

Welcome to the Aalto Community!

Aalto University Student union AYY

BIZ master's orientation 24.8.2026



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aalto-universitetets studentkår
aalto university student union

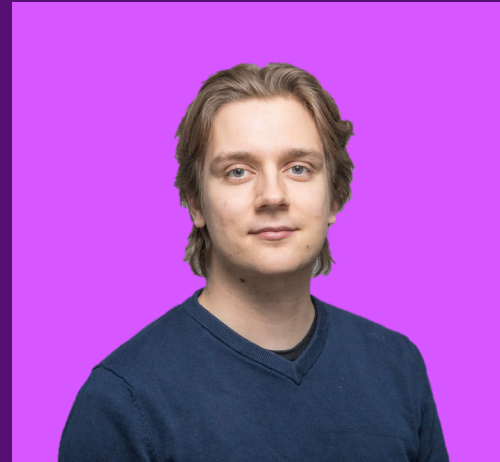
Who are we?



Emma Karppinen

Board Member

Vice chair, Finance



Joona Lipponen

Chair of the Board

Student union?

Organization that represents us students: both to the university and to society!

Section 46 Student union (Universities Act)

"-- The student union liaises on behalf of its members and promotes their societal, social and intellectual aspirations and those relating to studies and the status of students in society. --"

=> Foundation for everything happening in Otaniemi!



Now and then

1849– Helsinki University of Technology

1871– University of Arts and Design Helsinki

1911– Helsinki School of Economics

2010 Aalto University & AYY started their operations

2015 BIZ bachelor students moved from Töölö to Otaniemi

2018 ARTS moved from Arabia to Otaniemi

In 2025 we celebrated 15 years of Aalto & AYY

2026 Mikkeli moves to Otaniemi campus!

AYY in
figures

45

members of the
Representative Council

200

associations

~200

recruited volunteers

2700

student flats

35

AYY employees

10

board
members

100-200

events

18 000

members

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AYY Service Office



Otakaari 25

Open:
Mon-Thu 12:00–15:00

Extended opening hours
during orientation week

Tue 1.9. moving day

What AYY Does?

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The best student life in
the world!



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Student-centricity

**Diverse and equal
community**

**The strategy that guides
our actions**

Sustainability

Well-being

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What do you actually
get?

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Sports
(UniSport)

**Rentable
spaces
& Van**

Advocacy

Student Card
(Frank)

FSHS
(YTHS)

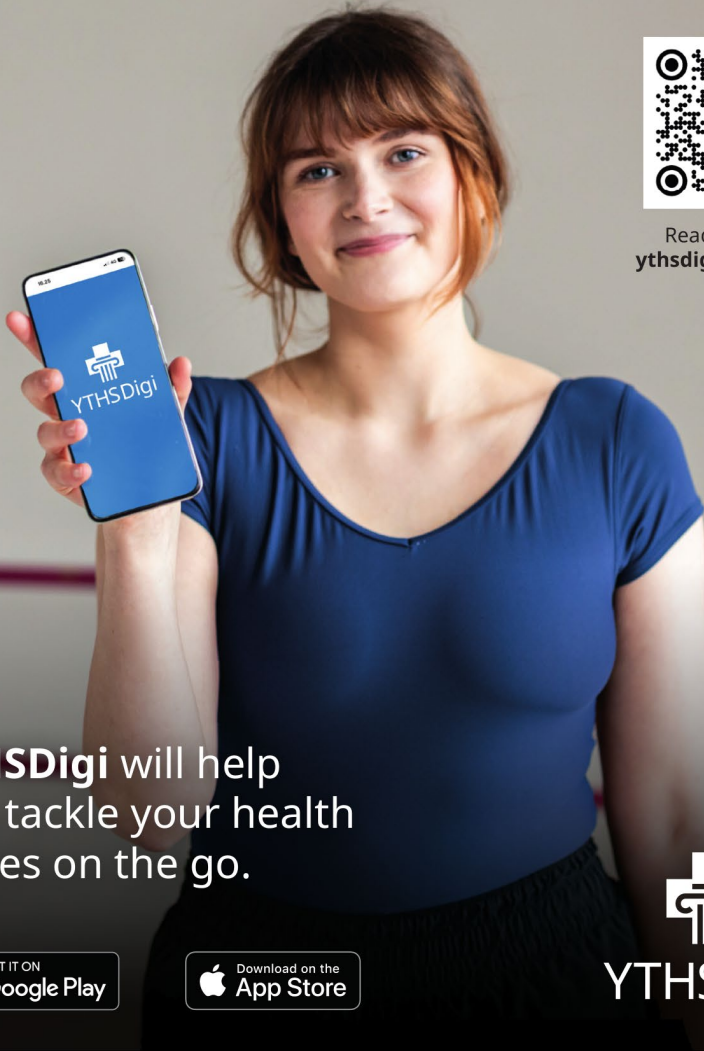
**Scholarships &
funding for
projects**

**Student
housing**

**Volunteering
opportunities**

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YTHSDigi – supporting your student life.



Read more at
ythsdigi.yths.fi/en

YTHSDigi will help
you tackle your health
issues on the go.



YTHSDigi App

The new main way of contacting YTHS!

- You need Finnish bank account / strong authentication to use YTHSDigi.
- International degree students who do not necessarily have bank codes can contact the Finnish Student Health Services (FSHS) via its national telephone service.
 - And can access all FSHS services from FSHS service units at face-to-face appointments.

In YTHSDigi, students can:

- Contact a care need assessment
- Message a professional about on-going treatment
- Manage their own appointments

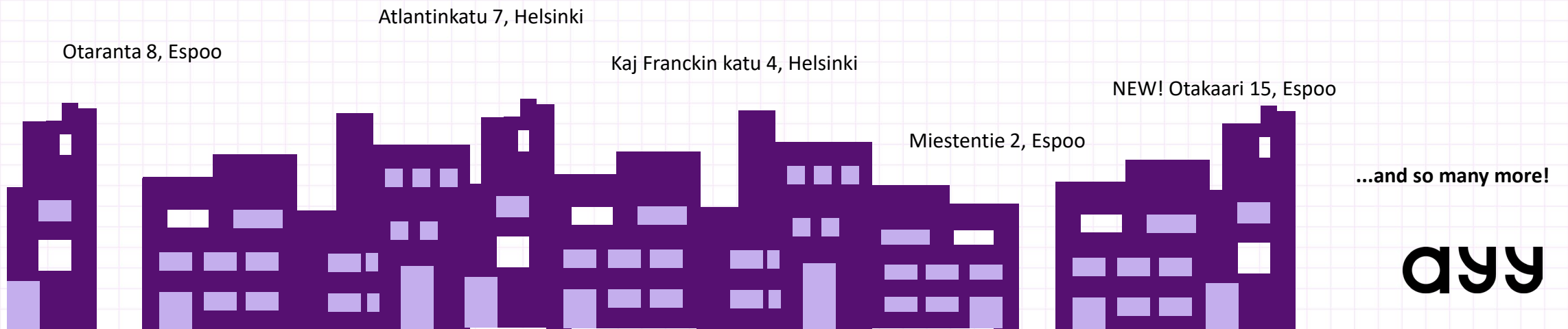
...and much more!



Housing

AYY owns 2700 student apartments, which are rented to the student union members.

The student union owns shared apartments, studios and family apartments in Otaniemi and Leppävaara in Espoo and in various parts of Helsinki.





Community & Events

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Advocacy at AYY



Our advocacy sector can help you!

Tricky situations: Life doesn't always fit in neat boxes.

- E.g. disputes over grades with professors, development of courses

Students' rights

- We communicate about and represent students' rights and responsibilities locally and nationally
- We help students stand up for their own rights

Reaction to crises: Sometimes, a crisis pops up in the community

- We work to make sure they are dealt with in a just manner

Totti Korpua – Specialist: Academic Affairs

Lauri Jurvanen – Specialist: Social affairs

Ronja Mäkinen – Specialist: International affairs; Equity

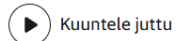




Lukijan mielipide

Keskustelu kansainvälisistä opiskelijoista on vääristynyttä

Opiskelijat toisella asteella, ammattikorkeakouluissa ja yliopistoissa ovat keskenään hyvin erilaisissa elämäntilanteissa.



Kuuntele juttu

12.11.2025 2:00

Kirjoitus on Helsingin Sanomien lukijan mielipide.

KANSAINVÄLISET opiskelijat ovat olleet otsikoissa muassa opiskelijarekrytointiin ja toimeentuloon. Keskustelu on kuitenkin ollut vääristynyttä, eivästä vastaa ongelmiin. Nyt olisi hyvä hetki pysähtyä keskustelua käymme kansainvälisistä opiskelijoista Suomelle taakka, hyödykkeitä vai arvokkaita yk

Advocacy

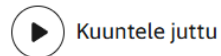
Asuminen

Opiskelija-asuntopula ratkaistaan rakentamalla

Opiskelija-asuntopulaa ei ratkaista, ellei asuntoja rakenneta

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Kuuntele juttu

2:00

HELSINGIN SANOMIEN pääkirjoituksessa (8.8.) nostettiin opiskelija-asuntopula ja opiskelijoiden edullisten asuntopulaa. Ratkaisu ongelmiin on yksinkertainen: opiskelija-asuntoja tarvitaan lisää, ja niitä on myös pystyttävä rakentamaan.

Opiskelu

Lukuvuosimaksut eivät ole opiskelijalle kannustin vaan taakka

Suomalaiset opiskelijat ovat jo nyt tehokkuuden äärirajoilla, mikä johtuu opintojen ja työn yhdistämisestä.

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EMMA KARPPINEN
Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunnan hallituksen varapuheenjohtaja

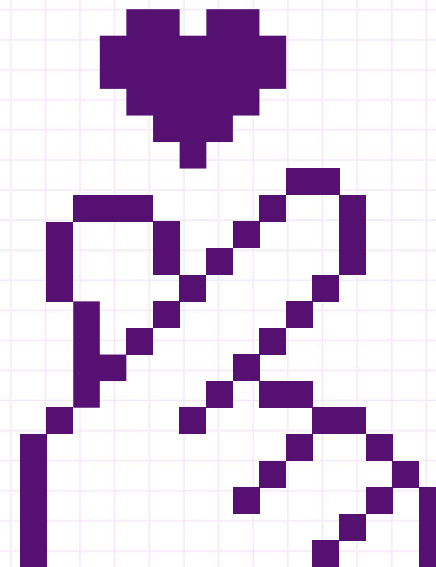
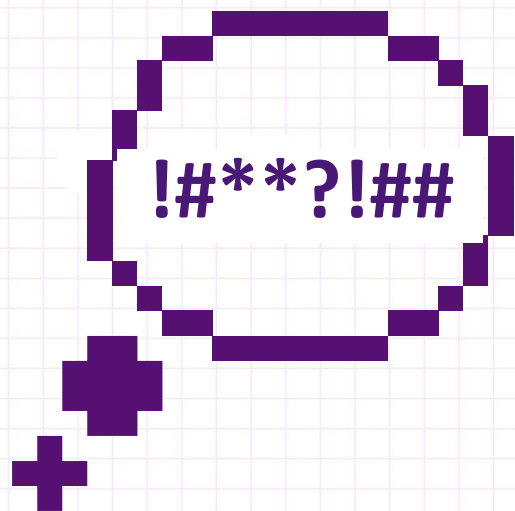


ANTTI PUSKA
ylioppilaskunnan hallituksen jäsen

Safer space policy

AYY has a zero tolerance for all forms of harassment, sexism, racism, bullying and discrimination.

We want everyone to be able to participate as themselves and feel safe.



AYY's harassment *contact persons*:

Ronja Mäkinen and Lauri Jurvanen

equity@ayy.fi



**Participate and get
involved?**

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Coming up



... & Otaorienteering,
Helsinki orienteering,
Lakinlaskijaiset...

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**Representative
Council**

AYY Board

**Join our
activities!**

Committees

Hallopeds

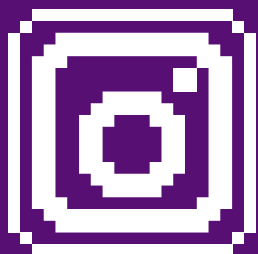
Applications for
volunteer positions
and position of trust
will open again in
autumn 2026.

Sections

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Follow Us!

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AYY Info
AYY Events



<https://linktr.ee/ayycomms>

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Questions?

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Kiitos! Thank you! Tack!



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