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[Ella] Yeah.

And many of the teachers and the

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professors are also from other  
countries.

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So, it's a very international  
environment.

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I was just searching and somehow,  
by some luck,

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I found this, like, musicology.  
And I was like, what's that?

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I've never heard of that.

And I read through the description.

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I was like, oh, that's actually like,  
that's exactly what I want to do.

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[Irfan] So, we're talking a little bit  
about these support systems that

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are available at the university,  
and there is one big support

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system that is available for, I  
definitely know, it's available

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for international students.

The essential thing about Finnish

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student life that we completely  
forgot to mention the...

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Welcome to the JYU for YOU podcast!  
My name is Irfan and I'm your

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host with the most glasnost.  
In this episode,

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we're going to be discussing a  
little bit of an interesting field,

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which is oftentimes misunderstood:  
musicology or music and science.

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We're also going to talk about

the variety of intellectual

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opportunities that you have at the  
University of Jyväskylä as a student,

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to explore all of the things  
that you're very curious about.

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Finally, we're going to talk  
about international tutoring,

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a topic very interesting for our  
new international students and

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also our current international  
students and Finnish students,

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as we're going to soon see who  
might be interested in engaging

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with the international community.

We hope you're going to enjoy our

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little episode with our friend Ella.

Cheers. No, hey, Ella,

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seriously, how are you doing?

How's life? [Ella] I'm good. Life is good.

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I am happy about the summer.

That makes me happy.

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There's actually sun and it's warm.

[Irfan] Oh, a little bit of extra sunshine

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and, you know, getting the actual  
vitamin D instead of pill form. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] So has it messed up your sleep  
schedule, though.

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No, no, I'm used to it.

Doesn't really make any

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difference to me. [Irfan] Really?

You can actually naturally fall

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asleep? [Ella] Yeah, I

actually don't even really close

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the shutters. Doesn't really...

[Irfan] Really? [Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] You're lucky.

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[Ella] I just like the light. [Irfan] Really? [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] Getting a little bit of the

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atmosphere... Because I know I have  
like a couple of students that they

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complain that... It's really funny.

It starts out with the complaints of

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like, oh, there's so much darkness.

There's so much darkness.

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I'm immediately sleepy during the  
winter and during the summer,

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oh, there is so much light.

There's so much light.

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Like I can't fall asleep.

But I guess there is hope for people.

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They. They can at least know.

Like, yeah, you know, you,

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you you adjust at some point.

[Ella] Maybe, maybe... Though,

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it's just natural for me because

it's that's the way it's been for my

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whole life. I've just grown into it.



[Irfan] So, where's the big... Where's the

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where's the change between light  
and darkness?

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More dramatic because you've  
been in Jyväskylä for how long?

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[Ella] Almost six years.

[Irfan] Okay, so six years of Jyväskylä and

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the other. 19 years. Oh. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] Again, how long does it take a

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student studying mathematics to  
do 25-6? Uhm.

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Happy belated birthday.

Happy belated birthday.

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So, the other 19 years in... [Ella] Pietarsaari.

[Irfan] Also known as... [Ella] Jakobstad.

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[Irfan] So that's always my little quiz  
game. But where was the transition

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rougher between, you know,  
the going from darkness to light

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in Pietarsaari or Jyväskylä? Because Pietarsaari is  
a little bit more northern up.

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[Ella] It's more to the north. Yeah.  
So it's a little bit longer there

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during the summers, the days,  
but not really a big difference.

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[Irfan] You don't really notice it.  
It's not something that's like

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oh my god this one... [Ella] Not really.  
But then again like there also

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the house is not in the middle  
of the city.

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So, it's like no lights outside  
really. So, you can actually. Yeah.

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See, see the sky and the natural  
darkness or brightness weather,

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whatever just happens to be.

And here I live right in the

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city center.

So, it's always the city lights

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are always there and it's a

little different.

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[Irfan] Oh, that sounds enjoyable though,

that you grew up in an

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environment where you could just

look at the stars.

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[Ella] Yeah, yeah, there's just a big  
forest right next to the house

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and it's very different. [Irfan] Okay.  
So, from like a quick 20 second analysis,

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what I hear here,  
there are perfect predispositions

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to study geography.  
There are perfect predispositions to...

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As far as I know,  
Pietarsaari is a bilingual city.

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What's the percentage like Swedes,

Swedes versus Finns?

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[Ella] I think Swedish like 60 or more.

[Irfan] Okay. [Ella] Finnish maybe. 30. [Irfan] Okay.

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So that's a much harsher statistic  
than like on average in the country

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because what is it like Swedes are...

I mean Swedish speaking Finns.

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Let's go precisely...

5% in the entire country?

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[Ella] I'm not sure, but not much.

Very small. Minority. [Irfan] Give or take.

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People can fact check that.

That's why the beauty of

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Google and Wikipedia.

So okay, then Swedish studies

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would have been a logical thing.

Like, oh, you're already in a

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bilingual city. There is that.

[Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] Absolutely clear sky.

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So perfect predisposition for astronomy.

[Ella] Right.

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[Irfan] Or you're you're on the western  
coast so close enough to the sea and

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actually doing marine biology.

And then there's also, you know,

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my favorite delight from Pietarsaari,

which now my brain is blocking,

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which is kind of sad. Will I remember will I remember in

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the next 10 seconds. I'm not. [Ella] Really?

[Irfan] Yeah. I'm genuinely not.

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Wow, I really can't remember.

What's the.

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What's the delicacy in Pietarsaari?



Ah, Runebergin torttu, it took me a second.

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Took me a second. [Ella] But you got it.

[Irfan] Yeah, it took me a took me a moment,

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but I, but I remembered.

[Ella] I guess it's been a while since

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you've eaten those. [Irfan] Oh yeah.

Yeah, yeah.

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I mean, it's like four months from Runebergin päivä.

Uhm, just contextually.

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And you can correct me if I'm

wrong on, on on this one.

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National poet of Finland? [Ella] Yes.

[Irfan] Close enough.

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And apparently a big fan of  
a particular...

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Cake, dessert, whatever...

How you want to define it,

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which now is eaten on his day in  
February and it's an absolutely

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delicious dessert. [Ella] Quite nice.

[Irfan] That's one of the concepts that

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I love about Finland.

You always have a dessert for a

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different time. [Ella] Oh, yeah.

[Irfan] But anyway, going back.

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So, like phenomenal

predisposition to go into baking

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and out of all of those things,

you go into a field that nobody

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can even properly define: musicology.

[Ella] And nobody knows about.

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[Irfan] I mean, we even almost borderline

embarrassed ourselves, like when we

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were presenting the program, even  
we had like a second of... Literally

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the only reason why I knew how to  
properly talk about that program.

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I was like, yeah, I know,  
I know one person from this program.

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So, Ella this is your  
opportunity to truly represent

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your program in the right way.  
Can you explain to all of us

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what is musicology?  
[Ella] Yeah, I mean, the misconception

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that people always have about it,  
they think that we will be musicians

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or music teachers, but we won't.  
So, it's like everything else.

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So we, we just study music.  
We don't study playing an

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instrument or teaching music, we just study music in every

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possible way pretty much.  
And then we can just work with

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music in different music companies,  
for example.

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Or we can be researchers if we wish,  
or, yeah,

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different things related to music,  
but not teaching or playing. [Irfan] Okay.

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So, the listeners are definitely a  
lot more clever than I am, but I'm,

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I'm, I'm a simple minded human. You said analyze music from

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every possible angle and every  
possible way.

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[Ella] Or like research not analyze maybe,

but... [Irfan] But in what way?

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What do you mean is like... Again,  
simple minded person here,

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does that mean, oh,  
we have these notes and you're trying

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to make some sense out of, like,  
Beethoven's seventh or is it fifth?

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I don't know.

[Ella] That could be as well, but you can

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relate it to or combine it with,  
like any field, we could,

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combine it with psychology and  
look more into the brain,

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how we can see music there.

Or we could like, look how,

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the music that is played in stores,  
how that affects the way people

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buy things, for example,  
or if you listen to music while

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doing sports, how that can have an  
effect on how well you perform.

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[Irfan] Or is, is it,  
just asking for a friend?



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Is it possible to find  
the ideal music for, let's say,

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increasing the interest level of  
people in listening in a new podcast/

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vodcast, for example?

Hypothetically speaking.

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[Ella] Yeah, for sure has an effect.

[Irfan] Okay, lovely.

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So, we're gonna have to have a  
conversation afterwards.

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But, what aspect of that has  
been interesting to you?

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[Ella] I would say, like in general,  
I'm a person who is very

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interested in everything, so, yeah, and especially music,

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I like, literally all the things are  
interesting to me, but maybe I have

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more, been just directed my,  
like my thesis, for example.

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It's been a little more directed  
to the psychology side of it and

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music therapy, but everything is  
really interesting to me.

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[Irfan] So, tell me a little bit more  
about music therapy. [Ella] Um, yeah.

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I mean, it's,  
I think people also don't really

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know that such a thing exists,  
even, it's just therapy,

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psychotherapy that is, that just  
uses music as a tool to do things

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you could like, for example,  
play there or listen to music or

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just write songs or anything.

That's kind of also related to

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my thesis topic,

which is therapeutic songwriting.

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So yeah, music can be a really  
good therapy tool.

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[Irfan] But, when you say therapeutic songwriting,

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is it kind of like with the same...

Because I know, a lot of people

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will try to take some sort of a

topic and journal on the topic

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in order to process some sort of  
an emotion or a similar thing.

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Now is the idea with music therapy,  
with creating a song,

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is it in a similar direction where  
you get some sort of a topic and

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you're trying to, through a song,  
create something and emotionally

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process something that's going on?  
Or is it more of a... You're trying

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to create something to distract  
yourself? What's, what's the approach?

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[Ella] It could depend.

I think it depends on the person

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and the situation.

And just however you feel in

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that moment, like you don't need  
to go and start doing that with

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a certain aim in mind.

However that helps you,

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then it helps you.

Whether you end up writing about the

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experience or the feeling you have,  
or maybe you just play something

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and that makes you feel better.

[Irfan] Okay, so just more of like this

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focus not on a particular emotion,  
but just allowing yourself like

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this creative spirit in a sense,  
to evolve

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and for you... [Ella] Yeah,  
it depends on the situation.

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You can do it in different ways.

So, it's not just like, yes,

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it's always like this.

So, depends. [Irfan] Ah, so less rigid.

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[Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] Which I guess is also another

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way to describe, you know,

the entire studies that you've had.

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They're not overly rigid.

There's like a level of flexibility.

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[Ella] Yeah. Yeah definitely.

[Irfan] So, what's something that you've



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enjoyed when it comes to actual  
class work?

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Any particular class that had an  
impact on you?

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[Ella] Yes, I would say my favorite one  
probably has been the one that I

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did this spring.

Just a while ago,

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the Music Technology Project course.

That was probably my favorite

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because I actually like got to

do things in it.

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I didn't just have to write an  
essay or something, or just read

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books or articles or whatever.  
I could actually, yeah, just come

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up with my own project and do that.  
And I decided to record two songs

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and record and mix and master them,  
and that was that was really fun.

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I really liked that.  
And yeah,

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I think I learned a lot as well.

[Irfan] Oh, that's great that you got

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like directly the, you know,

hands on experience. [Ella] Yeah. Yeah.

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Because I feel like in our field

we usually don't get it that much

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because a lot of the courses are

just like reading and just

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studying and writing and not

really doing something. Maybe.

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But that one was a little different.

I really liked it.

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[Irfan] So, when you were exploring universities,

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is that something that kind of drew you towards Jyväskylä?

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[Ella] Honestly, it was just because. Because of the program, because I,

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I mean, I had a really hard, almost desperate time at the end of high

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school when I had to apply somewhere and I really didn't know where.

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And I was just thinking, like,  
what am I going to do?

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Like the application time is almost  
over and I haven't applied anywhere,

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and I need to apply to like more  
than one place and I just, I,

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I was very hopeless.

I just kept on thinking like,

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what am I going to do?

And I knew that my biggest interests

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were like, or favorite subjects,  
they were like music,

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or maybe not as a subject at school  
because it was just too easy for me.

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But, I still knew that I  
liked music and I would like to

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do something with it.  
And then, like psychology and

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languages, those were like the  
main interests of mine.

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And then I was just thinking,  
like, what?

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I don't know what I want to study.

I don't know if I want to study like

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a language or what or psychology,

I don't know, I just I just know

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that music is like the top,

top thing for me, the number one.

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And I want to do that,

but I don't want to be a music

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teacher or a musician really.

Like at least like professionally.

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I was just searching and somehow,

by some luck,

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I found this like musicology.

And I was like, what's that?

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I've never heard of that.

And I read through the description.

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I was like, oh, that's actually like,  
that's exactly what I want to do.

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And then I searched for just things  
about it, and I looked for if there

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were like where is that in Finland and  
turned out that Jyväskylä was the only

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place with the proper program and  
musicology and bachelor and masters.



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So that's how I ended up here then,  
because this is the only place,

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where you can study it this way.

[Irfan] So, so I guess it kind of made

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it simple for you.

You had like this desire.

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You knew the program and the I mean,  
not exactly the program,

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but you knew the rough topic. [Ella] Yeah.

Rough field that you wanted to go

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into.

And then luckily, oh,

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there's only one place.

So, I have it easy for myself.

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[Ella] And somehow I knew Jyväskylä  
as well.

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I had been here before, I mean,  
just a couple of times as a child.

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But I also had like a nice  
memory about the music building

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that I had walked by as a child,  
and I saw the music word on the door,

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like when it says music.

And I was just back then

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thinking to myself, like, man,

that's so cool that people actually

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get to study music in a university.

I wish I could do that one day,

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but I can't.

And then I somehow ended up in

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that exact building,

and that just makes me very happy.

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[Irfan] So, you kind of mentioned just two

things that I want to touch upon.

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[Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] Let's actually first go on that

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like little childhood memory. Do you?

Do you remember anything else from

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that period other than just visiting

that? You know, music building?

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Is there anything else that kind

of had an impact on you when you

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saw the city and that you still

think of nowadays?

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[Ella] I just remember that we,  
walked through the campus area,

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the seminaarinmäki campus area  
with my parents and my mom showed

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around because she had been there.  
And I was just thinking to myself,

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like,  
it's so... It felt so messy in a way.

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I was like, how can you walk around  
here? How do you know what is where?

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And it was just like, it's like  
a maze. And I mean, it's not.

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But back then it really felt like  
that and I was just like,

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it's so weird and so many buildings  
that belong to like one university.

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Because back at that point,  
school has school had just been

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one building to me.

So, it was really like just felt

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like a big thing.

And university as a thought and as a

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concept was just like I was like,

oh, what is that even?

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But it was cool somehow.

[Irfan] And is there now,

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like this layer of comfort where it  
doesn't seem like a maze anymore?

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[Ella] Yeah. No, it never really did.  
And at the point when I actually

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got here, then many years later and  
now it's just like everything's

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familiar and not as big as back then.  
[Irfan] It gets a little bit, you know,

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local and it feels smaller because  
it feels so approachable. [Ella] Yeah.

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And when you grow up,  
that's just how it always goes

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with everything as well. [Irfan] Yeah.  
Bigger, bigger legs, less steps

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makes it easier. [Ella] Yeah. Right.  
[Irfan] Another thing that you kind of

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mentioned, you said that you had  
these three main interests being:

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music language and... [Ella] Psychology.  
[Irfan] Psychology. [Ella] Yeah.



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[Irfan] And it seems like you had the opportunity to marry everything

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here in a sense. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] So, for people that are not that

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familiar with the Finnish education system, a lot of other education

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systems are very rigid, where if you sign up to study mathematics,

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you just study mathematics.

If you're studying physics,

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you're just studying physics.

So yeah, most people would think

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like, oh, you're doing musicology.

So, music and science, which I guess

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is an appropriate translation or  
transliteration or whatever.

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And yet here you're mentioning that,  
oh, I also had this interest in

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psychology and languages, which you  
managed to continue at the university.

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[Ella] Yeah, I actually studied them all  
here then because it's very free

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here, which I really like, like you  
can just choose pretty much anything

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also in addition to your major.

And that's what I've done, I've

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taken many, many different subjects  
because I have many interests.

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So, I have taken some psychology  
courses.

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I have taken different language  
courses, multilingualism,

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which I really like as well,

and just very many different things,

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and actually gotten to study  
everything that I'm interested in.

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[Irfan] But that is... Is that just  
exclusive for the Finnish

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version of your guys' program?  
So the, you know, Finnish application

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process for musicology or you guys,  
I mean, the department,

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I'm saying you guys as if you,  
you run the program.

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The new program,  
Music and Science, the international

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master's degree program that is in  
its first or second year, I can't

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remember? [Ella] It just started. [Irfan] Okay.  
It has just effectively started. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] And, as far as I understand,  
the students still have that

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same opportunity, you know, to...  
[Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] Have that flexible study program.  
Do you guys have any interaction?

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[Ella] Yeah.

We actually have like the

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courses are together with them.

So, they don't have like their

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own courses or anything.

It's just the same ones.

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And they're just in English for  
us all.

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But we can also like if we have  
to write essays, we can write

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them in Finnish or English.

We can decide ourselves usually. So.

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[Irfan] Well, that's another lovely  
level of flexibility. [Ella] Yeah.

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And many of the teachers and the  
professors are also from other

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countries.

So, it's a very international

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environment.

And that's been already before

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the start of the music and  
science program as well.

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[Irfan] So, when you're saying that the department is pretty international,

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would you also say that you feel that the city is international?

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[Ella] Oh yeah. Yeah it is.

[Irfan] Did you immediately feel that

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the second when you got here or?

[Ella] No, actually not. I didn't. I

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really didn't realize that in the beginning because that was

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not what I was used to,



because coming from a small place,

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we didn't really have that there.

For example,

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exchange students in my school,

there was maybe like 1 or 2 per year.

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So basically nothing.

And I just didn't realize how big

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the international environment is

here and how many people

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actually come from elsewhere.

[Irfan] So, walk me a little bit through

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that process of leaving Pietarsaari and  
coming here and those first

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realizations about Jyväskylä.

[Ella] That was I mean that was an

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exciting time.

And it was the first time I

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lived in another city. I had

lived in Pietarsaari for my whole life.

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So, coming here was already like

exciting and everything was a

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lot bigger and new, and I was just really happy

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to get to be somewhere new and a  
different place and just kind of

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start all over. And.

Yeah, but for the international part,

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I really, I didn't know what to  
expect.

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I didn't really even think about it.

And when I came here, I just...

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Because it had never really... I mean,  
it had always been an interest of

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mine and I always wished to be

in an international environment,

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but just never really had the  
chance back then.

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And then when I got here,  
I didn't even realize that, hey,

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I could actually like try to be in  
that and try to find out how to get

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there. [Irfan] So. So how did that happen?  
Like how... When was that moment of

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realization?

Okay, I could actually be in a... I

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mean, first of all, did it first  
happen in the actual department

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where you started feeling maybe  
that you are in an international

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department and then kind of slowly  
evolving into a greater, you know,

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dipping into the international  
community within town,

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or did it evolve in a different way?  
[Ella] I would say it's a... It took a

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very long...

It was a long process just

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slowly getting there.

I just remember when I started here,

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one of the teachers was from

Canada, I think,

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and that was the first time I ever

had a teacher from another country.

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And I just thought that was

really cool. And I didn't know.

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It's actually very common here to

have teachers from everywhere.

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And that was just very cool to  
me at that point.

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And just to have a course in English,  
I was just like, yeah, this is so

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cool because it was new to me.  
And so that was probably the

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first time that I realized that  
there are actually quite many people

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from many different places.  
And then I also remember on the

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first, maybe first month or second  
month, there was this musicology

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event where I went to and then  
there was one guy from Germany,

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an exchange student in musicology,  
and I think that was the first

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exchange student that I met here  
and talked to just a few words to.

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And I never saw him again,  
but I didn't. Yeah.

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And I also didn't really think  
much about that.

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I just thought like, okay,



well let's just one exchange student.

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Cool. That's that's how it is.

Just one exchange student.

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You know, didn't really  
think that there's actually this

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really big community of them, it took a few years for me

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to realize that because then  
there also Covid came.

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Nothing was... Nobody was anywhere,  
and nothing was happening.

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I, I actually had one course,  
one of these, intercultural

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and multilingual communication  
courses and that was during Covid.

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So, we had it online on zoom, and  
there were some exchange students,

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but they did the exchange online.  
So, it was a little different and

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very sad.  
But that's like probably where I

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had like proper interactions with  
many different exchange students.

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But I never saw any of them in  
real life.

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They were in their own countries.  
But we were talking through zoom,

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and then I think what really  
like was the turning point was,

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I mean, I had also I also had  
another one of those intercultural

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multilingual communication courses, two years ago in spring,

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which was actually in person now.  
And the people were actually here.

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And that's where I got to know  
some exchange students.

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And I talked to them.

And then I just very randomly

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met some of them at this one  
event and got to know them.

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And that's like pretty much how I  
really ended up in the international

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circles and the environment.

And I haven't left it ever since.

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So that was like, I think that  
was the point where I really,

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like, really found out about it.

Really found myself in it.

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And yeah,

just really randomly met some people.

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And then I ended up like,

it was like mainly just this one

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friend group.

And then I ended up going to,

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like, I had a barbecue with them.

And then when I was there,

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I was just thinking to myself,

I was like, oh, wow.

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I'm actually,

I'm having a barbecue here with

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multiple international students, and

I'm the only Finn in this company.

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And I think that had never

happened before.

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I think that I think I had never

been with a big group of people

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as the only Finn,

and I just found that very cool.

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And I was like,  
this is what I've always wanted.

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Like, I used to dream about that  
when I was in like, I don't know,

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high school or something, and just  
always thinking like, why couldn't I

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be in an international company.  
And, you know, because there

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were these small Erasmus  
programs that we did at school,

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like a few different countries.

And then you go to all the countries

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for like one week with a small group  
of students and a couple of teachers.

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But I was never a part of that,  
and I was jealous of the people

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who were, but yeah,  
then I was here suddenly in this

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company of exchange students,  
and I really liked it.

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And then, I mean, that was in the  
spring, so they were all gonna



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leave pretty soon, which was sad, but then after that,

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I also had, like the next semester,

I think I had some courses with some

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exchange students, and somehow I

was just suddenly, like, seeing

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them everywhere and seeing like,

oh, that's an exchange student,

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00:25:10,320 --> 00:25:13,920

and that as well, and there are

so many of them, and I'm around

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them and I'm getting to know them.

And then I saw this like, post by

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the student union on Instagram, like,  
hey, we are looking for volunteers

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to organize some events for  
international students in January.

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We're going to have this  
info meeting.

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Please come if you're interested  
in that.

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And I saw that and I was like, oh,  
that would actually be so cool.

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That's something I want to do.

And then I tried to like,

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advertise it to some friends and

try to get someone to join me

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there because I didn't want to go

alone not knowing anyone there.

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But, yeah, nobody wanted to come,

so, I ended up going by myself anyway.

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But I'm really happy that I did,

because that was I think that

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was a really good decision,

because I think, I think we also

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wouldn't know each other.

If I didn't do that. Yeah.

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We met at one of those events.

[Irfan] So actually something that I like...

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You went through a lot of stuff  
right now.

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And that they say that Finns  
don't talk.

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So, something that I'm  
actually kind of curious about.

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So, you're saying that you had this  
impetus, this desire to kind of,

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like, interact in a little bit of a  
more international community? [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] Which I think a lot of people come to  
that from a different perspective.

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I think for some people it's just  
this very natural curiosity of

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what is it like to just experience  
somebody's life, somebody's

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perspective from a different culture.  
And you can get a lot of that just by

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having a conversation with somebody  
from a different place. [Ella] Yeah.

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And knowing you well enough,  
I think you have that like

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slight level of curiosity.  
Slight maybe being an

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understatement.

But on the other hand, a lot of

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people come to this, you know,  
international perspective wanting to

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share their own culture and you being

the local person and even saying,

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you know, a couple of times,

you know, you were the only Finn

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and Finn in the group.

Were you approaching it this from a

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perspective of, oh, I want to give  
some information to these people.

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I want to be, you know, like the  
useful local person, or were you

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coming more from the perspective of,  
like, I want to learn from you guys,

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or is it kind of like, again,  
marrying these two perspectives?

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[Ella] I mean, it was all just very  
sudden to me, really,

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like just unexpected in a way.  
It just happened very suddenly that

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I was there. And, I think.  
Yeah, it was just so random and I was

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just suddenly found myself there.  
And I guess it was just the will

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to get to know those people,  
get to know people from other places,



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other countries, other cultures.

And just if I can give something

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to them that makes me happy.

But that was not like the

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meaning of it.

I was like, okay, yeah,

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let me come there and I'm just

going to tell you everything about

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Finland or something, like, yeah, I'm

gonna be this example of a Finn.

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No, I was just like, I just wanted  
to get to know them and just meet

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new people from different places.

[Irfan] Well, it's actually lovely that

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you're really coming from that.

You know,

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I want to say normal and chill place.

And I always say that there's

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always this discussion about,

you know, what is what is

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integration mean for foreigners.

And oftentimes the focus is on

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like institutional integration.

Ah, go to this office,

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go through that or whatever.

But I think this is, you know,

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this is actual integration.

You know, where it happens on the

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ground where there are just these

random, you know, curiosities,

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micro communications and whatever.

And I think that's a beautiful thing

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about living in a city like this,

where... What is it now?

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Like every fourth student is a...  
Fourth student.

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Every fourth citizen in the city  
is a student.

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You have a lot of these,  
like little micro communications

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and opportunities just to have  
these random little conversations.

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And everybody's learning something  
from each other and about each other.

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So, you kind of tangentially mentioned  
this kickoff event as I think

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they're formally known nowadays.

So, tell me a little bit more

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about the kickoff events? [Ella] Yeah.

So, they had the thought of like,

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that they wanted to organize a few

events, kickoff events in January,

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mainly for the new...

[Irfan] So just the... When in January and

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again, who was organizing it? [Ella] Yeah, organized by the student union

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and just volunteering students,  
whoever wanted to do that.

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So basically just students but  
under the student union.

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[Irfan] Could you give just like a quick  
overview of the student union,

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like from your perspective as a  
student, you're not an official

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representative of the student union,  
but how do you understand the

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student union?

[Ella] I mean, it consists of students,

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I think.

[Irfan] That would maybe be the logical

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thing.

I'm not sure we will need to check.

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[Ella] It does. It does.

[Irfan] Is there a thesaurus here maybe

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to help? [Ella] Yeah it does.

It consists of students and they,

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kind of represent us other

students and, yeah.

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And then they do nice things.

They organize events and things,

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and we can just join them in a  
way like that.

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So it's a it's a really nice  
union to have.

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[Irfan] Like literally a support system.

[Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] Basically. That's kind of divided  
into separate sections.

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I know there's like an entire  
separate section just for



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international affairs. [Ella] Yeah, yeah.

[Irfan] If I remember correctly.

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And I'm guessing those guys were  
the ones kind of behind the

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kickoff events. [Ella] Yeah.

It was, I don't now remember what

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exact title of the person it was,  
but it was something with

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international. Something, I think.

[Irfan] So, what were the kickoff events

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that you participated in? [Ella] Yeah, we started planning

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them in December, I think,  
and just thinking, like, what...

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What could they be?

What could be nice?

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What do people want to do?

What year is this just for timeline.

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[Ella] 20... December '22. [Irfan] Okay.

So right out of the pandemic. [Ella] Yeah.

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Yeah. There had been like not yeah.

Not a full year of normal life yet.

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So yeah.

So, like I mean,

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the exchange students who arrived  
here in January '22, they didn't

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have anything that was still Covid.  
So that was the January after that.

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That was like normal again.  
[Irfan] Okay. So, '23. [Ella] Yeah. Yeah.

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So yeah, there were I don't remember  
how many events maybe like around ten

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maybe or a little less maybe about  
ten. And I took part maybe in five.

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I think. There were different  
things like the speed friending or

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city tour, some baking,  
a walk in Laajavuori, like a winter

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nature walk. [Irfan] Laajavuori is?  
[Ella] It's, like a skiing center.

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And it has other things as well.  
But that's the thing it's mainly

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known for... What else was there?  
There were a lot of nice things.

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And like, a campus tour  
kind of like “fukisiaiset”, but like

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for the international students  
and a little, a little different,

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but still like had some,  
some things to do around the campus.

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[Irfan] So just a bunch of events to  
like help both internationals to

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mingle with each other. [Ella] Yeah.  
[Irfan] And also to help them mingle with

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the locals. [Ella] Yeah.  
I mean they were basically aimed

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for the new ones,

but they were open to everyone,

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to international students who

already were here. Like you.

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[Irfan] I mean, I was there for a semester

and I just randomly dropped by,

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so... [Ella] Yeah. And then just Finns

could join as well.

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If they wanted to.

I think many Finns didn't even

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know about that.

And they always think that,

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like, okay, these are just for  
international students, but usually

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they are open for everyone.  
So just for people to get to know

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each other, get to know Jyväskylä,  
the campus, the university,

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everything. Student life.  
[Irfan] Again, as I say, you know,

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integration on the ground.  
So, we're talking a little bit

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about these support systems that  
are available at the university.

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And there is one big support  
system that is available for... I

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definitely know it's available  
for international students: that

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I know for a fact. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] And we're getting into tutoring

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a little bit now.

First of all,

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did you as a Finnish student  
have a tutor when you came here?



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[Ella] Yeah, I did, we had it like,  
our tutor group was just everyone

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who started in the program at  
the same time. [Irfan] Can you just

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define tutoring very quickly in  
this context?

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[Ella] I mean, a tutor is just someone  
who meets you on the first day

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and then just helps you get to  
know places and just be at the

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right place at the right time.

And just just getting to know each

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other and just somehow settling  
into the university life.

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And yeah, our group was just every  
person who started in the program.

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So, there was like 15 of us and  
then one, one tutor.

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[Irfan] One group of 15 students for  
musicology and one tutor. [Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] Wow.

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And I thought we had it difficult.  
[Ella] No, but it was actually good.

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There were no problems. Worked well.

And I guess also because we're all

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Finnish, so it was not like a new  
country to be in, for example,

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like for the international students.

So, it's a little different.

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But, yeah, it was good.

And I remember on the first day,

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before all the official info  
session started,

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our tutor asked us to meet like

one hour before that or something,

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just to get to know each other.

And then we had this like

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introductory circle and whatever.

And just getting to know each other.

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And it was very nice. [Irfan] Okay.

So you had a little bit of a

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support system. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] As a Finnish student,

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but you're saying kind of like okay,

the support wasn't, you know,

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overly I mean, I'm not going to  
say that it wasn't necessary,

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but the type of support that you  
needed is a little bit different

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when you're just moving. [Ella] Yeah. Yeah.

Not just like showing like how

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to do groceries or something or  
where your apartment is, like,

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we didn't have that.

[Irfan] Oh, you're immediately

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giving a spoiler out

what was the next thing that I was

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thinking about asking. Okay.

So, there's that level of support

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that you received as a local. [Ella] Yeah.

More for the studies at the

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university.

[Irfan] So then what type of support were

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you able to offer based on that

experience to international students?

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Because I know you were a tutor

for two semesters, right?

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[Ella] Yeah, for international students.

[Irfan] So, walk me through the entire

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process. What was your idea?

First of all, what was the process

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for you as a Finn like, oh, I feel

confident enough to be a tutor. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] What were your responsibilities

and what are some of the

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experiences that you remember?

Because a lot of people, I mean,

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hopefully, you know,

at least a couple of people that are

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listening to us, they might be  
thinking about how does everything

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work with tutoring, who's there to  
support them when they're here?

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Because it is, as you kind of  
like alluded to,

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it's always difficult  
to move from one place to another.

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It's one thing when you're moving  
locally, you speak the language,

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you understand the culture.



You have this cultural acumen

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about the place.

It's a completely different game

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when you're moving from one  
place to another and people have

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different expectations or whatever.

So, for the people who are, you know,

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a little bit concerned, like,  
oh my God, I'm moving for the first

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time from one country to another.

What can you say?

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As a former tutor,  
what was your process first like,

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I guess getting ready.

[Ella] Yeah, yeah, I mean, I somehow I

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never saw myself as a tutor,  
but at the same time I did when

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I think thought about it and, but yeah, I never applied to

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be a tutor for my program for  
musicology for Finnish students.

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Because I just felt like,  
yeah, maybe there are other people

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who are better for that than me, and but then when I found out

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about the international tutors,  
which I think I didn't even know

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about at first, because I just  
didn't know about the international

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students that much, like in general,  
but then, like when I was

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volunteering for those events, that's  
when I met some international tutors,

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and I actually heard about the thing  
and I was like, hey, that could

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actually be something I could do,  
and that would be interesting.

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And then I started like, yeah,  
I found out more about it,

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knew more about it,  
somehow got interested in it and

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got to know what it's like.  
And then the application time started

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and I think we talked about it.  
[Irfan] Yeah.

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[Ella] For some reason, I don't know why.  
Somehow, we ended up talking about it.

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And then we were like, hey,  
let's let's apply for that.

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And then we did.  
And then we were chosen.

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[Irfan] Do you remember what was even  
the procedure... I'm senile?

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[Ella] It was like.  
We just had to fill the application,

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just write some things, like why?  
Why we want to do that.

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It was pretty simple.

[Irfan] And then there was an interview,

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right? [Ella] Yeah.

Yeah, there was a group interview.

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[Irfan] Oh, yeah.

Those were actually fun. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] And it's kind of nice because the only qualification is basically.

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Have you been here for a year?

And if you've been here for a year,

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the assumption is, okay, you know

enough and you can jump into it.

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So relatively simple process.

And the awesome thing is like

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for everybody, you know it's

open for everybody quite

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literally anybody can be a yeah,

yeah an international tutor.

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But I think there's this interesting

phenomenon for I guess this is a

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great way to compare it.

You know, both of us applied to

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be international tutors.

And I had, you know,

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my personal motivation of like,

I'm an international student.

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I kind of understand how this works.

And then in a sense it's a

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little bit easier for me, like,

oh, yeah, I know,

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I know what's supposed to be done.

And then on the other hand, you don't

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you haven't had that international

experience as coming here.



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So did you feel kind of like... You  
got selected.

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Did you just immediately feel  
like I'm gonna say yes to this.

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And I feel totally prepared to  
do this. [Ella] I mean yeah.

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Already like when I applied I knew  
that I want to do that and I was

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hoping that I would get to do it.  
And I was very happy when I got

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the email that I was chosen.

So, I didn't have to like, wonder,

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00:38:43,690 --> 00:38:48,370

like, should I accept it or not, so yeah, I was just happy.

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Maybe a little, I don't know if  
nervous, but still, you know, you

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00:38:51,940 --> 00:38:54,970

always doubt yourself and everything.  
Like, am I good enough for this?

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Do I know enough to actually  
help them? But...

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00:38:58,840 --> 00:39:00,340

[Irfan] And it's a big responsibility.  
I mean, like,

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you're the first contact. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] For a person in a new country. [Ella] True.

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But I would say I was just excited

and really just waiting to get

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the list of the people that I

will have in my group and just to

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know who I will be a tutor to.

[Irfan] So, walk me through that process.

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So, you apply, you get in.

There's a little training for everybody.

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So, kind of like to put everybody

on the same level. [Ella] Yeah.

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So we don't have to like just be  
a tutor without like getting any

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guidance. And yes.

Yeah, we will get all the

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information that we have to know.

[Irfan] So again, kind of going back to

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that entire support system,  
there is like the student union

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there organizing it.

There's also the international office

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and a lot of other people making it  
work, the different departments.

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So, you get the list of the students  
that you're tutoring. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] And then how did it go for you to  
write the email and everything?

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What was your approach?

[Ella] Yeah, we got like a small

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template for that to, like, just  
to know what we should tell them.

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So, I kind of took some help from  
that, but then just wrote the email

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and I... That was somehow nice to think,  
like, okay,

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I'm writing to these people who  
will come here in exchange.

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They've never been here before,  
probably at least most of them.

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And I will actually like be the  
first contact and the first person

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they will meet when they arrive.  
And it was just somehow very

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nice and exciting in a way.

And just writing that and giving

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all the information for them and  
waiting for the reply, like,

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00:40:28,270 --> 00:40:31,810

when are they gonna reply to me?  
And let me know when,

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00:40:31,810 --> 00:40:35,740

when they're arriving and everything?  
[Irfan] And speaking of information,

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00:40:35,740 --> 00:40:38,050

what's the information that  
people should expect to get?

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[Ella] I mean, yeah,  
it's the basic information.

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I guess it somehow depends on  
who your tutor is and how much

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00:40:45,610 --> 00:40:48,760

they want to tell you.

[Irfan] But it's also, I mean, like, if...

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00:40:48,910 --> 00:40:51,160

[Ella] All the all the information that  
you should tell.

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Of course, like, just all the, what was it even like about

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finding an apartment,  
how to arrive here in Jyväskylä,

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like, trains, or what you should  
use and how you can get here.



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[Irfan] Not the plane, please.

Nobody get the plane just to

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save the environment.

The trains are wonderful.

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[Ella] They are good. Yeah. Work better, and I think just about normal

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things, about life here and what

you should maybe be prepared for

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00:41:21,130 --> 00:41:24,670

and what you should have,

or you should do before you come,

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or you have to do when you come.

And just making sure, like,

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I don't know if your apartment is  
furnished or not, and just these

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00:41:32,710 --> 00:41:36,400

normal, important things to take  
into consideration before you

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arrive or once you have arrived.

[Irfan] And always the lovely paperwork.

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The difference being, you know,  
depending on if you're an

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exchange student.

Yeah, or an international student.

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But I kind of appreciated the fact  
that we had the temple that

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you mentioned, like we all knew  
what was supposed to be done.

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00:41:51,430 --> 00:41:53,710  
We knew how to add a little bit  
like a flavor.

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And I, I don't know about you,  
but like, I love this entire

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00:41:57,340 --> 00:42:03,550  
perspective of: you are there as like  
a close contact for somebody who's

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just coming here and you have a  
certain level of a lived experience,

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and you can directly and immediately  
help out with that. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] So what was it like for you to just  
have those first email conversations

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with your tutees and then,  
you know, finally picking them up?

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[Ella] It was very nice.  
Everybody replied to them in the

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first place.  
And they just like all of my tutees

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that I've had on both semesters,

every, every single one has been

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really nice, very nice people.

And all the emails,

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they were like, they really seem

to appreciate the information

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that I gave them and sent them.

And everyone, yeah,

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was just really receptive in a way

and really wanted to know that stuff.

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And they told me when they're coming

and they were, at least they said

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they were, like happy that I was  
actually there to pick them up.

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And they didn't have to just  
find everything themselves.

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[Irfan] As an international student,  
trust me, it's very nice when

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somebody greets you at the train.  
It's a very nice... [Ella] For sure...

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[Irfan] Especially after, you know,  
depending on where you're coming

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from, hours and hours of flying.  
[Ella] Yeah, it was very good.

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[Irfan] Do you remember the first pickup  
you did?

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[Ella] Yes, I do, I do,  
it was in August, I think.

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So, it was still kind of kind of  
summery summerish. I think it was

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it was a warm day, actually.

A nice day. Sunny day.

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And that was. That was very nice.

I was excited to do the first one

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and just wondering, like, what kind  
of a person will arrive there and

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will I recognize when they come  
out from the train and everything.

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And actually, like, I think I was  
standing like right in front of the

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00:43:40,780 --> 00:43:43,720  
door where she came out from then.  
And it was just very,

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very lucky and it was very nice and  
we were nice to each other somehow.

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And then I took her to the apartment.  
[Irfan] And where was the apartment?



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[Ella] Where? [Irfan] Where? Yeah [Ella] In Ristonmaa. So... [Irfan] Okay.

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A little bit farther away from  
the city center.

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[Ella] Yeah, yeah, we took a bus there.

[Irfan] That's something that I love.

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That always makes it so easy  
because the bus station,

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the main bus stop at least, it's  
right next to the train station.

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And then at least even if you have a  
little bit extra, you know, luggage,

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it's not kind of a big problem. [Ella] Yeah.

And I think it was also just she

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had a really big suitcase with her.

So, I also felt like it was really

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good that I was there because I

just helped her with it and I was

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like pulling it and everything.

And then we carried it up the stairs

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because her apartment was like on the

second floor. So that was funny.

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00:44:31,630 --> 00:44:33,910

But everything went well and it  
was really nice.

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It really made me happy. [Irfan] Oh.

Do you remember if any of your

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tutees had issues with anything?

[Ella] No, I don't think so.

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Actually went very well with  
everyone.

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There were really not any problems?

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[Irfan] Nobody had any problems getting  
an apartment?

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[Ella] No, no, everything was good.

Only one.

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One day one of the tutees arrived.

Like it was a really stormy day.

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It was raining as hard as it just can  
rain, basically. And that was like.

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That was very funny.

Like a really nice first

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experience when arriving.

Just a really windy and really rainy

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and. But everything still went well.

[Irfan] I mean,

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it can't beat an experience of -40 degrees Celsius

[Ella] I mean, yeah, then we had that

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in the other semester,

so, like there was everything,

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but it was just even though the

weather, weather might, might have

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been a little extreme, it was

still somehow funny every time and

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nice.

[Irfan] I think there is like...

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I believe that, you know,  
me coming a little bit

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also, from a tutor's perspective  
and a student's perspective,

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there's this immense sense of  
enthusiasm that you have when you're

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coming to a new country. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] And then when you're greeted with

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like even a slight level of positive  
energy, that feeling of excitement

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increases immediately. [Ella] Right?

[Irfan] And I really think the great benefit

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that JYU gets from the fact  
that students are organizing the

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entire process, I mean, with support,  
of course, from like, you know,

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more senior staff, the people that  
are doing tutoring that that are

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tutors, they're excited about it.  
Just like you're kind of like

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saying you're like, yeah,  
I was excited to be a tutor.

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And then people can immediately

feel that.

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And I think that, like,  
makes everything a lot lighter.

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So, then you pick up everybody,  
you're going through the logistical

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stuff, which some of it is,  
correct me if I'm missing anything:

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registering with Migri, which is the  
immigration service in Finland. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] I believe that's what the EU  
students have to do if

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I remember correctly.

I don't have an EU passport,

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so I don't know it off the top of  
my head, but luckily there

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is information on that. [Ella] Yeah, my  
tutees were actually really good

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because everyone had like done  
everything already,

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so I didn't really need to help  
with that kind of stuff.

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[Irfan] That's what you get from getting...  
from sending like a good email and

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having people that, that that's the  
beautiful thing that I mentioned

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this in a, in a previous podcast.  
The beautiful thing about

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Finnish society is everything is  
written down.

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Just read it and you will be fine.  
You really don't have to worry

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about it.  
That's I love that,

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I love that it's delightful, but okay, so registering,

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Like immigration if you're an  
EU citizen, if you're non-EU,

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you can register if you're a  
degree student, I believe at DVV

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or formerly maistraatit, so, like, there's a just a

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register in the municipality, and I  
think the funnest task for everybody

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is always getting the bank account.  
If you're a degree student...

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You've never had to lead anybody  
to a bank. [Ella] No I didn't. [Irfan] Okay, okay.

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For some people it can get a  
little bit like it's just it's a

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lot of paperwork. [Ella] Yeah.  
[Irfan] But again it works itself out

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very nicely. [Ella] Everything does.  
[Irfan] Yeah, it really does.

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00:47:36,860 --> 00:47:40,220

Essential thing about Finnish student  
life that we completely forgot

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to mention the overalls. [Ella] Right.  
Yeah. They are a big thing.

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[Irfan] If they're such a big thing.

Can you explain it?

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[Ella] Yes, I guess so. Yeah.

They are literally overalls that

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we have.

Every field has its own color

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and they vary in between cities.

So, it's not always the same color

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in every city for the same field,

but every field has its own color.

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And then we put all these patches

to it that we can get from events

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that we participate, or just  
different things we can buy them.

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And all the student associations  
also have their own patches.

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And then we just have them and we  
usually wear them to all kinds

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of different student events.

And then you can always see like who

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is studying what by the color or by  
the overall that they're wearing.

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It's really fun.

[Irfan] And some people also wear them

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when they're picking up their tutees.

[Ella] Yeah. Yes. Some people do.

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[Irfan] Yes some people. [Ella] Some people  
do, some people don't.

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[Irfan] Some people are wearing jeans.  
Some people are simple.

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But that's actually I mean,  
another great way for tutees to

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recognize. [Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] Their tutor.  
[Ella] Even though they didn't,

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don't really know what it is.

I remember one of my tutees told

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me later when,

when he saw that I had it again

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at a student event or something.

And maybe then I told what it is.

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I think he told me that he thought it

was some kind of like a gang outfit

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or something, like they have like

these jackets where they put patches

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on and I was like, oh. Okay, gang, yeah. I mean, in a way it

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is when you think about it,  
but that's... Yeah, well.

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[Irfan] We're going to skip over that  
analogy.

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But it actually cracked me up  
because I had... I'm uneducated,

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I didn't know about it.  
I was so confused by them,

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and especially my tutor who  
picked me up.

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She did this really cool thing.

Like, she,

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she turned her overall into a skirt.

It was really cool. Conceptually.

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It was very original, so.

And I, I'm pretty sure she explained

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the overalls to me, but it just...

Like when you when you arrive first,

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it's just gonna it's just gonna,

you know, go over your head.

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And then the first few times

when I saw people with the overalls,

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I was just like, are these  
people like some construction

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workers or something.[Ella] That looks  
a little bit like that.

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[Irfan] Is this how, you know,  
students are supposed to make

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money over the summer?  
They're like, you know, just,

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painting the walls or whatever.  
Some Huckleberry Finn action.

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I guess he did the wooden,  
whatever. It's called... The barrier.

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Again, Google exists.

So that's a beautiful thing.

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But I always I love the fact kind  
of that if you're a degree student,

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you can definitely get an overall  
and it does give you like the sense

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of belonging I would say, because  
really the focus on student life

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here is through the associations.

But, you know,

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global ones at the university level,  
kind of like the student union,

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but also those little  
subcommittee ones and local ones

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within the subject associations.  
And I think a cool thing also that

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exchange students definitely have is  
they can get these ESN overalls.

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[Ella] Yeah, they can.

[Irfan] And I think that's an original

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thing in Finland. I mean,

you can't get ESN overall in other

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countries maybe Sweden, I don't know.

[Ella] I know that they have overalls

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in Sweden too, but I don't know

how it's for exchange students.

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[Irfan] Yeah, if it's for ESN. Yeah.

But that's a nice one that they

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can get. Oh, just ESN.

And I'm assuming most people know,

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but it's the Exchange Student

network, the ones that are kind

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of like, I guess they're under  
Erasmus or part of Erasmus.

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[Ella] I mean, it is the Erasmus  
student network.

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[Irfan] Oh, yeah. What did I say?

[Ella] Exchange student network.

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[Irfan] My bad,  
my bad too many acronyms.

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So, when you were a tutor and  
you did give this effort for

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your students. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] To participate in these different

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events, what's one, you know,  
maybe what's your favorite

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experience with your tutees?  
Well, what's kind of like this

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moment that you felt like,  
you know, I did something right,

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and this was a lot of fun?  
[Ella] That's a good question,

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because I think I had very I had  
a lot of nice moments with them.

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And we also did, like some stuff,  
just like on our free time.

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I also did with a couple of  
other two tutors as well.

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We were like, we just combine our  
groups basically, and just like do

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stuff. Yeah, with all the people.  
That was very nice.

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And yeah,  
then just going to different

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events with them and everything.  
And like the latest thing that I did,

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I just had like a before two of  
my tutees just left

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Now, they just like invited me and like  
all the others in the group too,

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but they were already gone, to a  
barbecue together.

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That was also really nice and  
just like, yeah,

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just doing everything together,  
everything has been really nice.

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I don't know if I can really

just say one thing, but yeah,

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it's been a really nice  
experience in general, really.

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It has made me very happy and I'm  
really happy that I decided to do it.

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[Irfan] So, I feel it's been a rewarding  
experience for you.

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[Ella] Yeah, yeah,  
I would say it's been it's been very

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nice to get to know new people.  
And just because it's nothing

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official to be a tutor like, it's  
it's more like just a friend who is

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here when you arrive and then you can  
just do everything like it's not it's

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not official or formal in any way.  
[Irfan] I mean,

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it's an older sibling in a sense.  
And just when you say formal, before

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people think that it's just  
randomly organized,

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it's informal in a sense that,  
you know, nobody's policing you.

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Nobody's like, you know... [Ella] Yeah,  
and you don't need to be like,

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hey, mister, whatever.

[Irfan] Like it's like this very,

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very simple, informal thing of like,  
you know, first name basis is fine.

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I mean, in general in Finland that's...

[Ella] Yeah, that's true.

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[Irfan] That's another beautiful thing.

[Ella] Yeah. [Irfan] In what way do you think that you

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benefited directly from tutoring?

Has it opened up like this

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international perspective for you?

Has it taught you something?

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[Ella] Yeah,

I would say it's opened up the

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international world even more for me,

somehow I've been in it for

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a long time already.

Also through like, I don't know,

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internet friends and stuff as well.

So not just the university context,

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but still like, yeah,

it opened it up more for me.

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And just just to get to know

these people from many different

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places and hear about their

countries and their cultures.

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It was been that was very

interesting.

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I learned a lot and yeah, I,

I really got many things out of it.

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I got friends out of it too.

And just.

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Yeah, just oh,  
nothing negative to say about it.

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[Irfan] Is it something you're going  
to miss doing? [Ella] Yeah.

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Yeah, I, I would do it again and  
I will just sadly,

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yearn for that when I watch the  
new exchange students arrive the

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next semester and I will just give  
longing looks to them and be like,

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I wish I could still do that.

[Irfan] Oh, you can always help out with

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like another event or something.

Yeah, but I think it's really

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comforting for people to hear who are  
awaiting to get a response from their

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to get an email from their tutor,  
or maybe they're waiting to find

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the best response for their tutor,  
depending on when this airs. [Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] So, since you were a tutor for two  
semesters and you had this particular

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perspective that you came,  
came from, what's a piece of advice

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that you would offer for tutors?  
And what's a piece of advice you

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would offer for tutees?  
[Irfan] For tutors, and maybe people who

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are thinking whether to do that or  
not, I would definitely recommend it.

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If you're even a little bit  
interested in things like that and

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In meeting new people from other countries especially. It's very nice.

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And, I would just say that, like, don't doubt yourself.

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Your... You will be good enough for that. You really don't.

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You will get all the information delivered to you.

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You don't need to worry about that and just take everything out

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of it because it's really it's it's a chance that you don't

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always get like actually like  
like literally from all over the

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world and just meeting people.  
It's a it's a unique thing, honestly.

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And the tutees should also take  
everything out of it when they can.

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Like it's it's also a unique  
opportunity and chance and experience

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for them as well to have like a  
not always a Finnish person,

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but still somehow a local person,

someone who knows maybe a little

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bit more about the place than  
you do when you come here.

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And just, just in general, to have a  
person to just do anything with.

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It's it's very nice and you should  
really appreciate it from both

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sides as a tutor and as a tutee.

[Irfan] So, so kind of ask questions on

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both sides, be prepared to,

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be curious. [Ella] Yeah.

And like learning from each other.

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Both.

Not just like, not just so that the

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tutee learns from the tutor, but we  
can also learn from the tutees.

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[Irfan] Oh, I definitely agree with that.

I mean, the amount of perspective,

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like I've had years and years  
where I've worked in international

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environments and I've talked to  
people about, you know, the tutoring

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experience at JYU and I really  
have to say both on both ends of it.

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I've learned so much.  
I've changed my own...

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You know, there's always like, you  
can fine tune your approach to new

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people coming into a new situation.  
And just I think the depth of

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understanding that you get for the  
processes that somebody is going

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through, both from like this

logistical perspective and then

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just this personal perspective.

I think it's immensely valuable.

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[Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] And kind of what you, what you

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indirectly said a second ago,

and I think this was probably a big

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thing for you coming out of Covid.

You couldn't go into the world

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during the pandemic. [Ella] Yeah.

[Irfan] And then when finally, you know,

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the world opened up because of time,  
you know, you can't go out of it.

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There are things that have to be  
done.

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You could bring the world to  
yourself and then engage everything

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in everything. [Ella] Yeah, yeah.

And I would say the university

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offers really good chances for  
getting an international experience,

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even without going somewhere like,  
you can be a tutor, you can go

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to events, you can have courses  
together with exchange students.

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You can meet them everywhere.  
And just,

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just really many chances for that.  
And you should use them when you can.

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And sometimes it can be about  
these like random lucky moments of

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just crossing paths with someone.  
And then that leading to many nice

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things like somehow happened to me.

But the university also provides

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many chances for that as well.

[Irfan] Yeah, there's even like a formal

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sense of each one teach one.

[Ella] Oh yeah. True.

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[Irfan] Which I'm kind of surprised that  
you haven't done.

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Just a quick note  
for everybody.

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If you speak a particular  
language and you want to learn

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another language,

working directly with a native

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speaker of the language, you can

just post an ad on this website,

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and then people can meet up

throughout the semester and just

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teach each other something. So there.

Yeah, I do really appreciate the

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fact how many, opportunities

for internationalization there

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generally are at JYU.

Hey, Ella, on that note,

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I do appreciate the fact, you know,  
as an international person coming

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here, I deeply appreciate people like  
you who decided to put themselves out

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there to make themselves available.

[Ella] Yeah.

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[Irfan] To people coming into the society.

And I'm not gonna say, you didn't

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open up your home, but you did  
open up your your, your heart,

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your experiences, your mind to  
give people another opportunity.

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And I do really hope that you're  
still going to get the opportunity

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to engage with an international  
community, because I think,

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you're good at it.

You're caring towards people.

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And also, I mean,

you're infinitely curious and

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that's always appreciated. [Ella] Yeah.

And I think it just once opened

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up for me and I don't really  
ever want to leave it.

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[Irfan] I think that's the perfect place to  
stop. So never leave. Never end it.

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And we'll continue being curious.  
Yeah.

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On that note,  
thanks everybody for listening.

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Speaking of curiosity,  
you guys can explore further

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podcasts from JYU for YOU.

You can continue being curious.

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And remember, always ask questions.

There aren't any dumb questions.

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There might be some wrong answers,

but always be open to engage in new

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experiences to learn more and just

take it step by step. Kiitos ja moikka. Cheers.