

The Finnish Federation of Graduate Women's Report 2024 to the UWE AGM

The presenter at the AGM 2025:

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The Finnish Federation in Numbers

- Suomen Akateemisten Naisten Liitto - Finlands Kvinnliga Akademikers Förbund ry. (Finnish Federation of Graduate Women) was founded in **1922**.
- **In 2024, the Federation had 17 local branches with 841 members.**
- During that year, we organized over **200** local events across the country.
- The President of the Federation is **Jutta Hartikainen**. She is currently serving her first term.
- The Federation's office is situated in Helsinki. In 2024, we had **8** employees, of which 7 worked with our government-funded integration projects. Our CEO is **Susanna Sulkunen**.
- In 2024, the Federation took stand and published **19** statements on women's human rights and international peace.
- All our 17 local branches can be found on Facebook. The Federation is also on Instagram and LinkedIn. In 2024, we had **3375** followers in our social media channels.
- Please visit our website at <https://akateemisetnaiset.fi> to find direct links to all our channels.

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Our Advocacy Work in 2024 (1)

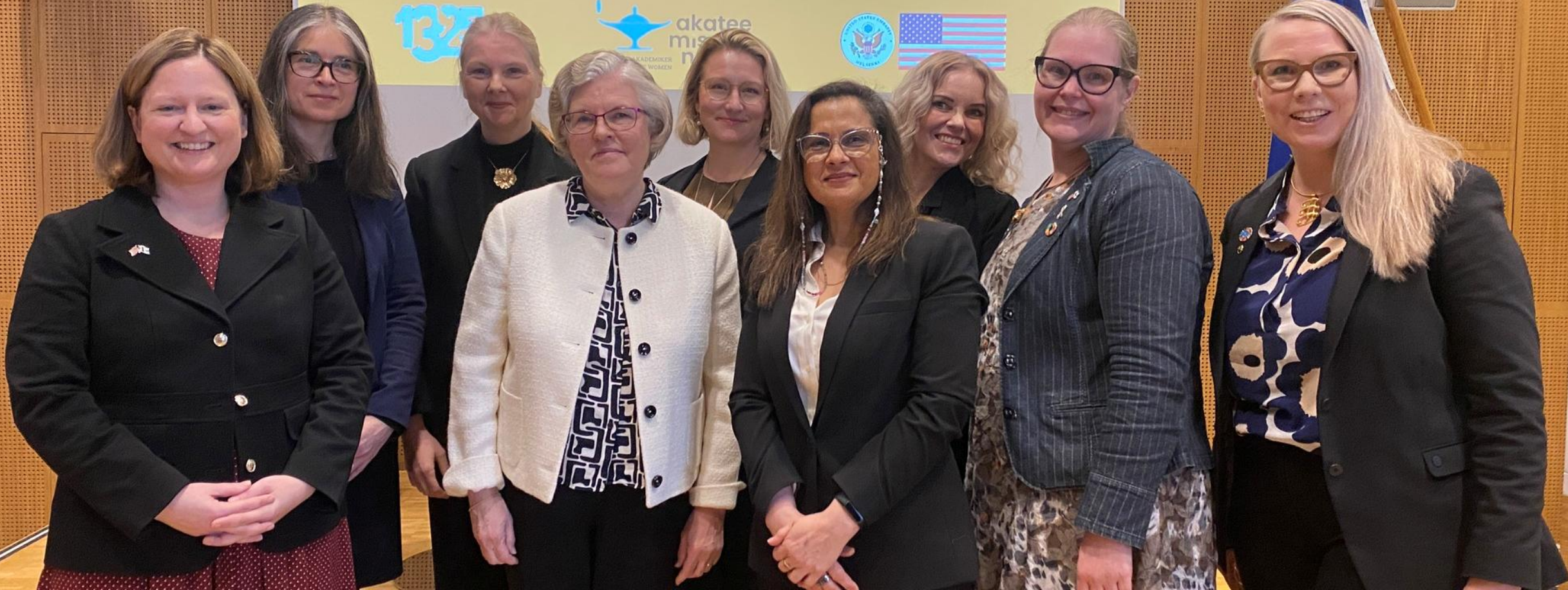
- In spring 2024, our advocacy work's focus was on **the European elections**. We sought to advance gender equality in education, work and integration.
 - We encouraged women from different backgrounds to stand as candidates in the elections. Accordingly, we campaigned for the electorate to vote for female candidates. We also organized a panel discussion on the European gender equality issues.
 - Of the Finnish MEPs elected, 60 % are women. At the same time, the overall share of women in the European parliament fell from 39,8 % to 38,7 %.
- As a member of **Women, Peace and Security Network in Finland**, we continued to monitor the implementation of UNSCR 1325 "Women, Peace and Security". We also organized a seminar on the future of the WPS co-operation in EU and Nato to mark the first anniversary of Finland's Nato membership.
- We continued our **co-operation with other Finnish women organizations**. Together we demanded our government to protect the women in the conflict zones.

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The seminar recording will be available on
Monday at <https://akateemisetnaiset.fi>



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Our Advocacy Work in 2024 (2)

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF FINLAND



BEIJING+30
NGOS' REPORT

- **We also contributed to the Beijing+30 NGOs' report.**

- More than 50 Finnish NGOs participated in the Beijing+30 NGOs' report. Our focus in the report was on gender equality in education, pay equality, and the Women, Peace and Security themes.
- The report is available in English at https://naisjarjestot.fi/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/PEKING30_raportti_ENG_V1.pdf

Women's human rights as a prerequisite
for lasting peace

International Helvi Sipilä Seminar at the UN



- Helvi Sipilä (1915-2009) was a Finnish lawyer, diplomat and the **first female Assistant Secretary-General of the UN**.
- The first IHSS was organized at the UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2006 under the theme "She has Power in her Hands".
- In 2024, the seminar title was "Gender Responsive Budgeting in Raising Women from Poverty – the Core Tool for Gender Equal Future".
- We organize the annual seminar together with four other Finnish women's organizations.
- You can watch the seminars online at <https://www.youtube.com/@akateemisetnaiset8629/videos>

Helena Ranta Forum in Finland



- In August 2020, we launched a new, annual seminar to honor professor emerita Helena Ranta.
- Helena Ranta (1946–) is a **Finnish forensic dentist**. She became well known as a result of her contributions to several international forensic investigations of conflict situations, such as those in Kosovo.
- Helena was our NFA's president in 2013–2015 and is currently our honorary member.
- The first Helena Ranta Forum in 2020 carried a theme "Transition of generational trauma and forgiveness".
- In 2024, HRF held two seminars which discussed global peacebuilding and the wars in Gaza and Ukraine.

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Our Integration Work in 2024

Let's Read Together

- [Luetaan yhdessä](#) is a national network that supports **immigrants', especially women's, Finnish language skills and integration**. The network offers Finnish, Swedish and literacy teaching to immigrants all around Finland.
- The network receives all its funding from the Finnish government.
- In 2024, there were 79 groups of which 8 met online. In the groups, 516 volunteers taught 4504 students.
- The network utilizes the **Repetition, a language learning method**, which was developed at the University of Helsinki.

Auroras

- [Auroras](#) is also a government-funded, national network. It supports **educated immigrant women's** integration in Finnish society and work life by offering them **group and individual mentoring**.
- In 2024, the network had 49 mentors who mentored 161 immigrant women.

In 2024, Let's Read Together celebrated its 20th anniversary!



AURORAS



Luetaan yhdessä
-verkosto

20 vuotta



Our Innovations in 2024

We continued to encourage innovation work done by the local branches.

- The Federation's **Innovation Prize** was first launched in 2018. The aim of prize is to **help our local branches** to bring forward their good practices and to motivate them to continue to develop their volunteer work.
- The rewarded practices are annually presented in our social media channels and webinars to help other branches also to benefit from them.
- At the AGM 2024, the Innovation prize (1 000 euros) was shared by four local branches which co-operated with international exchange student, made an international group visit to Estonia, built new local networks in Northern Finland, and helped to strengthen Graduate Women's advocacy work for peace across the country.

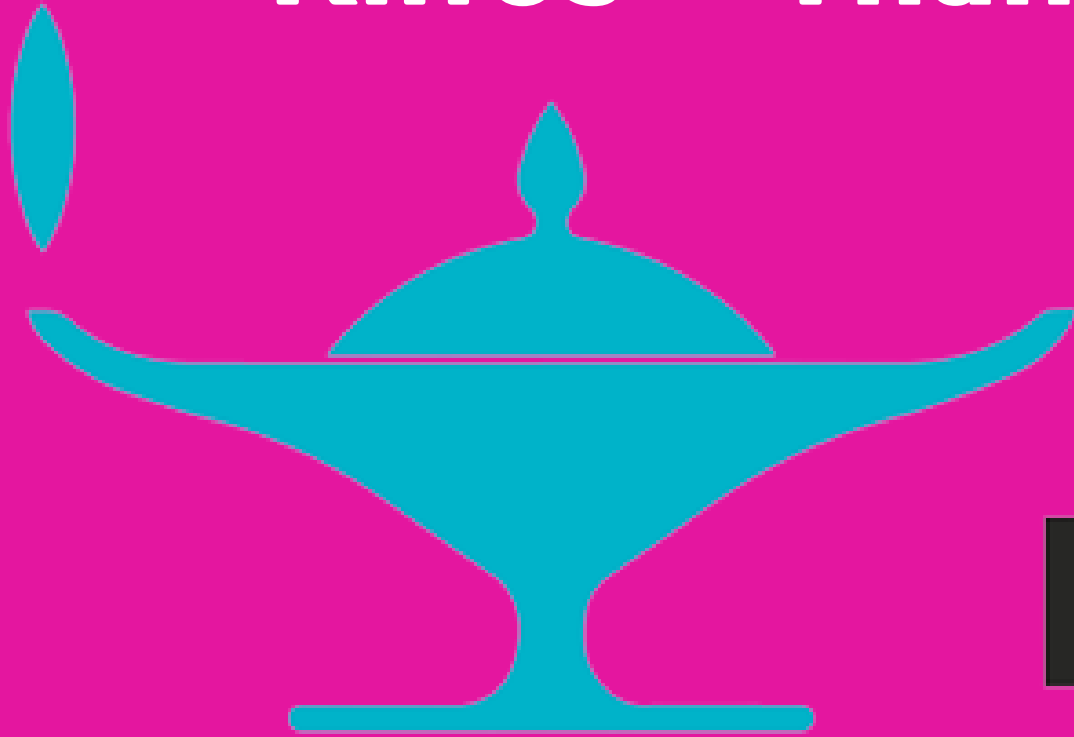


On the International Women's Day in 2025, over 10 000 people marched in Helsinki to support gender equality. We are already planning the 2026 march!

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LIIKUTTAVA ETEENPÄIN
-EITAAKSEPÄIN

”Gender equality must move onwards – not backwards!”

Kiitos – Thank you – Grazie



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