

UBC Youthful Cities Commission's meeting 5th – 7th November 2024, Espoo (Finland)

Tentative programme

Tuesday 5th of November

18.00 Welcome Dinner

Tapiola Garden Grill It!

Wednesday 6th of November

9.00 Opening notes and getting to know each other

Tapiola Garden, meeting room Galleria

9.30 UBC Youthful Cities Commission's meeting

(further development of UBC Youth Board's concept and discussion about UBC Youth Conference 2025)

11.00 Welcome to Espoo and Espoo youth services

12.00 Lunch

Tapiola Garden Grill It!

13.00 Introduction of youth work practices in Espoo

Includes a coffee break

16.00 Day 1 ends

19.00 Dinner

Lucy in the Sky, Keilaniemi

Thursday 7th of November

9.00 Visit to Ohjaamotalo – one stop guidance centre

10.30 Mutual learning from cities' best practices

Akseli-room, Sello Library, Leppävaara

12.30 Lunch

GLO, Leppävaara

14.30 Guided tour in EMMA – Espoo museum of modern art

15.30 Possibility to explore EMMA further

19.00 Concluding dinner

Freja, Matinkylä

The programme schedule is subject to minor changes, but the starting and ending times of the programme are set.

Practicalities

1. Contact persons

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2. Venue

The special feature of the city of Espoo is that there is not one city centre. During the meeting, we will be moving around the city and using two different locations. The first day will be spent in Tapiola and the second day in Leppävaara. We recommend staying in Tapiola (Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden, information and special rates below). We will be using public transport to get around the city.

Meeting venue: [Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden](#)

Address: Tapionaukio 3, 02100 Espoo

3. Hotels

We recommend staying at the **Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden**.

The Commission meeting on Wednesday will be taking place at the Tapiola Garden meeting room. The hotel is located near the Tapiola metro stop.

Special rates have been offered to the participants of the meeting:

1 person rooms for 149e/night

2 person rooms for 169e/night

All room prices include breakfast at the hotel. When booking the hotels please use the code BESTESPOO24.

4. Getting around

Helsinki and Espoo are closely connected with a network of public transport. It is also safe to travel by taxi.

Tickets and routes for getting around in Espoo

You will be offered a 2-day ticket for public transport (travel area AB) that will cover the trips between meeting venues. You will receive the ticket upon arrival at the hotel, either before the welcome dinner on Tuesday or at the beginning of the meeting on Wednesday.

Taxis

Taxis in Finland are safe, but it should be noted that taxi fares are often very high. Bolt and Uber are also operating in Espoo and Helsinki.

From Helsinki-Vantaa airport to Espoo

[The HSL website](#) and app are great tools for finding the best and most up-to-date routes for public transport. You can buy the ticket on the [HSL app](#), from a ticket machine, or a sales point; you can find the locations from [the HSL website section on the sales points](#).

Trains I and P go from the airport to the Central Railway Station (Rautatieasema) in Helsinki. From there, the metro is the fastest way to travel to Tapiola, where the programme takes place. Take a metro towards either Kivenlahti or Tapiola. Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden metro stop: Tapiola.

From Länsisatama Port to Espoo

Take tram 7 (Meilahden sairaala) or tram 9 (Ilmala) to Kampintori. Go to Kamppi metro station (located in Kamppi shopping centre) and take a metro towards either Kivenlahti or Tapiola. Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden metro stop: Tapiola.

From Katajanokan terminaali Port to Espoo

Take tram 4 (towards Munkkiniemi) from Vyökatu stop to Lasipalatsi. Walk to Kamppi metro station (located in Kamppi shopping centre) and take a metro towards either Kivenlahti or Tapiola. Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden metro stop: Tapiola.

From Olympiaterminaali Port to Espoo

Take tram 2 (towards Messukeskus) to Kamppi (M). Walk to Kamppi metro station (located in Kamppi shopping centre) and take a metro towards either Kivenlahti or Tapiola. Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden metro stop: Tapiola.

5. Registration for the event

Event is meant for policy makers and practitioners in charge of youth policy and youth work in the cities. We encourage the involved cities to include a youth representative in their delegation. To ensure balance between the cities, we would like to encourage the cities not to have more than 4 persons in their delegations.

Please register every participant here: <https://link.webropol.com/s/ubc-espoo2024>

Deadline for registration is 15th of October (23:59 EET).

6. Costs covered by the organisers

Youthful Cities Commission in cooperation with UBC Secretariat will take care of and cover the following costs related to the event:

- venue of the meeting (conference room),
- meals,
- programme,
- local transport in Espoo.

We kindly ask the participants to take care of their own:

- travel costs and travel arrangements to and from Espoo,
- hotel costs (accommodation).