

Central Finland Multicultural Forum

Date: Monday, 17 November 2025, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Venue: Jyväskylä City Hall, Council Chamber

Organisers: Central Finland Wellbeing Services County and the City of Jyväskylä

1. Opening of the event and greetings from the City of Jyväskylä

The City of Jyväskylä's Chief Administrative Officer, Heli Leinonkoski, opened the event by explaining the background and purpose of the forum, as well as providing information on the city's foreign-language population, the promotion of wellbeing, and opportunities for participation.

2. Greetings from the Central Finland Wellbeing Services County

Service Director Nina Peränen presented basic information about the services and organisation of the Central Finland Wellbeing Services County, as well as opportunities for participation.

3. Participation

There were 62 registered participants; slightly fewer attended in person.

4. Planning the activities of the Multicultural Forum: joint development and ideation

Participants' views and wishes regarding the forum's activities were collected using the Menti tool. Meetings were mainly hoped to be held as in-person or hybrid events. Discussion covered, among other things, the forum's communication and reach, potential topics to be addressed, meeting frequency, and the name of the forum. There was also discussion on whether the forum should be a joint forum for all municipalities in the region.

Topics emerging from Menti included, among others, a wish to meet leaders/decision-makers, safety, children and young people, communication and reaching target groups, prevention of racism, and segregation. Participation and influence were also highlighted in the responses.

5. Next steps

The original proposal for the next meeting was April 2026, but as meetings were hoped to be held four times a year, the next meeting will be scheduled earlier.

The theme of the next meeting will be wellbeing plans.

6. Closing of the event

Service Director Nina Peränen closed the event.

Meeting notes written in Finnish by Iiris Asunmaa and translated by ChatGPT.