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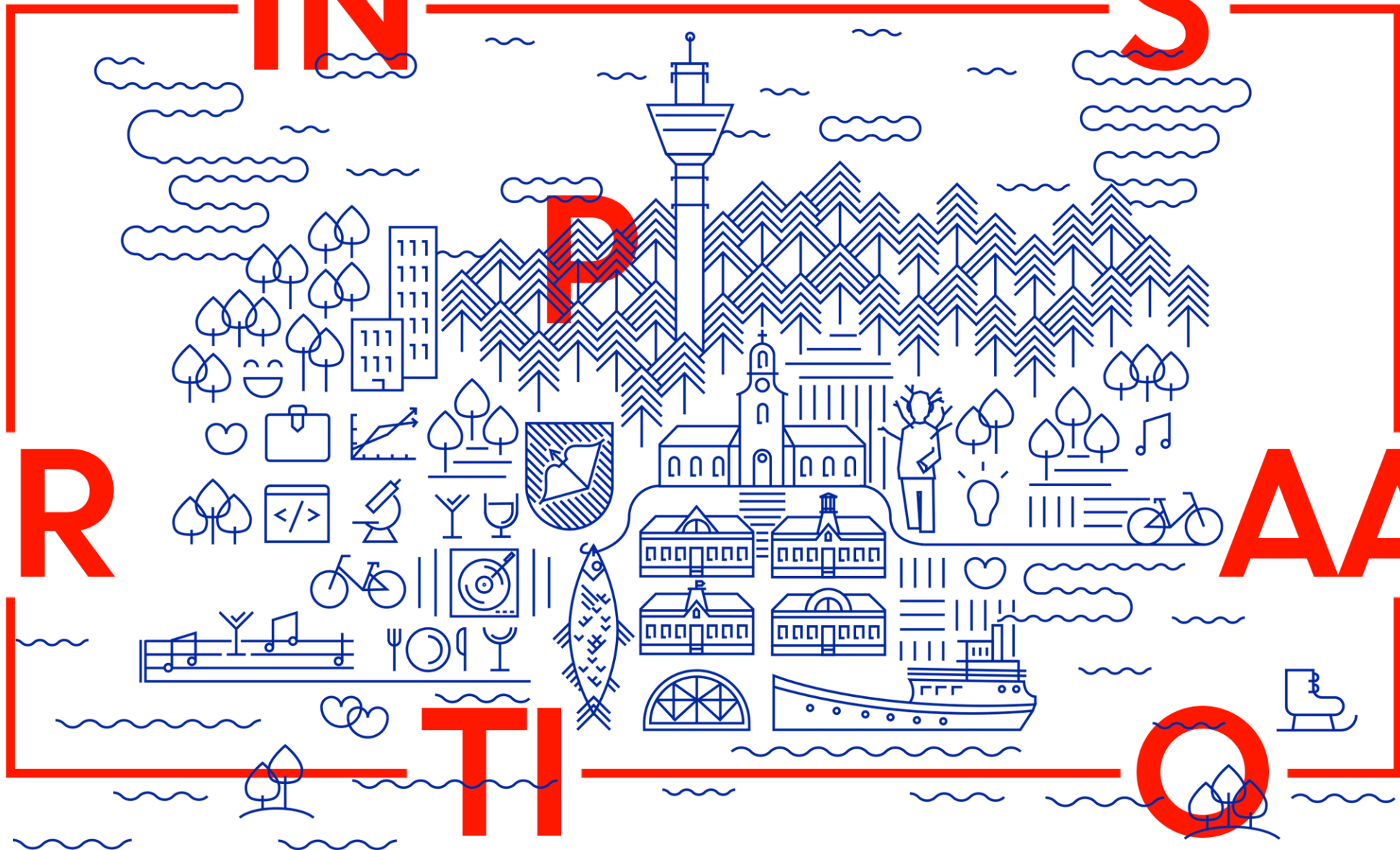
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Preparatory education in Kuopio

Education for immigrants

Preparatory education

- Preparatory education is for pupils
 - age group 7–17
 - whose Finnish/Swedish skills are not sufficient to study in their local school
 - who are going to stay in Finland for a while
- The aim of the preparatory education is to
 - develop pupils' Finnish language skills and general readiness for Finnish school
 - integrate pupils into Finnish society
- Preparatory education has its own curriculum and it is not class- or year-based.
- The group size in preparatory education classes is approximately 10 pupils.
- Preparatory education lasts approximately one school year (900–1000 hours).
- Preparatory education is given in Kalevala Comprehensive School (age group 7–12) and in Pyörö Comprehensive School (age group 12–17).
- After preparatory education pupils will usually go to their local school.

Preparatory education in Kalevala Comprehensive School

- Kalevala Comprehensive school has two different school buildings
 - Kettula School (Koulukatu 3), years 0–6 (about 200 pupils)
 - Kalevala School (Pohjankatu 2), years 0–6 and special education grades 0–9 (about 500 pupils)
 - 19 mainstream classes, 12 classes for pupils with special needs, 3 preschool classes and 2 preparatory education classes
 - Music classes, dancing classes, classes which study partly in German language, age group non binding primary education and family class
- Kalevala Comprehensive school has two preparatory education classes
 - years 1–2 (age group 7–9), teacher Laura Kamunen
 - years 3–5 (age group 9–12), teacher Sanna Laitinen

Preparatory education in Pyörö Comprehensive School

- Pyörö is a comprehensive school for grades 1–9 that also includes Pitkälähti school
 - Pyörö 1–6 (about 440 pupils)
 - Pyörö 7–9 (about 600 pupils)
 - Pitkälähti 1–2 (about 85 pupils)
- Pyörö comprehensive school operates in three buildings
 - Ala-Pyörö (Kulmakatu 7), Ylä-Pyörö (Blominkatu 2) and Pitkälähti (Pitkälähdentie 4)
- Mainstream education classes, special needs education classes and a preparatory education class
- Weighted-curriculum education
 - grades 3–9: Mathematics and science
 - grades 7–9: Physical education classes
- Pyörö Comprehensive school has one preparatory education class
 - years 6–9 (age group 12–17), teacher Sanna Tikkanen

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