

## **ISHA Turku's Action Plan for the 2023-2024 term**

### Summary of the goals and principles of ISHA Turku

ISHA Turku should keep closely in touch with its international parent organization, ISHA International. This includes attending virtual meetings of the board of ISHA International, and resources permitting, attending in-person seminars, conferences or related activities by ISHA International. One member of ISHA's board needs to pay for the membership fee of ISHA International to be eligible to vote in and partake in the parent organizations decision-making process.

ISHA Turku provides a way for the local student body to connect to the International community of history students, and we believe this connection is of the utmost importance. ISHA International can provide amazing opportunities in academics and networking for the local student body. The board of 2022 also recommends keeping in touch with the closest branches of ISHA, such as ISHA Helsinki, to create more accessible in-person events for the student body of Turku.

In Turku, members of Kritiikki ry, Vare ry, F-piste ry, Kutu ry, P-Klubi ry and Kleio ry are automatically a part of ISHA Turku. It is important to keep these organizations in the loop when it comes to the actions taken by ISHA Turku. It is the policy of ISHA Turku not to charge a separate membership fee.

The events and meetings of ISHA Turku are open to everyone who wants to join an English-speaking, international and inclusive space. In the 2022 term we highly stressed the importance of including international exchange students and international degree students, regardless of their field of study, in our events. We believe this should continue to the next term and beyond, as the networking and diversity opportunities created in these spaces and events are deeply important in our current world.

### Plans for the events of the 2023-2024 term

ISHA Turku board of 2022 recommends the following board will host at least the following events, most of which hold long traditions in ISHA Turku.

- One (1) English-speaking sitz event. For the past few years, these have been Halloween themed and quite popular. We recommend finding toastmasters from several different member organizations to create an experience that will be unique both to the international and local students. We also recommend not re-using the song books, but always creating a new and topical one. The previous boards have left quite a lot of materials for the new board to

reference in creating such a large-scale event, and we recommend also referring to the testaments of the event planners in creating this event.

- Two (2) English-speaking pub quizzes. The board of 2022 found that it was smart to include these quizzes in other events, such as freshmen mixers. This way, there will be time for new people to meet each other before creating the teams for the quiz. We recommend having one such event early in the fall semester so new freshmen and incoming exchange students will know about ISHA Turku as soon as possible. We recommend combining the quizzes with other activities as well, such as board games, ice-breaker games, and weather permitting a picnic or other such outdoor venue.
- One (1) sporting, cultural or otherwise casual event that ideally includes no consumption of alcohol. This event could really be anything, such as a trip to another city, visiting a museum or trying out a new sporting activity together as a group. Often, ISHA's activities take place at a pub (pub quizzes being our most popular event) and while drinking is not particularly encouraged, it is important to host an event where no pressure to consume alcohol exists.

We wish to note for the future boards that we recommend keeping the prices for the events low, the locations accessible, and the spoken language to be English to make the events welcoming for all. We recommend keeping in mind how to create sustainable, greener versions of ISHA Turku's events.

We recommend taking part in university-wide events such as Welcome Fairs for extra visibility. These are some of the most direct ways to interact with new students who might not otherwise know about ISHA.

We want to stress the importance of co-operating with other student organizations, whether another branch of ISHA or a local organization. This eases the burden on a smaller board such as the one ISHA Turku has had the past few years, as well as creates new opportunities for networking. We recommend hosting info events for member organizations of ISHA Turku, for example during their office hours, to share about how ISHA International is doing, and how locals can join these international events.

### General recommendations

Being mindful of TYY's recommendations and deadlines will make the term much easier for the board. The deadlines include applying for TYY's Activity Support Grant in a timely manner, as without membership fees, ISHA Turku does need the additional income. We recommend taking part in TYY's trainings to keep the board up-to-date on the developments in the world of student organizations and general goings-on of the university.

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### Final notes

The Board of 2022 wishes to stress to the following boards the importance of TYY's model for a safer space, as well as internationality, interdisciplinarity, and diversity. These ideas are what make for a great international forum of discussion which ISHA Turku should strive to be.