



# International Affairs

## The organisation forum 2019

# Agenda

1. International Affairs in UTU
2. Main issues of inclusion of international students
3. Examples
4. How can TYY support you?



# Who is who?

- Please tell...?
  - Your name
  - What do you study
  - Which organisation you represent



# 1. International Affairs in UTU

- **100 different nationalities**
  - ~8 % of our students are international students
- **Exchange students (more than 3 months)**
  - 2018: 530 outgoing, 452 incoming
  - 2019: We welcome more students than send abroad
- **Degree students**
  - If they come from non-EU/EEA countries -> tuition fees or scholarships
- ~20 000 international students studying in institutions of higher education in Finland
  - Links:
    - Student statistics: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/opiskelutilastot>
    - Exchange: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/opiskelutilastot/opiskelijaliikkuvuus>
    - Degree programmes: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/bachelors-and-masters-degree-programmes>
    - UTU's partners: <https://apps.utu.fi/apply/partners/>



## 2. Main issues in inclusion of international students

- Segregation from "local students" (depends on the programme)
  - Orientation (and fuksiviikko) are held separately
  - The cultural differences in studying and in free time
  - The short time of studies
  - The socio-economical situation is very different
  - Sometimes language issues



# What is TYY going to do about this?

- "Kv-opiskelija on myös opiskelija" Action plan



# However, integration is not impossible!

- Organisations and tutors have a great role in integration
- How to reach international students?
  - Communicate clearly
  - Repetition
  - Communicate multilingually
  - Invite them personally
- Remember: international students can also act as planners, not only as participants!



## 3. Examples

- International students of TYKry (Facebook group)
- Infomails in English
- Infomarkets
- Visit the orientation sessions
- Plan in advance, how your Faculty's students get their overalls





## 4. How does TYY support you?

- **Add info about you on our webpage:**
  - "Welcome letter"
  - Calendar
  - List of organisations
  - List of mailing lists
- **International Council**
  - Meets regularly around a specific theme
- **TYY After Work**
  - Meet new people, come together with international students
- **TYY International Wing**



THANK YOU!

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