

# YOUTH COUNCIL IN FINLAND



# WHAT IS THE YOUTH COUNCIL?

- The Youth Councils are a politically independent forms of youth voice
- The Youth Council consists of young people aged 13-20. It has meetings at least once a month
- The Youth Council participates in community decision-making. It can get the right to speak and vote at the meetings of the Board and Municipal Council
- There is a law in Finland that every municipality must have a youth council



# WHAT DOES THE YOUTH COUNCIL DO



Plans and organizes events, campaigns and tricks.



Represents young people in municipal decision-making.



Makes initiatives and positions = practice politics

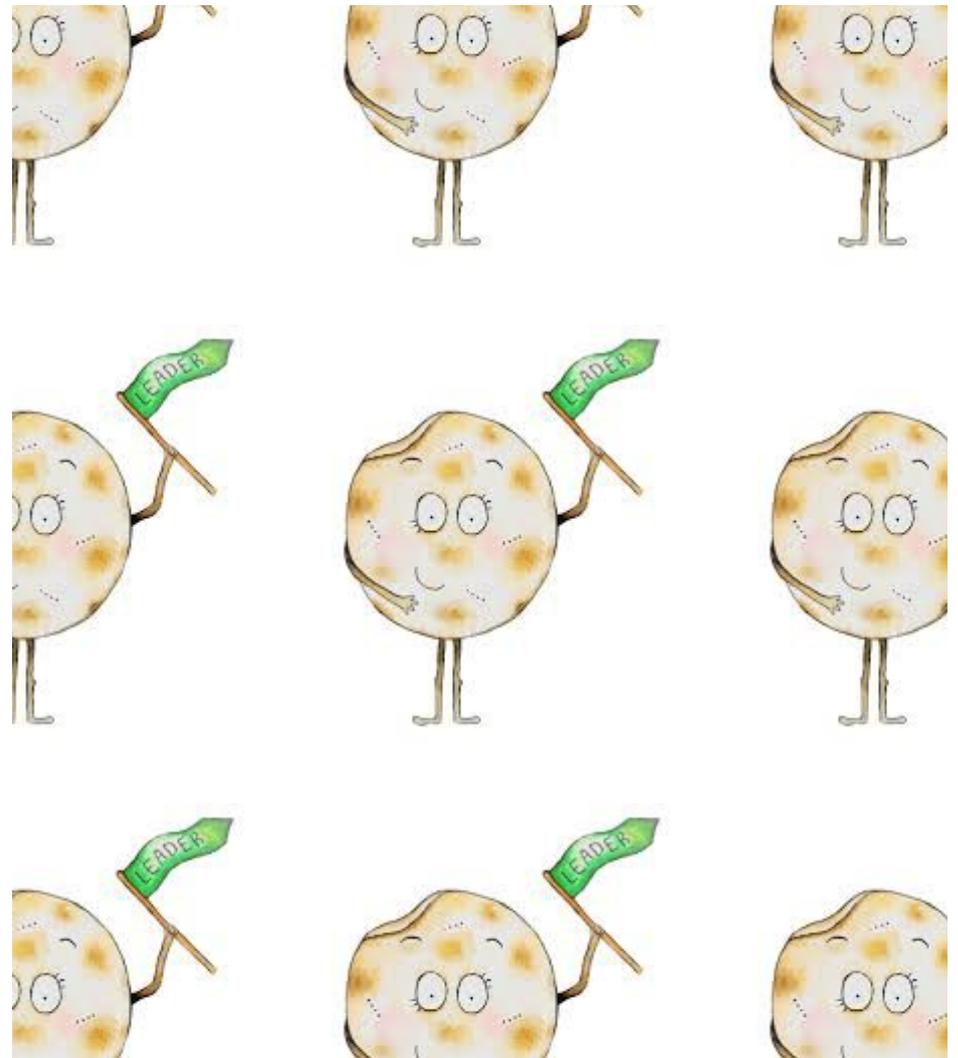
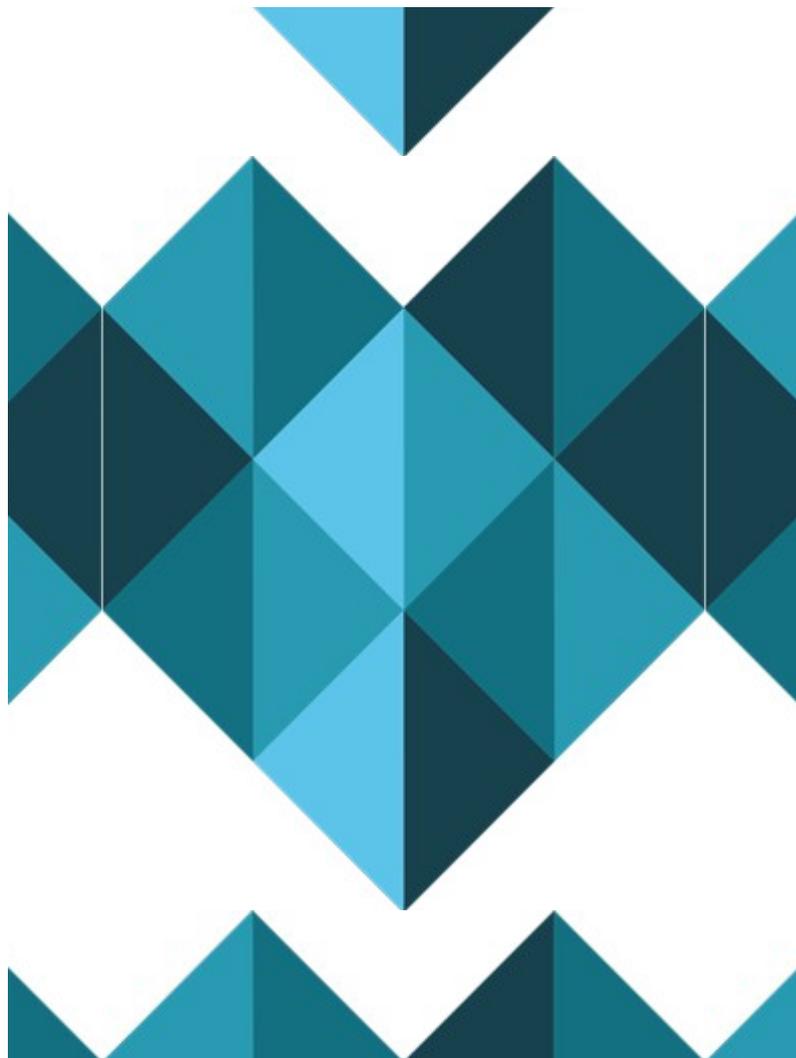
# AND THERE IS THE YOUTH WORKING GROUP WHICH...

... activates youngsters to organize activities for other youngsters in the countryside



... and make youngsters more familiar with the operation formula of **Youth Leader**

# YOUTH COUNCIL VERSUS YOUTH ACTION GROUP



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has meetings  
at least once  
a month



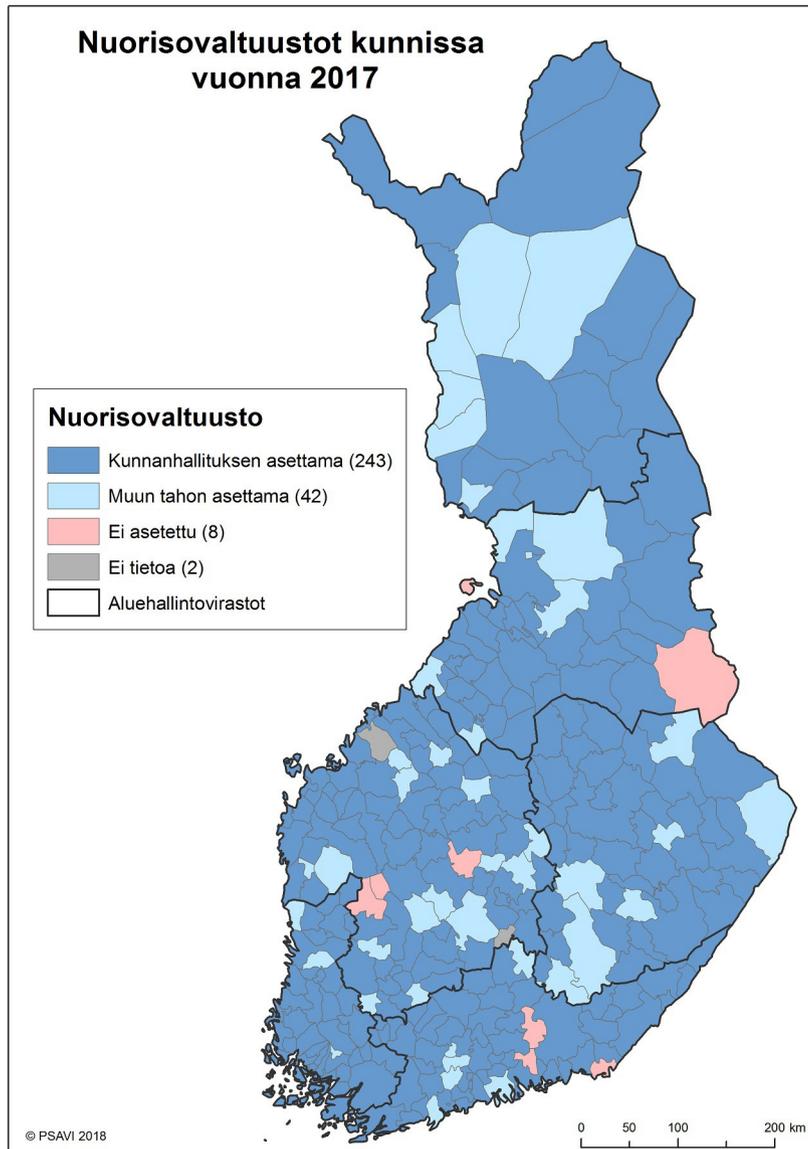
Youth Action Group  
has meetings  
four times a year

The Youth Council plans and organizes events, campaigns and tricks



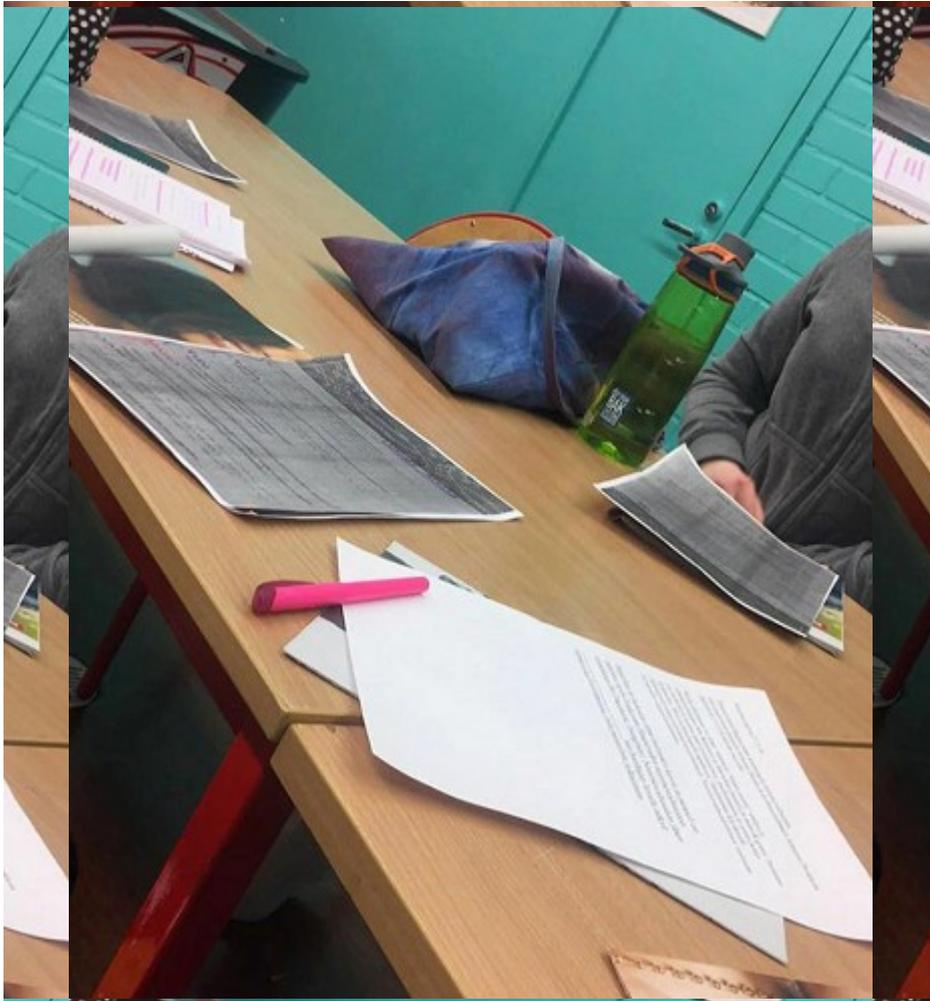
YAG activates youngsters and finances their own projects with youth leader. This group also takes part of some events!

In 2017 there were 241 youth councils in Finland. And as you can remember, there is the law in Finland.



There are 17 Youth Working groups in Finland. Those groups belong to larger Leader groups, for example to the Keskipiste- and Rieska-Leaders.

The Youth Council can apply for fund from the Youth Leader and get money for their projects



YAG goes through the Youth Leader applications, discusses about them and votes for/against for each of the applications