

TREY's and Tamko's election program for the county and municipal elections of 2025

Tampere is home to a large number of students. What you're now reading is the county and municipal election programme drafted by the Student Union of Tampere University and the Student Union of Tampere University of Applied Sciences, who represent 35,000 students. The programme consists of five themes, which form a vision of Tampere as the best student city in Finland, where it is good to live, study, work, engage in hobbies, live and move arounds, both during your studies as well as after that.

Ability to study, well-being and urban culture

As the best Finnish city for students, Tampere should actively invest in supporting the ability to study and wellbeing. Maintaining an attractive, lively, and safe urban environment and culture and offering various leisure activities are also important investments in order to improve students' quality of life and the City's ability to keep its residents.

Goals:

- The City of Tampere supports making inquiries for accessible venues that are rentable for students as well as maintains an updated list about the accessibility status of the venues.
- Parks, places for outdoor activities and free-to-use spaces for all residents contribute to well-being and help promote various recreational activities. Free public services, such as toilets and water points, support the use of facilities. Campus areas are important focus points in city development
- Students are viewed as an important part of urban culture. The city supports the students' event ideas with flexibility and enthusiasm. Student associations are offered a wide variety of facilities and they receive a discount on the rental prices of the city's facilities.
- Flexible early childhood education services help support students with families. Day care centres located near campuses have enough available places for children.
- The City continues its goal-oriented climate policy that takes the future of the student generation into account. The climate policy ensures that the City will become carbon neutral by 2030.

Employment policy and the universities community

The students of Tampere are studying to become future experts in various fields. To allow the City of Tampere to harness the expertise of its students, we should be offered different kinds of internships and practical trainings as well as thesis work and course project opportunities. Opportunities for cooperation between the City and the universities community can be found in all fields. We are part of the universities community whose knowledge and expertise should also be utilised in the City's decision-making.

Goals:

- The internships that are offered by the city and county departments are paid.
- The universities community is an important cooperation partner in the City's development. Research and the expertise of students is extensively valued in the development of the City and its services.
- Tampere offers support services to students and recent graduates who start business and are already working as entrepreneurs.
- The City of Tampere is one of the founding members of Tampere University. In this role, it promotes the long-term building of a high-quality universities community and works openly while listening to the community.

- Special attention is paid to the employment opportunities of international students.

Housing policy and land use planning

Reasonably priced quality housing improves students' quality of life, supports their financial situation, and creates a stronger sense of community. We students need different kinds of housing options in various locations: one prefers to share a flat in Hervanta, the other enjoys living in a family apartment in the city centre, whereas the third is happy to live in a studio in Kaleva. Tampere needs moderately priced and student-friendly housing that should be offered by both the City and private renters. Housing policy and land use planning that respect the limits of the environment promote a carbon neutral, sustainable Tampere

Goals:

- The city supports giving furnished housing to exchange students in cooperation with universities and student housing foundations.
- The land planning of student housing is planned in diverse and central residential areas near the campuses.
- The parking norm is relaxed in the city centre area and along the main public transport routes at student housing sites.

- The increase in rent level is controlled by prioritising the land planning of reasonably priced rental flats.
- Students with families are also considered in regard to land planning of affordable housing.

Transport policy

We students travel from one place to another primarily by bike, on foot or by public transport. The public transport services should have a fair student discount that is applied to all students. Developing the city centre so that it is accessible to all walkers, cyclists and assistive device users makes the City more pleasant and safe. This ensures that the City remains lively 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Goals:

- Public transport discounts are fair for all students. Discount can be obtained for all ticket types regardless of the method of payment.
- The tram network and local train traffic are developed as a part of a student-friendly public transport system.
- Public transport services are also extensively available at night for students to use. In addition, major student events are taken into account in the frequency and schedule of public transport services.
- Walkways and cycle paths focus on unity, usability and comfort.

- Solid bicycle racks with frame locking and racks for e-scooters are available everywhere in the City
- City bikes are also available on campuses and in central student housing areas.

Well-being and health

Extensive health care must be accessible to all students regardless of life situation, income or other starting points. The starting point is that students are equal users of health services with other residents in terms of access to services. A student's financial situation should not jeopardize their ability to take care of their health. The Wellbeing Services County of Pirkanmaa must operate in such a way that students are involved in the development of the well-being area, as part of decision-making, and they are consulted on matters that concern them.

Goals:

- Clinical pathways are effective and clear between different service providers, especially when transferring from FSHS to special medical care.
- Student health care within the Wellbeing Services County of Pirkanmaa serves exchange students eligible for services in a timely and high-quality manner.

- All the services of the Wellbeing Services County of Pirkanmaa offer service in English, and the website of the Wellbeing Services County is fully translated into English.
- The Wellbeing Services County provides free contraception and menstrual protection for all under 29-year-olds and communicates it at an adequate level to all students. Different forms of contraception are offered taking the diversity of gender and sexuality into account.
- The social welfare service within the Wellbeing Services County of Pirkanmaa has expertise in matters related to students and it seizes students at risk of social exclusion.