



# Live updates from the International Sector

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# Agenda for today

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# How is it going?

- Update: how have you been?
- How is the situation in your home country?
- How are the studies going?
- Do you have any plans for Vappu?
- Are you working somewhere right now or planning to work during the summer holidays?



# What has TYY been doing?

- Mostly as planned but online
- International Sector: International Sector Goes Live meetings
- Meetings with SYL & other Student Unions
- TYY's survey: <https://www.tyy.fi/fi/covid-19-study-affect?fbclid=IwAR13YZSLzKFXuAQ0KH709PYZrKyH0RTNgLK0VBwVcKYNN8hDJuNZ6FxAKWA>
- ESU's survey: <https://www.esu-online.org/?news=how-is-your-student-life-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-take-this-survey>
- Faculty of Education Survey: <https://link.webpolsurveys.com/Participation/Public/f56bb869-27d3-4654-8b66-dc5bb971f1d8?displayId=Fin1991872>
- Online events
  - Habbo every week
  - Vappu: <https://www.facebook.com/events/621520962031701/>
  - Today Game night with the International Wing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1349518668565578/>
  - Tips for remote activities: <https://www.tyy.fi/en/activities/tips-remote-activities>



# Update on UTU's exceptional circumstances

- Exceptional circumstances at least until 13 May 2020
- No events, no travelling
- Contact teaching in the University's facilities is cancelled until 31 May 2020 unless otherwise instructed (Faculty of Medicine has a special right).
- Library services: <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/library/covid>
- Current restrictions: <https://www.utu.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus>
- Finland has banned events of more than 500 people until the end of July
- In case any problems occur, please contact your programme coordinator or TYY
- Tuition paying students - Any concerns about your scholarship situation: [admissions@utu.fi](mailto:admissions@utu.fi)



# TYY's international survey for organisations

- The amount of answers received is rather small (21), since only around 15% of our organisations took part in this survey.
- International students are mainly involved as participants, but not as active members or board members.
- More than half of the organisations do not communicate in English at all, which, in turn, explains why international students are poorly involved in different activities.
- On the other hand, some organisations do not have any international students as their members or in the study subject.
- Student organisations have barely (if at all) used TYY channels to promote their events on TYY's website or event calendar.
- International students can be best reached using social media (Facebook, Instagram) or organisation's own mailing list.
- International students are mainly interested to hear about upcoming events.
- Stand in the info market/Opening Carnival is the best way how to first meet new international students.
- International students tend to attend sitz parties, board game evenings and excursions.
- International students tend to avoid organisation's meetings.
- Our organisations lack direct information about international students (who they are, where they are from, how to contact them?).



**What kind of activities would you like?**



# About Vappu

- **27 –29 April**
  - Vappu events hosted by TYY's organizations. Take active part!
- **Vappuaatto ("Vappu Eve") 30 April**
  - 11.00–12.00 TYY's Vappupunch Live. Traditionally on the morning of Vappu Eve students gather around campus to drink punches served by student organizations. In this years punch live TYY teaches you to prepare your own punch at home.
  - 12.00–13.00 Vappu drinks on your own balcony. Skål! (Cheers!) Go to your own balcony to toast with all students.
  - 17.00–17.50 Music performances and video of student organizations flags.
  - 17.50–18.00 Speech for students. At 18.00 sharp everyone puts on their students caps (ylioppilaslakki).
  - 18.30–19.00 Washing of Lilja statue.
- **Vappupäivä (First of May) 1 May**
  - Picnic at home.





# Let's meet soon again!

- Join our mailing list to hear more: [Tyy.fi/maillists](https://tyy.fi/maillists)
  - English newsletter comes out every week!
  - Our website: [www.tyy.fi/en](https://www.tyy.fi/en)
- Send us e-mail: Satu [tyy-internationalspecialist@utu.fi](mailto:tyy-internationalspecialist@utu.fi) and Kristaps [tyy-kv@utu.fi](mailto:tyy-kv@utu.fi)



# Important links to pass for international students (I)

- Unica's food services: <https://www.facebook.com/UnicaRavintolat/>
  - Also, many restaurants are still selling food out (a bit more expensive)
- Campus Sport: Remote access workouts, <https://www.campusport.fi/en/remote-access-exercise/>
  - Remember also free Youtube videos!
  - <https://intranet.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutiset/Sivut/Uusi-Break-Pro-%E2%80%93taukoliikuntaohjelma-kaikille-Turun-yliopistolaisille.aspx> (Break work out)
- Study psychologists:
  - [https://intranet.utu.fi/index/Study\\_Psychologist/Pages/default.aspx](https://intranet.utu.fi/index/Study_Psychologist/Pages/default.aspx)
  - [opintopsykologi@utu.fi](mailto:opintopsykologi@utu.fi)
- Wellbeing services & Early support: <https://intranet.utu.fi/index/early-support-for-students/Pages/default.aspx>
- YTHS – FSHS: <https://www.yths.fi/en/frontpage/>
- University Chaplains: <https://www.turunseurakunnat.fi/apua-ja-tukea/oppilaitospapit>
  - [tiina.hallikainen@evl.fi](mailto:tiina.hallikainen@evl.fi)
  - [mia.pusa@evl.fi](mailto:mia.pusa@evl.fi)
- Nytyi ry: [www.nytyi.fi](http://www.nytyi.fi) (also content for international students)
- Corona help group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/200909921354302/>
- What to do if you have symptoms: <https://www.turku.fi/en/corona/what-do-if-you-suspect-having-caught-coronavirus-infection>



# Important links to pass for international students (II)

- Are you entitled to KELA benefits? <https://www.kela.fi/web/en>
- Possibility to ask for later payment of rent
- Public Employment and Business Services: <http://www.te-palvelut.fi/te/en/index.html>
- Career Services of UTU: <https://sites.utu.fi/rekry/en/>
  - Online services: CV and application letter
- Aarresaari open vacancies: [https://www.aarresaari.net/index.php?13&uniid=12&lang\\_id=1](https://www.aarresaari.net/index.php?13&uniid=12&lang_id=1)
- Finnish International Entrepreneurs: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/544701129267045>
- Osaamispiste: <https://www.facebook.com/osaamispiste>
- Seasonal work: <https://seasonwork.fi>
- Töitä Suomesta: <https://www.toitäsuomesta.fi/>
- Work in food delivery (Foodora, Wolt, shops' own)? Warehouses?
- Remember tax card!
- Non-EU/EEA Residence permit: during study time 25 h/ week possible
- More about residence permits, also info about corona situation: <https://migri.fi/en/home>



**Thank you and see you soon  
again!**

