities such as coffee club for anyone to join; walking club; organized by a public body in a public space

Vaasa Walking Club; every Sun at 10 from the market square

<https://www.vaasa.fi/en/events/sunday-walking/>

Guided walks, planned routes <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/activities/?type%5B%5D=1096&area=all&search=#results>

Coffee club

A Coffee club meeting regularly; one hour every week to exchange language and life; should be a mix of locals and internationals

Café Almatar, coffee shops in the city

Photo club with workshop; workshops in general

Location needed; someone with skills in photography – Alma course autumn 2022?

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Social events...

Watching movies, playing videogames

Watching and discussing movies; Alma course autumn 2022 (Filmtäckarna in Swedish spring 2022)?

Ritz [Culture venue and cinema in Vaasa – Ritz](#)

Vlog-group

Vlogs in English about culture, life and things to do in Vaasa made by internationals. One volunteer to supervise, produce, direct, write, host, promote; translation into other language.

Material for Welcome Office website?

A platform for Vaasa's present and future residents

An online platform with information and help administered by the city; prepare accurate content with help of volunteers? 3 volunteers to help with content and idea.

Welcome Office <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/about-vaasa-and-the-vaasa-region/contact-us-city-of-vaasa/information-and-advisory-services/welcome-office/> Physically in the main library; new website coming soon, basic info on vaasa.fi

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Sports activities

Trips to trekking paths in the region; hiking

Transportation needed

Vaasa – See & Experience <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/see-and-experience/activities-and-nature/>

Winter activities <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/activities/?type%5B%5D=1390&area=all&search=#result>

Walking in Botniahalli

Transportation needed, 1 car is available, snacks

Botniahalli ticket 4,20€ before 16; after 16 and weekends 6,40€ <https://vaasanseudunareenat.fi/en/botniahall/>

Bus nro 6 Mon-Sat, ticket 3,30€ one way in cash <https://www.wasabus.fi/tidtabeller/vinter/6-vasa-smedsby/>

Playing sports

Invite locals and internationals. Recommended to find an existing group to join, eg. floorball mentioned at student union.

Group activities offered by the city [Ryhmäliikuntatunnit | Vaasa](#)

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Working life

Job fairs

Organized by the city; getting to know the working life; guided by professionals.

Fairs and match making events are often collaborations with public (TE services, municipalities, HEIs) and private actors (companies).

TE services <https://www.te-palvelut.fi/>

EduJob in Vaasa 3.2.2022 <https://www.edujob.fi/>

Finland Works 16.2.2022 -> <https://www.europeanjobdays.eu/en/events/finland-works-1>

Crossing Nordic Borders 24.2.2022 -> <https://www.europeanjobdays.eu/en/events/crossing-nordic-borders>

FINLAND WORKS - WEST COAST FINLAND 22.3. -> <https://www.europeanjobdays.eu/en/events/finland-works-west-coast-finland>

Company safari

One day “safari” visiting local companies, getting to know businesses and what kind of jobs are available.

Experts from the TE services joining to give accurate information on job search and to companies, different options on hiring people.

On TCE agenda spring 2022.

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Language skills

Language swap

Finding locals who want to practice their English with a foreigner who can then practice their Finnish/Swedish.

Alma FinTandem [In English » FinTandem](#)

English (Finnish), French (Swedish) and Russian (Finnish) speakers are wanted!

English translations

Translations needed in sports activities but also in administrative procedures (eg. hospital).

The authority you are dealing with decides if you are entitled to an interpreter.

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Wellness

Meditation and discussions

For controlling emotions and help cope with loneliness especially during winter. Tell about own experiences and difficulties in Finland; culture differences; a future in Finland or elsewhere; watch a video about how to cope with mental issues.

Location Setlementti in Palosaari?

Mentoring

Local families acting as mentors; getting to know the country and culture.

The Finnish Red Cross offers volunteer friend services, 'Get to know Vaasa' program planned

Swedish District <https://rednet.rodakorset.fi/osterbotten> Vaasa Finnish Section <https://rednet.punainenristi.fi/vaasa>

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Wellness...

Volunteer center

How to find NGO's that need volunteer workers.

Coordinated information on requirements and possibilities that are available - at Welcome Office?

Ritz <https://ritz.fi/en/>

Finnish Red Cross, Vaasa Finnish Section <https://rednet.punainenristi.fi/vaasa>

FRC, Ostrobothnia Swedish Section <https://rednet.rodakorset.fi/osterbotten>

FRC Second Hand Shop <https://spr-kirppis.fi/stores/vaasa/>

Vaasan Ruoka-apu Food Help <http://vaasan-ruoka-apu.fi/>

HOPE Vaasa <https://www.facebook.com/HopeVaasaVasa/>

Pohjanmaan yhdistykset, associations in Ostrobothnia <https://www.pohy.fi/fi/node/2121>

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Other activities

Show time

Meeting in different locations

Open stage at Ritz & concerts [Culture venue and cinema in Vaasa – Ritz](#)

Vaasa City Orchestra <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/events/christmas-songs-accompanied-by-the-vaasa-city-orchestra/>

Christmas Songs on Dec 16 at 19!

A Bigger Heart Choir

Space for practicing, help to start again.

Travel club

Visit Vaasa <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/see-and-experience/>

😊😊 Going to the bar, dating activities – these you can managed by yourselves ! 😊😊

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Some questions / suggestions from TCE

Several different groups?

There are several groups on Facebook for the internationals in Vaasa. Great! (Life in Vaasa, Foreigners in Vaasa, Meet new friends in Vaasa, maybe some other groups?)

- Is there a need to coordinate or intensify the activities of different fb-groups?
- How do newcomers find their way to the groups?
- Is there a need for a joint discussion with the administrators?
- Is there a need to have/create some kind of link to the Welcome Office's Facebook page?

What about a registered association for the international community?

What can I do?

- Collect a couple of friends, set up an event and make use of the existing fb-groups, the Vaasa Welcome Office Newsletter group (send e-mail to welcome.office@vaasa.fi).

Keep on eye on different media, inform each other

- There is a number of events also available in English and for the international community – the challenge for the organizers is sometimes to reach out to this community – inform each other, follow different kind of media etc.

Take a step outside your comfort zone!

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Next steps and concrete offers from TCE

- **Regular meetings of winter/spring 2022**
 - check upcoming events on the project website. More info also by email (Get Together Network and Vaasa Welcome Office Newsletter mailing lists).
- **Jan 19, 2022 at 17**
 - guided walking tour in the city, starting from the City Hall
- **March 7, 2022**
 - cooking evening at Alma - stay tuned for more info 😊
- **Coffee Club**
 - anyone can invite to a coffee!

- **Event calendars**

- **Events in Ostrobothnia**
<https://events.osterbotten.fi/en/events/>
- **Vaasa events calendar**
<https://www.vaasa.fi/en/events/>

We always gladly discuss your ideas

- do not hesitate to contact us!

Contact information collected on Dec 2 will be used for invitations and information.

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