



# Nordic Diversity Connections in Arts and Culture Seminar

6–8 October 2025, Oulu, Finland

## Accessibility Plan

### Venue Overview

The seminar and other programme will take place across five locations in Oulu. Not all venues are fully accessible. In this document you can find contact information, information of each location day by day, and a map showing all the venues.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GET-TOGETHER EVENING

Mon, 6 October at 19.00

### Theatre Restaurant Aulis

- **Location**

The theatre building is located in the city centre of Oulu right next to the Market Square in a grey, concrete building.

Street address: Kaarlenväylä 2, Oulu

- **Access**

Restaurant Aulis is located on the right side of the theatre building on the second floor. Restaurant's own entrance is located to the right of the theatre's main entrance. The door does not open automatically. An electronically operated door with a

push button is located at the main entrance (the market square side). You can either take the stairs or the elevator to the restaurant (press floor A in the elevator).

There is a construction site in front of the theatre.

- **Parking**

The theatre does not have its own parking area. The nearest parking facilities are Kivisydän and Autoranta. Parking is subject to a fee. Accessible parking spaces are available in front of the theatre.

- **Toilets**

An accessible toilet is located on the first floor, and it is reachable by elevator.

- **Hearing access**

The restaurant is not equipped with any hearing aid systems. The host and performers will use microphones.

- **Environment & Seating**

The restaurant has glass walls with views over the Oulu River delta. Noise levels may vary. The lighting is slightly dim. Seating at the tables will not be assigned.

- **Catering**

Dinner and one drink are included in the event. The bar will be open for additional purchases.

- **Programme**

The evening will be hosted, and the programme is delivered in English.

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## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Tue, 7 October at 08.00–17.00

### Oulu City Hall

- **Location**

The Oulu City Hall is located at the city centre of Oulu. The building is made of stone, and it is yellow.

Street address: Kirkkokatu 2A, Oulu

- **Access**

The City Hall's main entrance is on the Kirkkokatu side of the building. The main entrance is not step-free, as it includes several stairs.

The accessible entrance is located on the Hallituskatu side of the building. There is a button that opens the door. If the door does not open, please press the info buzzer. Instructions for the accessible entrance are in Finnish, English and Braille.

The accessible entrance takes you to the City Hall's ground floor (Floor 0). There are raised floor markers which lead visibility impaired people towards the elevator. The elevator doors are 90 cm wide.

The City Hall's first floor includes the entrance hall, meeting rooms and the Council Chamber foyer, the Council Chamber and the Board Room. The elevator opens into the first-floor entrance hall and raised floor markers will lead you toward different facilities.

- **Parking**

You may utilize the parking areas and parking halls of the city centre. There is one parking space for mobility impaired people on Hallituskatu. There is an accessible entrance right next to the parking space.

- **Toilets**

Accessible toilets can be found on the ground floor and first floor. An accessible toilet is located on the ground floor (Floor 0) on the right, near the accessible entrance. The ground floor accessible toilet is used from the left. The toilet door is not automatic. The first-floor accessible toilet is located at the end of the corridor on the right from the elevators. The first-floor accessible toilet can be used from both left and right. The toilet door is not automatic.

Other toilets are on the first floor.

- **Hearing access**

There are induction loops available in the Board Room (room 109) and the Council Chamber (room 110) as well as in the

Banquet Hall.

- **Environment in different spaces**

The seminar will take place in several meeting rooms and halls in the first and second floor. The diagonal door sills located in the facilities are 20 mm high at most.

- **Registration**

The City Hall entrance hall

The hall is well lit but has an echo. There are stairs to the first floor. Accessible registration is available at the top of the stairs in the same space.

- **Breakfast and afternoon coffee**

Banquet Hall Foyer, second floor

The capacity of the foyer is 100 people, there is no seating. The space is well lit. The Banquet Hall can also be used (seats available) during coffee breaks.

- **Keynote sessions, panel discussion, reflection plenary and closing remarks**

Banquet Hall, second floor

The capacity of the Banquet Hall is 200 people. Sound system is used in the space. There is some echo. There are induction loops available in the Banquet Hall. The space is well lit. The seating is arranged in rows of chairs with armrests and slightly padded seats. Along the sides of the room, there are a few wider, slightly padded benches without backs.

The room is equipped with cameras because the programme is recorded and can be viewed later. There are screens on stage in the front of the hall.

- **Lunch**

Council Chamber (room 110), Council Chamber foyer and Board Room (room 109), first floor

Lunch buffet is served in the Council Chamber. In addition, tables and chairs for dining are available in the adjacent Board Room and the council chamber foyer. No

assigned seating, different types of chairs available.

- **Parallel sessions**

Meeting Rooms 101 and 120, Board Room 109 and the Banquet Hall

Both meeting rooms have one long table with slightly padded chairs with no armrests around it. The capacity is 20 people. The Board Room has several long tables and slightly padded chairs with no armrests. The capacity is 35 people. There are screens in all the rooms.

There are induction loops available in the Banquet Hall and Board Room 109.

- **Evening Reception**

Banquet Hall

There are cocktail tables and a few chairs and benches in the space in the evening. A band performs and sound system is used during the performance. The lighting is slightly dimmer than during the day.

- **Quiet space**

Designated quiet room for participants needing a break is located on the first floor in Room 117. There are two couches, an armchair and a small table in the room. There is a small door sill.

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## CULTURAL SITE VISITS

Wednesday, 8 October at 09.00–10.00 and 10.30–11.30

## CULTURAL CENTRE VALVE

- **Location**

Cultural Centre Valve is in the city centre of Oulu, behind the Oulu City Hall. The building is made of stone, and it is pink.

Street address: Hallituskatu 7, Oulu (100 m from the City Hall)

- **Access**

The Hallituskatu entrance is accessible with an automated door. The entrance does not have a sound beacon. There is another

entrance on Ojakatu, but that entrance is not automated and therefore not fully accessible.

The visit consists of presentations by Valve and other organisations operating in the building, as well as a short tour in Valve's premises. The first part takes place in Studio Cinema located on the second floor of the building.

The Studio Cinema is fully accessible by elevator. The Studio Cinema has two wheelchair spots on both ends of the front row.

The passages at Valve are primarily accessible. However, there are higher thresholds and narrow doors in the older parts of the building. A movable ramp is available for higher doorsteps if needed.

- **Parking**

Due to ongoing construction work in the block around Valve, there is no customer parking. It is possible to stop on Hallituskatu in front of Valve for drop offs and pick-ups.

- **Toilets**

The accessible toilet is located on the basement floor. The door is locked but will be opened by request. You may request the door opening from the in-house services at the info or by calling them: +358 44 703 7501.

- **Hearing access**

There is no induction loop available in the Studio Cinema.

- **Environment & Seating**

Studio Cinema is a small, cinema-style room furnished with soft, low chairs. The capacity is 45 people. Presentations are held under standard room lighting.

## OULU HOUSE OF LITERATURE

- **Location**

The Oulu House of Literature is in the city centre of Oulu. Entrance is from Kirkkokatu.

Street Address: Hallituskatu 9, Oulu (100 m from the City Hall)

- **Access**  
The entrance has one step, but a ramp can be used for accessibility. The door is not automatic.
- **Parking**  
You may utilize the parking areas and parking halls of the city centre.
- **Toilets**  
All toilets are out of service due to repairs from the water damage that occurred in August.
- **Hearing access**  
There is no induction loop available.
- **Environment & Seating**  
The venue also functions as a bookstore. The visit takes place on the first floor, seating is arranged in rows of chairs. The space is well-lit. There is also an art exhibition space on the second floor, but there is no elevator.

### **OULU CITY HALL, Meeting Room 120**

#### **Oulu2026, Oulu Urban Culture Association & Giellagas Institute**

See the details under **Oulu City Hall** starting from page 2.

### **OULU ART MUSEUM**

- **Location**  
Oulu Art Museum is in the downtown Oulu district of Myllytulli close to Hupisaaret Park in an old, renovated red-brick industrial building.

Street address: Kasarmintie 9, Oulu (800 m from the City Hall)

- **Access**  
Oulu Museum of Art is mostly accessible by wheelchair.

Entrance is through the main door on street level. The entrance has no stair steps. Threshold height is 15 to 20 mm. The door is not automatic, but the information desk personnel are prepared

to assist visitors. Please ring the bell on the right side of the main entrance.

- **Parking**

There is a small public parking area in the city end of the museum building with two spaces reserved for disabled parking. Parking here is free, but a parking disc is required.

Oulu Museum of Art is reachable using local bus lines 9 and 9K and city bus A.

- **Toilets**

Unisex toilets and a toilet accessible with a wheelchair are available in the entrance hall.

- **Hearing access**

The museum is not equipped with any hearing aid systems.

- **Environment**

The visit includes a tour in different parts of the museum.

The galleries are located on the first and the second floor of the museum. The museum has a lift for moving between the floors. The large gallery on the street level (Gallery A) has a short flight of stairs, but a wheelchair ramp is also available. Entrance to one of the galleries on the second floor also has a short flight of stairs but is also accessible by wheelchair via the other end of the gallery.

Most of the galleries are fully unobstructed except for Gallery A, Tasku and Satula galleries/spaces on the first floor and the Reppu workshop space on the second floor, which are accessed through doors. Museum personnel will assist museum guests with the doors.

The galleries have benches for sitting.

## OULU THEATRE

- **Location and Access**

The theatre building is in the city centre of Oulu right next to the Market Square in a grey, concrete building.

Street address: Kaarlenväylä 2, Oulu (700 m from the City Hall)

- **Access**

The main entrance is located on the left side of the building (the market square side), and it has an electronically operated door with a push button.

There is a construction site in front of the theatre.

- **Parking**

The theatre does not have its own parking area. The nearest parking facilities are Kivisydän and Autoranta. Parking is subject to a fee. Accessible parking spaces are available in front of the theatre.

- **Toilets**

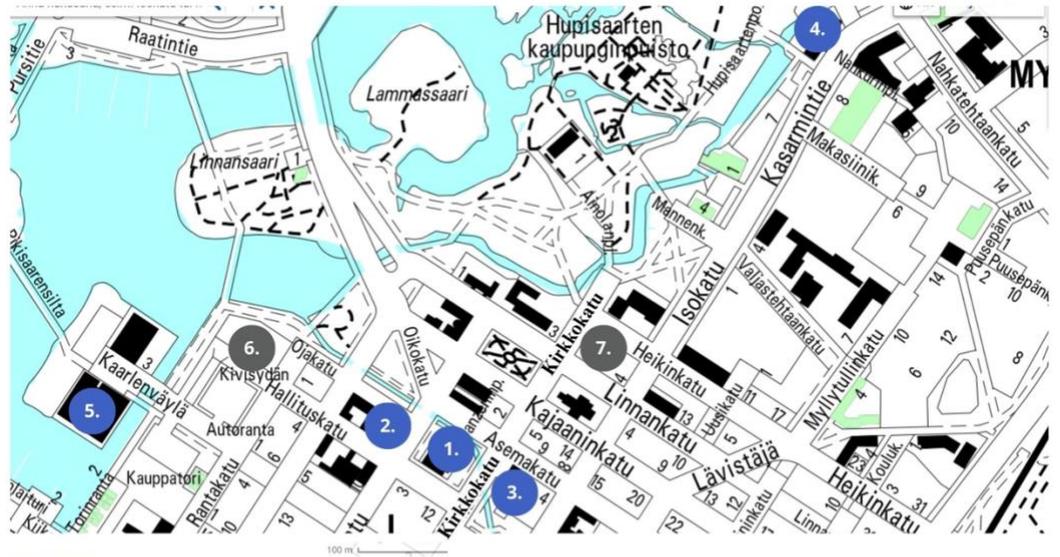
An accessible toilet is located on the first floor and is reachable by elevator.

- **Hearing access**

The theatre's main stage is equipped with a hearing aid system. In addition, there are induction loops available in Pikisali. The other stages and spaces are not equipped with any hearing aid systems.

- **Environment**

The visit includes a tour of the theatre. During the tour, different areas of the theatre are visited. The tour can be divided into two routes: one includes narrow corridors and walking in staircases, and another is a bit shorter and accessible. On the accessible tour, the hard-to-reach areas are left out and the elevator can be used.



**VENUES:**

1. OULU CITY HALL, Kirkkokatu 2a
2. CULTURAL CENTRE VALVE, Hallituskatu 7
3. OULU HOUSE OF LITERATURE, Hallituskatu 9
4. OULU ART MUSEUM, Kasarmintie 9
5. OULU THEATRE, Kaarlenväylä 2

**HOTELS:**

6. RADISSON BLU OULU, Hallituskatu 1
7. LAPLAND HOTEL, Kirkkokatu 3