

## **ILMANKOS workshop: what could you do for climate? Ways to combat climate change and ideas for future projects**

Old Library Building  
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### **Energy and electricity**

- Green energy: not much more expensive and an easy way to do something for the climate! If you have your own electricity contract with Tampereen Sähkölaitos (unfortunately not the case in TOAS flats, for example), you can turn your contract to green electricity.

- Bad insulation causes cold flats and is wasting of energy. The solution could be insulation tape. → Could you organise “insulation day” with your neighbours?

- If you like to know how much electricity your technical equipments consume, you can borrow a consumption meter from Moreenia (the Centre for Urban Environment).

Fill the form (in Finnish) <https://palvelut2.tampere.fi/e3/lomakkeet/567/lomake.html> or call 03-5656 5655.

- Water and light controlling. Taking quick showers and not washing and rinsing the dishes under running water. It was seen important that “you pay what you use” principle would be the case also in student flats. Discussions with TOAS, for example, were seen important.

- Tap water drinking: instead of bottle water, drink tap water. It is good quality in Finland.

- It was discussed, that it is difficult to compare different environment impacts and which decision/product is the best to environment as a whole.

- E.g. fare trade versus local products, energy intensive greenhouses in Finland versus the intensive use of fertilizers and other chemicals in the south?

- Opportunity to choose environment or climate-friendly products in stores, we cannot choose them if there is nothing to choose from. “Pressure” towards stores and private sector was seen important.

### **Waste and recycling**

- You brought up problems with bio waste: Kitchens are so small that it is no room to have many bins. It is true that sorting asks motivation. The lack of English and more detailed information was also seen as a problem in recycling places. I will inform Tampere Regional Solid Waste Management and ask if there could be a change in the future.

If someone did not get the Waste Guide in English in the workshop, it can be found:

[http://www.pirkanmaan-jatehuolto.fi/dev/AKPMedia.nsf/Resources/english.pdf/\\$file/WasteGuide08.pdf](http://www.pirkanmaan-jatehuolto.fi/dev/AKPMedia.nsf/Resources/english.pdf/$file/WasteGuide08.pdf)

- It was also discussed, that collection points of different kinds of wastes are too far, difficult to take e.g. metals there without a car.

That might be true in some parts of Tampere. However; there are around 80 drop-off-collection points in Tampere: mostly outside the supermarkets. Every time you go there, take recyclable wastes with you. So you do not need to carry much at the same time. Easy to say, hard to do, I know...

- Avoiding disposable products and favouring recyclable and those that can be used again and again (tote bags for shopping or little bags for vegetables, for example).

- Finnish waste management system is different from the systems in many countries. It is not easy to adopt the practices when you move here and information is mainly in Finnish. It was seen that material in English is not enough but there should be "tours" where everything is explained "hand in hand": what you need to do at home, where is your nearest collection point etc.

### **With your friends/ study or work group/ recreation group:**

- Car-pooling. If you have a car and you use it, offer a drive to others! There is no point to drive alone. Mailing lists, sms, Facebook groups etc. are good ways to organise this.

- Informing the others (your friends, your flat mates, your association...) about environmental issues and what can be done in daily life.

à That is among the most important things! How the message could be forwarded? There was much talk about how difficult it is to know Finnish practices with environmental issues if you have just arrived here and if you do not know any Finnish.

à Could your organisation organise a climate evening/happening/campaign where information about environment issues could be provided?

This is also the question I like you to consider in relation to our climate fund. How you could encourage your group to do things for the climate? Which is the group that you can reach?

### **What ILMANKOS campaign could do?**

Our campaign got good ideas like:

- Schools (and kindergartens) were seen important when kinds (our future) are thought what is normal behaviour and thinking. There was an idea that the City of Tampere donates energy saving bulbs to school kids to bring home. Great idea! We will find out how expensive it would be to donate bulbs to pupils of a chosen grade if sponsors were found for that.

- Practical lectures in English were seen important. Our campaign totally agrees with that! The future of our campaign is still unsure (depends on financing) but if everything turns out fine, we try to provide more in English.

- Information and interesting facts about the temperature changes and its consequences and concretising the change and how little change in temperature can have serious and wide-ranging consequences à could catch the attention.

- Facts and detailed information and for example pictures about what you can do/your household can do and how it makes a difference (concreteness again).
- Information should be in an easy form (posters?) in places where it is easy to reach and where people often see it, e.g. in elevator, walls of the university, school/work restaurants.

This is something we have been doing already, but unfortunately mainly in Finnish. Hopefully we have in the future more material in English.

There were inquiries about The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poznań and what was the result of it. Relatively good links in English are:

[http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop\\_14/items/4481.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_14/items/4481.php)

<http://www.climatenetwork.org/home-page-content-panel/eco>