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Vaasa Spouse Programme



We want to help make Vaasa the new home for spouses!

- ▶ Relocating to a new country is exciting, but we also know it can be challenging at times.
- ▶ On the journey to make Vaasa the new home, the Vaasa Spouse Programme will help spouses to settle in socially and professionally.



Vaasa Spouse Programme aims

- ▶ The Vaasa Spouse Programme is addressed to all spouses of full time students and employees in schools and companies in the Vaasa region.
- ▶ Our aim is to build up a spouse community within the Vaasa region by establishing collaboration with local stakeholders and the international spouses.



Spouses join our programme:

- ▶ To make new friends
- ▶ To be in a supportive community
- ▶ To learn more about living in Vaasa
- ▶ To expand their professional network
- ▶ To enhance their chances on entering the local job market



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WELCOME OFFICE

12.

Events

246

members

+24.

Collaborators

20.

Monthly coffee
chats



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Our New Regional Working Group

Representing industries and institutions



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2-track programme where the participants can join flexibly, according to their life situation.

Living in Vaasa: networking & social inclusion, the whole family in focus

Trips and excursions, cultural events, meet & greet events

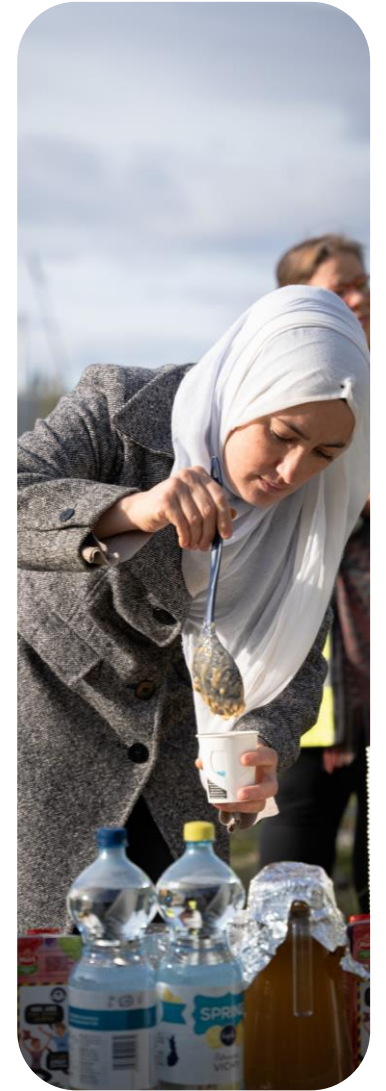
Presenting existing associations and clubs in the region, free-time activities, hobbies

Flexible programme, which is built in cooperation with the participating spouses

Monthly informal Coffee and Chat meetings











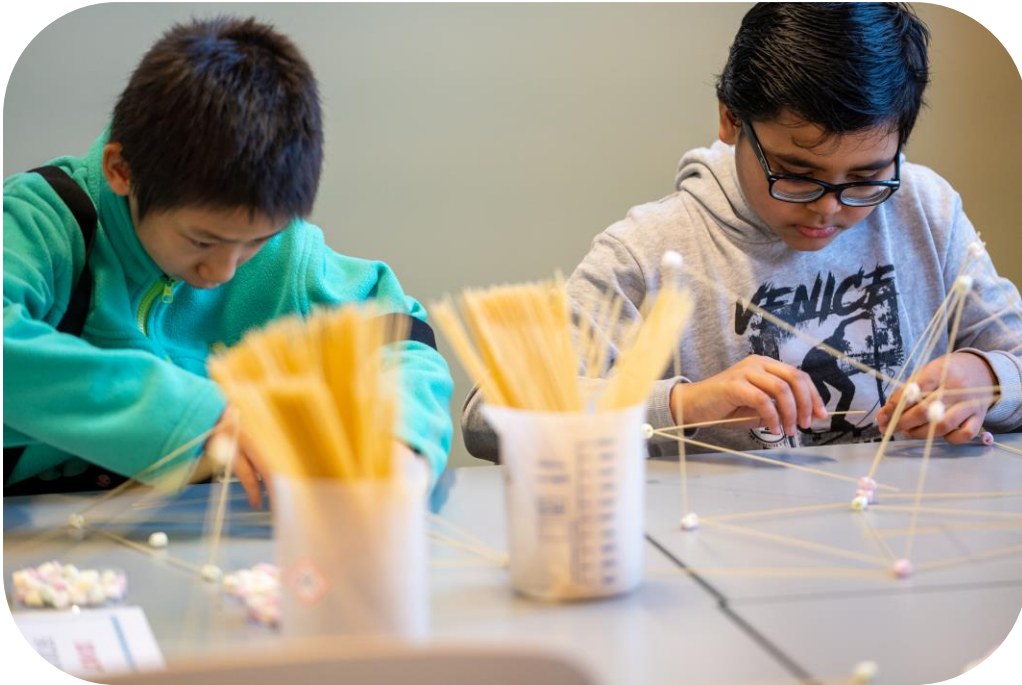












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Working in Vaasa: Career and professional development in focus

Introduction of **career club**

Regularly running initiative with each cohort running for 8 weeks.

Contents include Finnish working life and culture, networking and personal branding, HR process

Company workshops/visits

CAREER CLUB

Welcome



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Career Club Initiative

12

participants

8.

Sessions including a
closing party

6.

locations

4.

Themes

21.11.2023-31.1.2024



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VSP hyödyttää Vaasan seudun työnantajia

- ▶ Auttaa työnantajia löytämään potentiaalisia työntekijöitä jo Vaasan seudulla asuvista kansainvälisistä osaajista
- ▶ Auttaa työnantajia, joilla jo on kansainvälisiä työntekijöitä, sitouttamaan työntekijöitään Vaasan seudulle.

