

A cluster of tulips in shades of orange, red, and purple, positioned on the left side of the slide. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a solid, muted green.

Young People Make the Future

Centre of Youth Affairs of
the City of Oulu

Oulu - Basic figures

Population 1.1.2011 is 141 742

– Men	69 862	49,3 %
– Women	71 880	50,7 %

Personnel of the City of Oulu is appr. 10 000

Oulu is the largest city in Northern Finland. The name Oulu comes from a word in the Sami language meaning floodwater. From being a town known for tar and salmon, Oulu has evolved into a growing modern centre of competence.

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Youth work in Finland

Youth work in Finland is based on the Youth Act. It supports the physical and mental growth of young people, encourages their active citizenship, promotes their social integration and improves the environment in which they live and grow.

Municipal youth work is guided by the Child and Youth Policy Development Programme, which the Finnish Government approves every four years. The current programme covers the years 2007–2011.



Centre of Youth Affairs of the City of Oulu

The Centre of Youth Affairs produces youth services in the City of Oulu. Our key area of focus is preventive, long-term support to the growth of children and young people.

Our employees are trained professionals in the youth sector. Most of our employees have polytechnic degree.

The Centre of Youth Affairs is a reliable regional and national collaboration partner. We are constantly updating the youth services in Oulu through dynamic development activities.



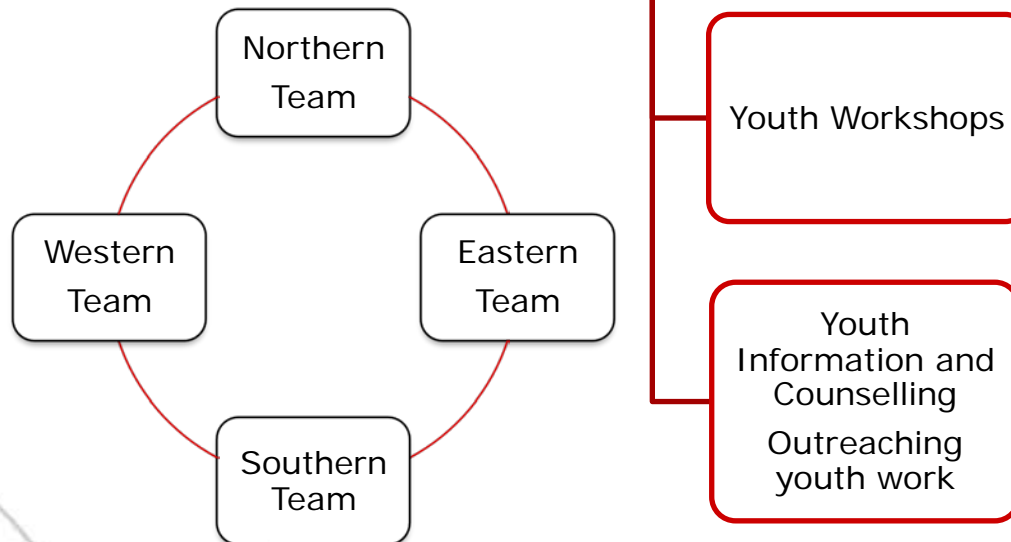
Board of Youth Affairs Director of Youth Affairs Department

Management
Support and
Development
services

Youth services and
morning / afternoon
care services

Social
empowerment
services

National Coordination
and Development
Centre for Youth
Information and
Counselling Services



Administration and Economy

Budget 2011
7,4 M€

Board of Youth Affairs

- 9 members from different parties elected in municipal election

Personnel approximately 200



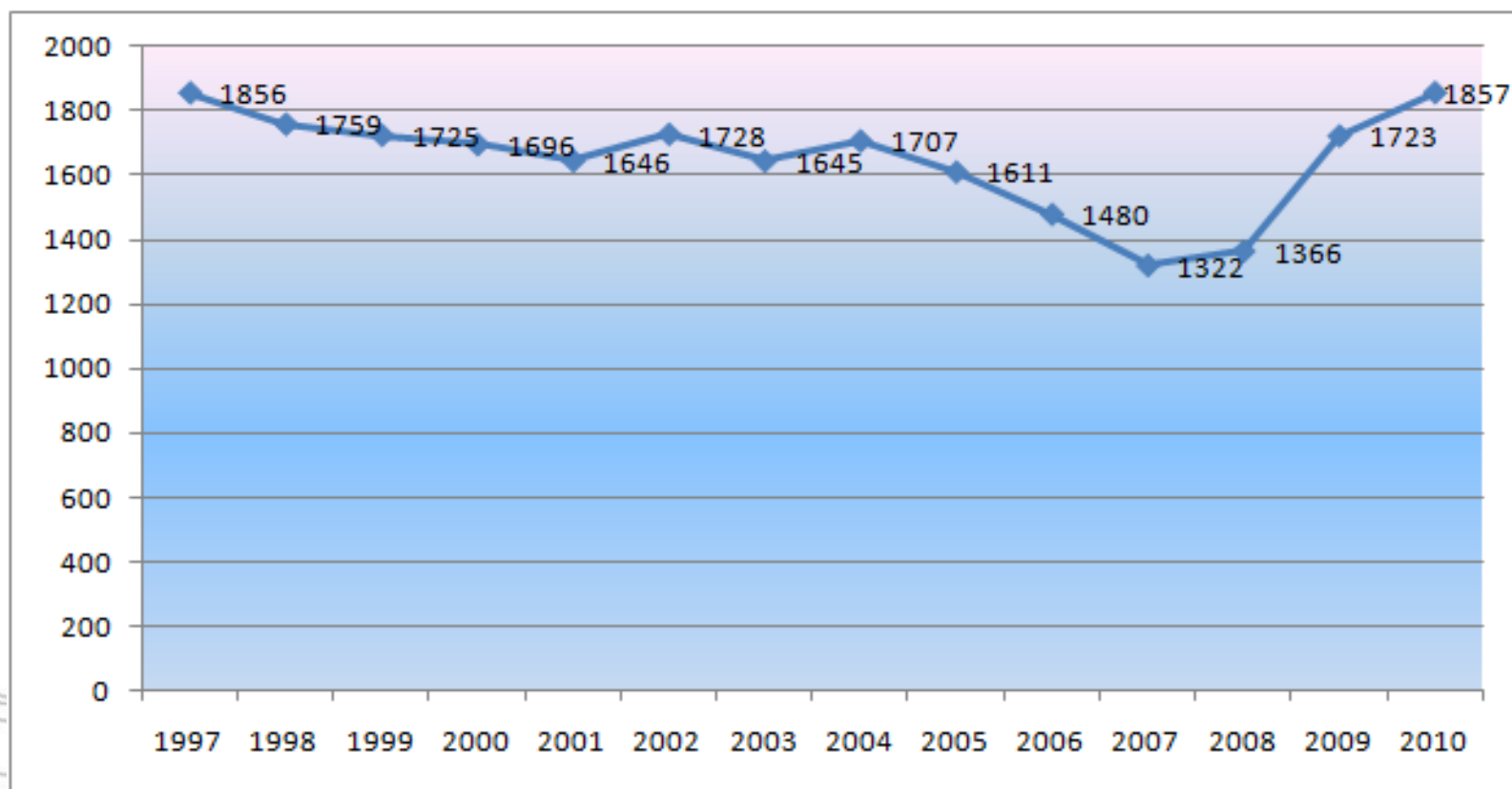
Social Empowerment Services

The Social Empowerment Services Unit promotes the following for young people:

- Youth workshops
- Youth information and counselling centre Nappi
- Outreach work; personal and group guidance
- Multi-sectoral cooperation



Youth unemployment in Oulu 1997-2010



Workshops

Young unemployed people aged 17–24 living in Oulu can take part in six-month courses arranged at the workshops.

Through workshop activities we support the life management of young people and help them find a place of study and work. Workshops provide young people with work experience from various fields.

The following fields are represented at the workshops: arts and media, woodworking, handicrafts, home economics, repair of cars, office work and IT.



Content of Workshop

Work coach: products ordered by the customers, own sales products of workshops (learning by doing)

Personal and group counselling and guidance

Practising in an enterprise

Short courses e.g. first aid course, "computer course", household ménages

Raising grades of comprehensive school

Becoming acquainted with business life and schools

Sports, culture and adventure,

International co-operation
(volunteer abroad)



Workshops

Wankkuri, art and media workshop

theatre, visual arts, literary expression, photography/digital photography, film/animation, media literacy and festival/volunteer work

3 work coaches and 15 young people

Willamiina

Kööki, focusing on home economics and cooking

Konttuuri, focusing on office and computer work, and

Räätäli, emphasising manual arts and crafts

3 work coaches and 15 young people

Wärkki, woodwork workshop

The activities of the woodworking workshop include making products ordered by customers as well as products for sale.

2 work coaches and 8-10 young people

Woorti, car repairing workshop

focusing small repair and maintenance work for customers, such as oil changes, fixing brakes, periodic maintenance and fixing wheel support.

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1 work coach and 3-4 young people

Wäylä, woodwork and handicrafts

wooden products ordered by customers as well as products for sale, manual arts and crafts

2 work coaches and 10 young people

Wieteri, immigrant workshop

Contents: check out the variety of professions, education and jobs, receive instruction in how to get to study and work, learn Finnish language, living in Finland and the Finnish culture, sports and cooking

2 coaches and 10 young people

EU-project (Homelike Oulu – Oulu omaksi –project)



Key figure statistics of workshop activity in 2010

On the workshop periods attended **209** persons in total: 35 % women , 65 % men.

Basic education:

comprehensive school	40 % (71)
comprehensive school interrupted	2 % (3)
vocational school	21 % (37)
upper secondary school	19 % (34)
polytechnic school	1 % (1)
other (immigrants)	18 % (32)

Vocational school interrupted:

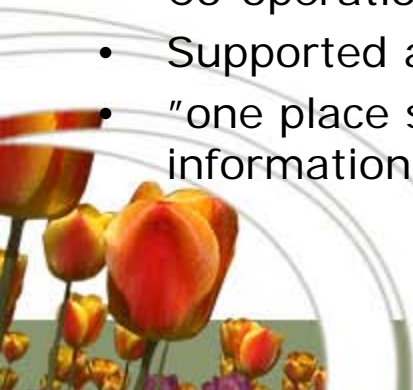
once	20 % (35)
twice	8 % (14)
three times	1 % (2)

Considering the future the workshop period had been useful. After workshop period, within a year, 62,1 % were at school or work.

It had made vocational decision clearer, increased willingness to apply education, raised the self knowledge (strengths and needs of development) and new ideas for leisure time (inquiry on the internet).

Co-operation with our local network

- Co-operation with Vocational schools; contracts with Luovi and Oulu Vocational College
 - on-the-job learning in workshop
 - "resting and thinking period" before interrupt studies (part of studies, individual plan)
 - practical training and youth competence based examinations
 - school visits e.g one week to young people from workshop
 - workshop period accepted as a part of vocational studies
 - flexible choice
 - 2010: 15 young people from vocational schools
- Co-operation with comprehensive schools: on-the-job learning if normally learning at school is impossible, raising grades
- Co-operation with companies; workshop without walls
- Supported apprenticeships; inside our city organisation and local companies
- "one place service" for young people; outreach youth work services, youth information and counselling, vocational guidance psychologist and advisor...



Thank You

