

UCEF

University Continuing Education Network in Finland

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Background

UCEF is a National Cooperation Network for Finnish Universities' Continuing and Adult Education Units.

- Founded in 1990
- Membership include 12 adult education units of the national universities and National Defense College
- Steering Committee with 13 members
- The chair and coordinator are elected every two years from among the member universities

Focus

Objectives:

- Regard lifelong learning as one of the core activities of universities
- Influence and represent interests in UCE policy
- Enhance regional, national and global policies of knowledge society
- Encourage cooperation between universities
- Share experiences and good practices in organizing and developing UCE
- Share best practices in international cooperation
- Emphasize UCE in dissemination of university research and innovation
- Create models and methodologies for professional development programs with UCEF members universities
- Promote the formation and implementation of shared principals in UCE
- Increase public awareness of UCE
- Support the social and regional function of universities

Interest Groups and active co-operation:

- National and regional public authorities: Cooperation with Ministry of Education, good relations with the Parliament of Finland, contacts with Finnish National

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- Board of Education and regional authorities such as municipalities, Regional Councils, State Provincial Offices and local authorities of Ministry of Labour
- Cooperation with Universities Finland UNIFI and The Open University Forum
 - Contacts with the labour market organizations
 - Regional cooperation with adult education centres, polytechnics and other vocational institutes

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Core activities

- Annual seminar
- 12 annual Steering Committee meetings
- Gathering and dissemination of information on important current issues in the university field
- National and regional co-operation, international co-operation, meetings and projects
- Web page www.ucef.fi

Current issues

- Continuous Learning reform
- National Higher Education Continuous Learning Strategy in Finland

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