



HYVINKÄÄ

Get to know the city







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Hyvinkää is a vibrant city of some 47,000 people located in the region of Uusimaa. The city offers a good living environment and a variety of possibilities for its residents in different stages of life.

We strive to build and develop our city in a systematic, long-term manner and organise high-quality services for our residents.

Hyvinkää provides opportunities for different experiences in the areas of outdoor activities, culture, exercise and sports throughout the year.

An Ideal city for exercising

For people who exercise, Hyvinkää is the ideal city. Whether you are into competitive sports or exercise for fun, the city offers excellent opportunities for dozens of different sports.

There are large exercise centres in Hyvinkää, such as the Urheilupuisto with an athletics field, tennis, padel and basketball courts and the Pihkala Finnish baseball stadium. The Perttula park includes competitive and training ice rinks, a curling arena and first snow ski trails that are extremely popular even among skiers from outside Hyvinkää. In the summer, there is football on the grass playing fields of Perttula.

Although Hyvinkää is mainly located in the Salpausselkä ridge area, the city offers good opportunities for water sports. The Sveitsi Swimming Pool has more than 230,000 customers a year. Other popular swimming places include the Sääksjärvi and Usmi beaches and the Kaupunkisilta open-air swimming pool.

In the city centre, only 800 metres from the Shopping Centre Willa, is the easy-to-walk Health Forest Trail, Terveysmetsäpolku.

Located near the city centre, Sveitsinpuisto is a recreation and nature conservation area. It boasts an extensive network of trails used by both fitness enthusiasts and dog walkers. The downhill skiing centre, Sveitsin Hiihtokeskus, in the northern part of the park offers great conditions for downhill skiing and snowboarding. In snowy winters, a continuous network of 70 kilometres of ski trails is maintained for cross-country skiers around the urban area.

The Kytäjä-Usmi hiking area features nearly 50 kilometres of marked trails and seven campfire sites by wilderness lakes. This rich nature site is ever popular throughout the year.

The Hyppärä equestrian sports area includes stables, drill halls, fields and riding routes used by more than 200 horses and riders.

The city also offers exceptional golfing opportunities at the Hyvigolf course and the two award-winning courses of Kytäjägolf. For disc golf players, there are two courses near the city centre.

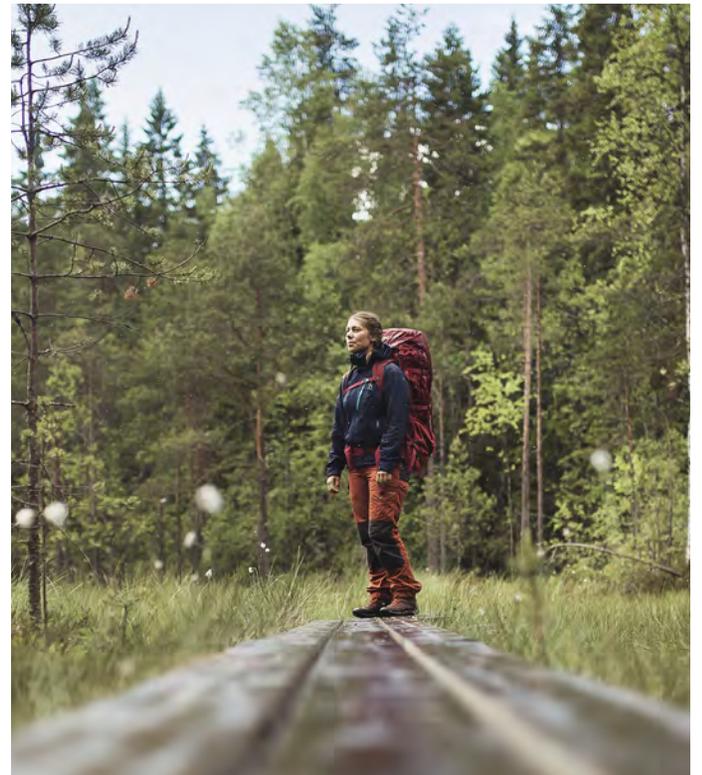
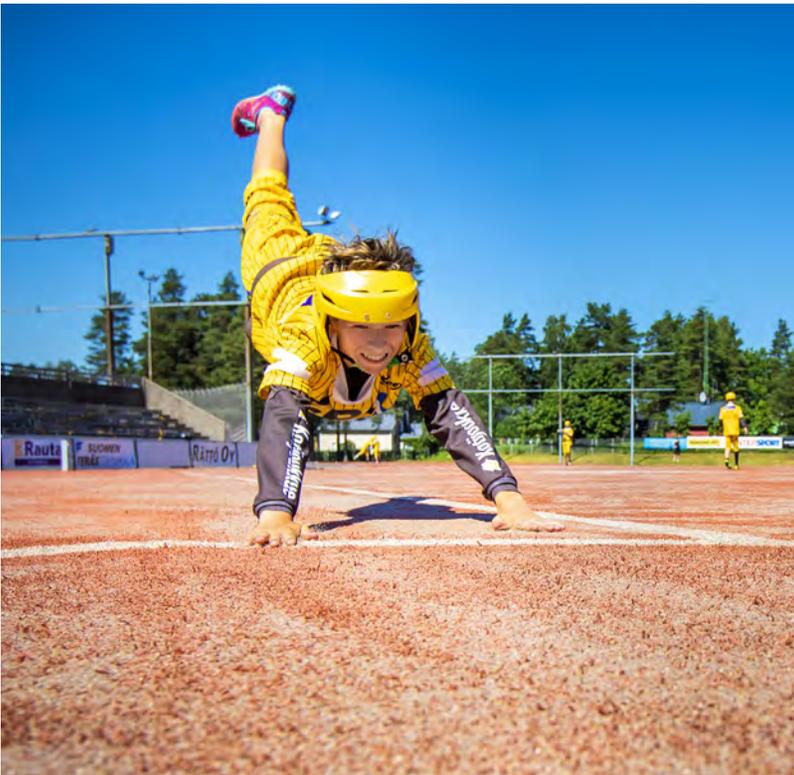
Hyvinkää is known for its lively and diverse competitive activities: the Vauhtipuisto offers diverse opportunities for motor sports for hobbyists and world-class competitors alike, while Ridasjärvi is home to a sport shooting centre where several national championship competitions have been held.

There are plenty of specialised sports facilities for bowling, skateboarding and archery, for example. In addition, many private enterprises provide opportunities for exercising through gyms, group sports and adventures.

Nearly 300 kilometres of city-maintained bicycle lanes and park roads guarantee plenty of hassle-free pedalling for commuters and fitness enthusiasts alike.

Sports services (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/liikunta](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/liikunta)



Carefree daily life for families with children

Hyvinkää is home to approximately 2,700 children of early childhood education age, roughly 78% of whom participate in some form of early childhood education. Early childhood education services are organised in municipal and private day-care centres in approximately 35 different locations. In addition to this, the activities are also implemented at municipal and private family day-care centres. Alongside these activities, club and open day-care centre activities are also available.

In Hyvinkää, pre-primary education is primarily provided under early childhood education on the premises of both schools and day-care centres. Supplementary early childhood education for pre-primary education is usually provided in the same place. An exception to this is small village schools, in which supplementary early childhood education is not organised. Instead, the third sector organises afternoon activities for pre-schoolers and schoolchildren at the village schools subject to a fee if there are enough pupils.

Hyvinkää offers good basic education services in both general and special needs education. Education is provided for approximately 4,800 children and young people of compulsory education age in the city. The pupils' study places are determined according to the pupil intake principles. There is a total of 16 basic education units. During basic education, pupils have the opportunity to apply to specialised education in music, mathematics and sports classes. Hyvinkää has a wide variety of A1 languages, and it is also possible to complete grades 1–6 of comprehensive school in English or Swedish.

Hyvinkään lukio upper secondary school has approximately 950 students plus approximately 70 adult stu-

dents. Vocational students may flexibly complete upper secondary studies required for a double qualification. The students come mainly from Hyria Education. In addition to general upper secondary studies, Hyvinkään lukio has a special national education task in natural sciences. The school also offers an art line, a particularly wide range of languages and the opportunity to participate in individual coaching for top sports. The adult line also includes additional basic education, also called the 10th grade, and basic education for adults. The upper secondary school cooperates with Hyria Education, for example, in sports coaching.

Hyvinkään lukio upper secondary school, along with Hyvinkää Adult Education Centre, will move to the Kipinä building to be completed in the Hangonsilta area in 2020. This will enable even better study opportunities for young people and adults - right in the city centre. The campus of the Laurea University of Applied Sciences offers quality opportunities for further studies, for example, in the well-being sector.

Early childhood education services (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/varhaiskasvatus](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/varhaiskasvatus)

Advice and guidance on service types in early childhood education and other questions related to early childhood education, such as service alternatives and applying for places, are available at varhaiskasvatus.palveluohjaus@hyvinkaa.fi
tel. 0400 784 781 or 0400 784 791

Basic education services (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/perusopetus](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/perusopetus)

Upper secondary education (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/muut-koulutukset](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/muut-koulutukset)





Well-being services (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/hyvinvointi](https://hyvinkaa.fi/hyvinvointi)

Social and health services (fi)

[Keski-uudenmaansote.fi](https://keski-uudenmaansote.fi)

[Hus.fi/en/medical-care/hospitals/hyvinkaa-hospital](https://hus.fi/en/medical-care/hospitals/hyvinkaa-hospital)

Building health and well-being together

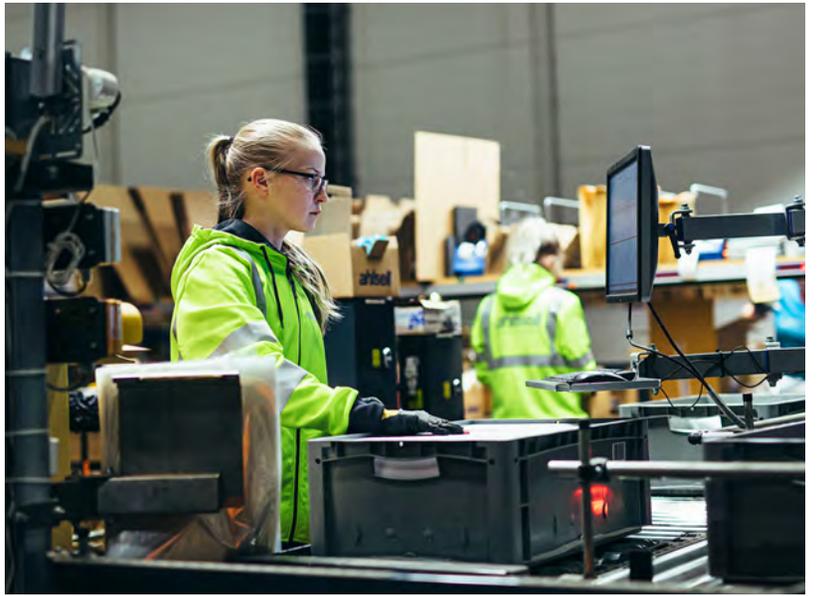
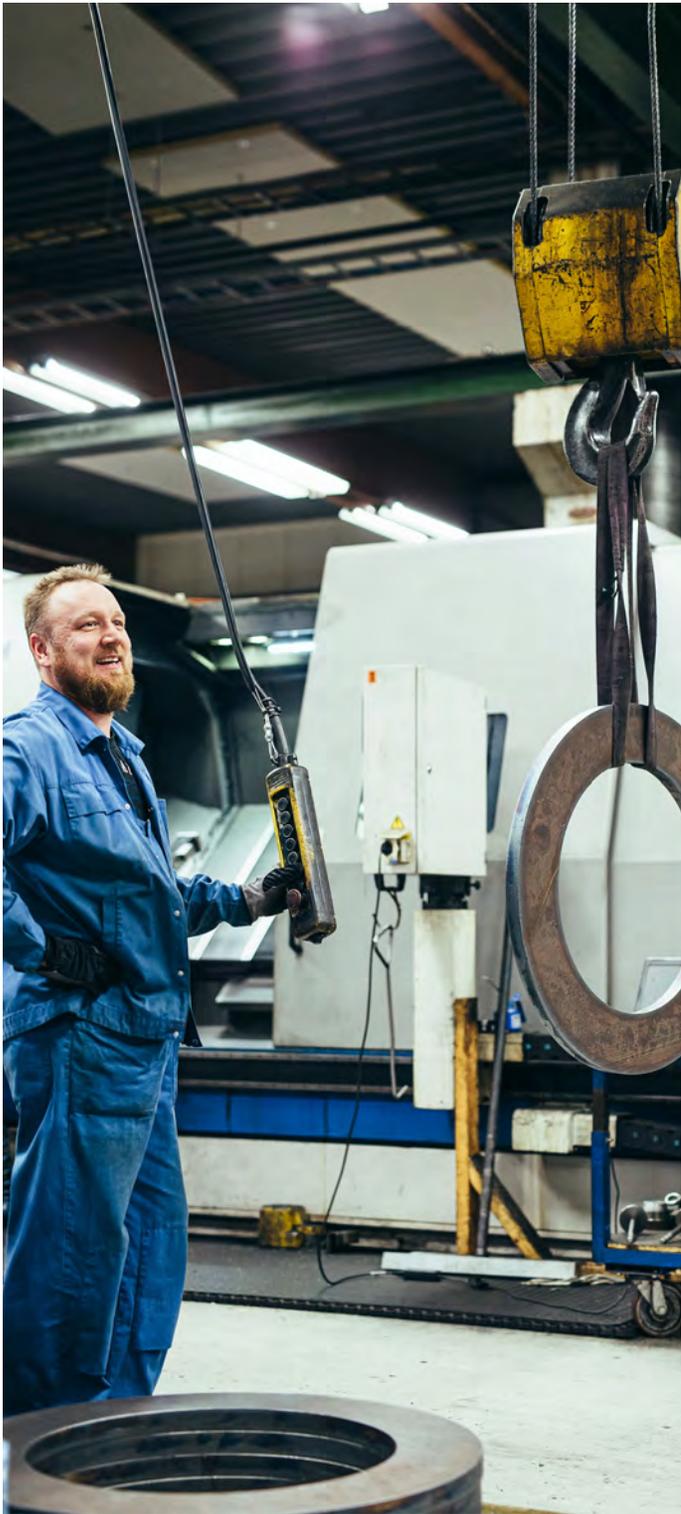
The city fosters well-being by providing opportunities for a safe and active daily life. City planning, culture and youth services and sports, and well-being services contribute to the well-being of residents.

The social and health services of Hyvinkää residents are taken care of by the Joint Municipal Authority for Social and Healthcare in Central Uusimaa (Keusote). Social and health services can be accessed in one's hometown as before. In the future, it will also be possible for residents to access services produced in other Keusote member municipalities.

The promotion of residents' well-being and health is a shared goal, and a shared structure has been created for it. The regional well-being and health promotion group consists of representatives of municipalities and Keusote; if necessary, other actors also participate in the group's work. The promotion of well-being and health requires participation and is based on knowledge, and it is most successful when carried out cooperatively.

The City of Hyvinkää is part of the Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS), and the city's new hospital was opened in 2018. Hyvinkää Hospital is an on-call maternity hospital that offers the services of nearly all medical specialities.





Hyvinkää – a versatile business city

Due to its excellent geographical location, Hyvinkää has been selected as the location for many companies. The logistical location of Hyvinkää along the main routes of the country creates the preconditions for successful business operations. Hyvinkää can be reached by car or train in about 45 minutes from Helsinki and the main ports. Helsinki Airport can be reached in half an hour from the city.

The diverse business structure, active business policy of the city and networked environment support the companies operating in the area. Varied housing opportunities, leisure services, high-quality basic municipal services and a vibrant city centre create conditions for successful entrepreneurship, while making Hyvinkää a good place for families and setting up home.

The 23rd largest city in Finland is home to the head offices of Ahsell Oy, KONE Corporation and Konecranes Plc. Myllyn Paras, known for their grain products, is also from Hyvinkää.

Hyvinkää also has a strong trade centre. For example, the Willa Shopping Centre in the city centre includes 100 different shops and services. In total, there are approximately 2,600 companies of different sizes and almost 20,000 jobs in Hyvinkää. Hyvinkää's self-sufficiency regarding jobs (95.4% in 2017) is the third highest among the cities in Uusimaa after Helsinki and Vantaa.

Hyvinkää has been very successful in recent years in surveys measuring the enterprise-friendliness of cities. The municipal ranking survey, carried out every two years by the Confederation of Finnish Industries, was published in 2019. It measures the attractiveness of different regions of Finland for business. Hyvinkää ranked fifth in the survey. In the Municipal Barometer 2020, carried out by Suomen Yrittäjät, Hyvinkää ranked eighth among the municipalities of Uusimaa. It's good to do business in Hyvinkää – and research confirms it!

Business and work (fi)
[Hyvinkaa.fi/yritystoiminta](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/yritystoiminta)



Options offered by an evolving city

Hyvinkää is continuously being developed and improved. To develop the city centre, the city was involved in the international European 15 competition in 2019. The ideas gained during the competition are being utilised in the development of the western side of the railway line.

In the immediate vicinity of the station, in the former railway yard of the Hanko railway, a new residential area Hangonsilta is rising. It will expand the city centre and unify the urban structure. Opened in late 2020, the core of the area is Kipinä – a new upper secondary school and institute building. Its multipurpose facilities and sports and other services are available to all residents. In the Metsäkalteva district, near the 2013 Housing Fair area, a primary school and pre-primary education facilities were opened in 2020. Hyvinkää has a diverse housing supply including blocks of flats, terraced houses and detached houses. A little over a half of the housing is in blocks of flats and approximately one third in detached houses. In 2019, a total of 344 homes were built, nearly 80% of which were flats.

There are also lively, developing villages outside the city centre. The five largest villages are Kaukas, Kytjäjä, Noppo, Palopuro and Ridasjärvi.

Follow the city's construction projects (fi)
[Hyvinkaa rakentaa.fi](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/hyvinkaa-kaupunkimalli)

Explore the 3D city model (fi)
[Hyvinkaa.fi/kaupunkimalli](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/kaupunkimalli)
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Democracy and participation in Hyvinkää

Our objective is open, participatory and reliable preparation and decision-making. We promote the opportunities for residents to participate and have their say through communication, advice and interaction. We actively create new ways to improve the opportunities of residents to participate and have their say.

We also organise events on different forums where residents and stakeholders have the chance to meet municipal decision-makers and city personnel face-to-face, tell them about development ideas and give feedback on the operation of the city.

The operational preconditions of representative democracy are realised both in the municipal elections, held every four years, and in daily municipal decision-making. The cooperation of political decision-makers and the cooperation between political decision-makers and leading office-holders are in the best interests of the residents.

Participate and make an impact (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/osbu](https://hyvinkaa.fi/osbu)

Follow the city's decision-making (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/paatoksenteke](https://hyvinkaa.fi/paatoksenteke)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/valtuustolive](https://hyvinkaa.fi/valtuustolive)





A lively city filled with culture

Culture has always had a special place in Hyvinkää, whose history has been embellished by unforgettable artists such as Helene Schjerfbeck and Tyko Sallinen. Thanks to its colourful history, Hyvinkää is known as a city of artists.

In recent years, Hyvinkää has demonstrated that it is also a lively and interesting city where culture is not just bits of history or stories of individual artists.

Hyvinkää offers lively and varied cultural experiences, in larger amounts than its size would suggest. This is a city where residents actively participate in various activities, future culture-makers are educated, and events also draw visitors from outside the city limits.

Alongside the strengthened cultural life, an idea has formed of Hyvinkää as a place that supports its residents in creating and participating in culture experiences.

Hyvinkää wants to be a trendsetter in how a municipality can find a strong culture-inspired identity within itself without losing the responsiveness of local activities.

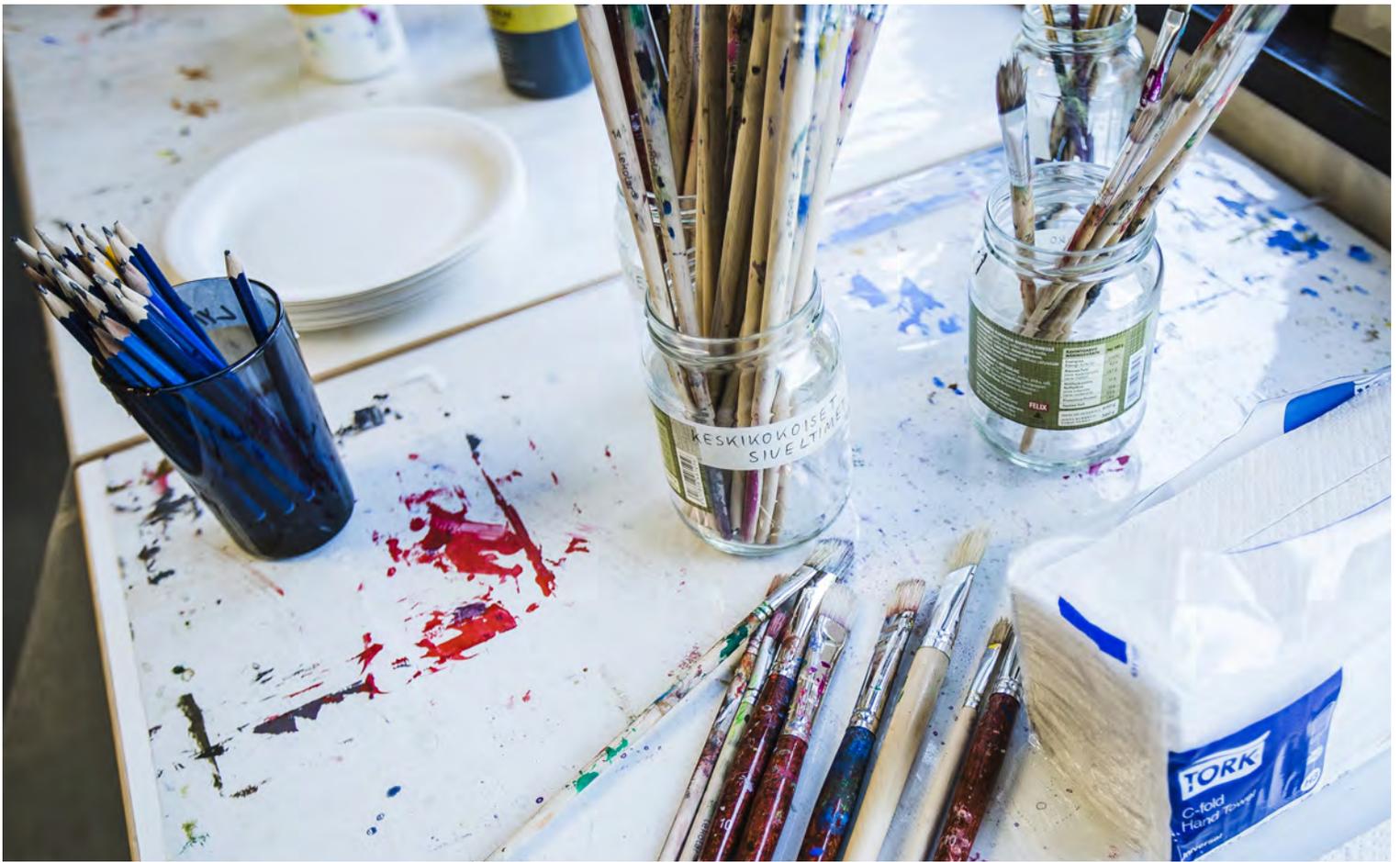
Key cultural institutions and partners

The pillars of the cultural life of our city are the professional culture and art institutions including Hyvinkää Art Museum, Hyvinkää City Museum, Hyvinkää Library, Hyvinkää Hall, Hyvinkää Adult Education Centre, Finnish Railway Museum, Cultural Centre for Children and Youth Villa Arttu, Hyvinkää Orchestra, Hyvinkää Artists' Association, Taito Crafts and Design School Southern Finland and Hyvinkää School of Arts.

Hyvinkää is known as a visual arts city, but it is also the home of musicians, sculptors, graphic artists, film-makers, designers and other professional artists. Basic education in arts in our city is provided in visual arts, crafts, music, dance and theatre.

There are also numerous cultural associations in Hyvinkää, including visual arts associations, music associations, local heritage associations, friendship associations and theatre associations.

[Hyvinkaa.fi/kulttuuri](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/kulttuuri)



Hyvinkää – rich in experiences

The City of Hyvinkää has a cultural services unit, which ensures the availability of services, awards grants related to culture and organises events. The most important task of the unit is to enable diverse cultural activities based on residents' needs and act as a link between different actors. According to the one-stop shop principle, the unit aims to provide tools for designing, organising and marketing different events.

Would you like to organise an event? For further information, see the guide for event organisers at

[Hyvinkaa.fi/tapahtumajarjestajan-opas](https://hyvinkaa.fi/tapahtumajarjestajan-opas)





The rich nature of Hyvinkää

Hyvinkää is located in a groundwater area in the Salpausselkä ridge landscape. Ancient shorelines, magnificent glacial depressions (kettles) and groundwater reserves provide memorable landscapes as well as clean drinking water for residents. The area of the City of Hyvinkää includes seven protected sites belonging to the Natura 2000 network and many other wonderful nature conservation areas, such as Sveitsinpuisto, Kurkisuono, Järvisuo-Ritasaarensuo and the Kytäjä nature conservation area. Hyvinkää has over 40 lakes and ponds with an abundance of fish, of which Lake Ridasjärvi is a bird area of national importance.

Diverse flora and fauna in general are characteristic of the area. Forests, lakes and rivers are home to endangered sea trout and flying squirrels as well as occasional migratory areas of large predators.

A forest recreation area covering a total of 276 hectares near the centre of Hyvinkää, Sveitsinpuisto offers possibilities for versatile recreational use: outdoor activities, nature observation, berry picking and mushroom picking, as well as many types of organised and independent exercise. The area features 26 km of

illuminated outdoor recreation routes, maintained forest ski trails, a first snow ski trail, fitness stairs, the Sveitsi Swimming Pool, an ice sports centre, a dog recreation area and an adventure park.

The Hyvinkää Health Forest, Terveysmetsä, is located right in the city centre, only 800 m from Shopping Centre Willa, near Kankuri sports park. Among the diverse nature of the Health Forest, there is a signposted and mostly easy-to-walk 2.4 km trail, along which there are information signs and exercises related to nature and recovery. The Health Forest provides visitors with an easy way to gain authentic nature experiences and promotes the effects that recovery and peace of mind have on our well-being. The route in the Health Forest also includes a section accessible with a wheelchair or pram.

Guided trails (fi)

[Hyvinkaa.fi/opastetutreitit](https://www.hyvinkaa.fi/opastetutreitit)

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[Visithyvinkaa.fi](https://www.visithyvinkaa.fi)





More than 500 years of history – a century as an independent city

The known history of the Hyvinkää region starts from 1495. Sources mention that Jussi Laurinpoika and his wife from Stockholm lived in Hyvinkäänkylä at that time. Besides Hyvinkäänkylä, important old villages included Ridasjärvi and Kytäjä. The most important trade in the region was agriculture. Mining was experimented with in Hopeavuori in Hyvinkää in the 16th and 17th centuries.

For centuries, the Helsinki–Hämeenlinna road ran through Hyvinkäänkylä, and the current main street still follows its route. An important inn, Puolimatkan krouvi, was located in the village. The development of the current city was significantly impacted by the Helsinki–Hämeenlinna railway, which was completed in 1862. A new settlement started to develop around the station and summer holidaymakers found their way to Hyvinkää's ridge areas. The Sveitsi district of Hyvinkää was praised in a tourism news story as early as 1885. Hyvinkää also offered a peaceful working and resting environment to many artists, such as Helene Schjerfbeck, Tyko Sallinen and Yrjö Saarinen.

The manors of the surrounding area, Erkylä and Kytäjä, played an important role in the stages of Hyvinkää's development. Linder family of the Kytäjä Manor were generous and reform-minded owners who, from the 1860s onwards, developed the local sawmill, industrial activity and financed the elementary school and healthcare. A new stage began around the Hyvinkää station when Ossian Donner started a spinning and weaving mill in 1892. Within a few decades, the factory grew to become a workplace for thousands of people and Hyvinkää became an industrial area. The owners of the Ahdenkallio Manor separated from the Erkylä

Manor, especially Minette Donner, supported the development of the area through donations. For example, the lot of the current church was received as a donation from Minette Donner.

Located on the border of Häme and Uusimaa, Hyvinkää became an independent municipality and joined Uusimaa in 1917. Suitable connections, a developing economy and the city planning policy brought new industrial plants to the area. Some of those companies still operate there, including Myllyn Paras, Reka (originally a division of the Rentto shoe factory), Kone and Konecranes.

The area suffered greatly from the bombings of the Winter War but the Hyvinkää airfield, which was built before the Continuation War, provided protection for the area later on. Immediately after World War II, it served as the primary civilian airport of Finland.

Reconstruction after World War II and the settlement of evacuees from Karelia in the area invigorated the activities of the borough and the rural municipality. In 1926–1969, the rural areas of Hyvinkää formed a separate rural municipality. The community around the station was a borough from 1926 onwards and became a city in 1960. The rural municipality joined the city in 1969.

In recent decades, Hyvinkää has transformed from an industrial area to a more and more versatile working and living environment characterised by a closeness to nature and good connections to Helsinki.

The text concerning the history of the city is based on researcher, Anu Lahtinen's book, "Hyvät, pahat ja hyvinkääläiset. Hyvinkään seudun historia".



