



## GLOBAL INNOVATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMIT

**9-10 November 2015, Helsinki, Finland**

### Dear Participant of the Global Innovations for Children and Youth Summit!

Below you'll find important information about the Summit and your stay in Helsinki.

#### Location of the Venue

The Summit is held on 9-10 November 2015, in Finlandia Hall, Helsinki. The Finlandia Hall is a 10 minutes' walk from downtown Helsinki, the main Railway Station and Central Bus Station as well as Kamppi Bus Station. The Hall can also be easily accessed by public transport. Trams number 4, 7A, 7B and 10 stop right in front of the Hall (National Museum stop). The main entrances are at doors M4 and K4.

The address of Finlandia Hall is Mannerheimintie 13. Detailed information about how to get to the Finlandia Hall can be found here: <https://finlandiatalo.fi/en/are-you-a-visitor/how-to-get-here>

#### On Site Registration

Registration opens at 8 AM on Monday 9 November at the Finlandia Hall. Please take your ID document with you.

#### Summit Agenda

##### Monday 9 November

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Coffee
9:00 – 11:00	Opening, Welcoming remarks and Keynote
11:30 – 12:45	Midi-Plenaries
12:45 – 13.45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	Midi-Plenaries
15:30 – 17:00	Mini-Plenaries
17:30 – 19:30	Evening Reception at the Government Banquet Hall

##### Tuesday 10 November

9:00 – 10:30	Keynote
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote
11:30 – 13:00	Midi-Plenaries
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Midi-Plenaries
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Keynote

#### Evening reception

##### Monday 9 November 17:30 – 19:30

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland will welcome all Summit participants to the evening reception at the Government Banquet Hall "Smolna".

**Address:** Eteläesplanadi 6

**Dress code:** Business casual

**Note:** Don't forget to take your Summit participant badge with you, you may be requested to show it at the entrance to the Banquest Hall!

Please find the full Agenda and the list of speakers at <http://summit.unicef.fi>.

All Summit participants are offered lunch on both days of the event.

## SLUSH

Slush is a conference and focal point for entrepreneurs and tech talent to meet with top-tier international investors, executives and media. The two-day event takes place every fall in wintery Scandinavia amidst one of the most dynamic tech ecosystems on the planet. In 2015, Slush is held on 11–12 November – right after the Innovation Summit – at the Exhibition and Convention Center of Helsinki (Messukeskus).

SLUSH is not part of the official agenda of the Innovation Summit, but is much recommended for Summit participants. If you stay in Helsinki a few more days and are interested in attending SLUSH but don't have the tickets yet, you can buy a two-day conference pass at a reduced price (295 € + VAT). Use the discount code 'UNICEFGUEST015' when registering at <http://www.slush.org/>.

## Transport in Helsinki

Helsinki has well-functioning public transport. The Summit venue – Finlandia Hall – is well-located and easily reachable by foot, taxi or public transport including busses, trams and trains – depending on your place of accommodation.

A single ticket inside the Helsinki region for adult is 3 EUR, but there are a lot of options to have 1–7 day tickets as well. More information about Helsinki city public transport and the tickets you will find on the HSL web page <https://www.hsl.fi/en>

## Transport from and to the Airport Helsinki-Vantaa

You can get to and from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport by Airport bus (Finnair City Bus), public bus (615), public train ("Ring Rails Line" I or P), or taxi.

Airport bus Finnair City Bus and bus 615 operate between Helsinki City Center (railway station) and Helsinki Airport. The bus stops for both arriving and departing buses are located in front of the terminals.

### Finnair City bus

You can get to and from Helsinki Airport using the Finnair City Buses, operated by Pohjolan Liikenne. The bus operates between Airport and Helsinki city center and departs every 20 minutes. The travel time from the airport to the city center is about 30 minutes. Price of a one-way ticket is 6.20 €, and a round trip ticket is - 11.40 €.

### Public transport

There is a brand new **train connection** "Ring Rail Line" operating through Helsinki-Vantaa Airport and Helsinki city center. The train runs counterclockwise and P train clockwise, both arriving at the Main Railway Station (city center) in about 30 minutes from the airport.

**Bus 615** (from Rautatientori, bay 12) operates at a rather low frequency and takes a longer route via Kartanonkoski to the Airport and back.

The price of a one-way ticket from the airport to Helsinki city is 5 € (regional ticket).

See more information about public transport from the airport on the HSL web site <https://www.hsl.fi/en/timetables-and-routes/terminals/airport-connections>

### Taxi

There are taxi stations just in front of the terminals. The travel time is about 30–40 minutes (depending on the traffic) and the cost is approx. 30–40 €.

## Mains Electricity

Mains electricity in Finland is 230 V as voltage and 50 Hz as frequency. Plugs used are C (commonly used in Europe, South America & Asia) and F plugs (used almost everywhere in Europe & Russia, except for the UK & Ireland).

## Currency

Finland is part of EMU so we use euros. It is also common in Finland to pay with a card and there are not many places where the credit/debit cards won't be accepted.

## Visas

We hope all of you already have the needed travel documents, but in case you need a personalized invitation letter for a visa, or other help with travel arrangement, please, contact us at [innovation.summit@unicef.fi](mailto:innovation.summit@unicef.fi).

## Helsinki in a Nutshell

Helsinki is the capital and the largest city in Finland with a population over 600,000. Helsinki is Finland's major political, educational, financial, cultural, and research center as well as one of northern Europe's major cities.

## Climate in Helsinki

Helsinki is situated in the southern part of Finland but in northern latitudes. The weather in November is getting cooler, and even on sunny days, the highest temperature might stay well under 10 degrees, dropping occasionally under zero degrees. The proximity to the sea makes the weather feel even colder. November also marks the beginning of kaamos period – the nights will be longer and days shorter, so be prepared to meet it both with warm clothes and a bright mind!

## What to do in Helsinki

If you have time to stay longer in Helsinki, here are few tips on what to do in Helsinki in November.

### Sibelius and music

Year 2015 is the anniversary of the most famous Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1057). There are lot of events during the anniversary year. For example, you can listen to Sibelius piano music in eight of Helsinki's parks, see more here: <http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en/whats-on/events-in-helsinki/celebrating-sibelius-in-2015>  
More about Sibelius anniversary: <http://sibelius150.org/en/>

The exhibition *Music! Echoes from the past of a City* (<http://www.helsinginkaupunginmuseo.fi/en/exhibitions/music-echoes-from-the-past-of-a-city/>) at **Helsinki City Museum's Hakasalmi Villa** presents the **past and the current diversity of music in Helsinki**. During the exhibition, the hall of the museum will be turned into a concert venue where you can enjoy music-related programmes i.e. matinee concerts every Sunday starting from 19 March. See more: [www.helsinginkaupunginmuseo.fi/en](http://www.helsinginkaupunginmuseo.fi/en)

### Exhibitions

In Helsinki, there are several museums and even more galleries. Here are some of the exhibitions open during the Summit:

**Helsinki Art Museum HAM** will be exhibiting the works of one of the world's most influential artists, Chinese artist **Ai Weiwei**. His works of art will be exhibited for the first time in Finland and two of the pieces will have their world premiere. The HAM is located in Tennispalatsi in Kamppi area, Eteläinen Rautatienkatu 8, which is a 10 min walk from the Finlandia Hall. See more about Ai Weiwei at HAM: <http://www.hamhelsinki.fi/en/>

Newly renovated **Museum of Modern Art Kiasma** has several interesting exhibitions, for example young Finnish artist Jani Leinonen's "School of Disobedience" with his pop art works questioning mainstream political, economic and cultural approaches. Find more about Kiasma: <http://www.kiasma.fi/en/>

Other Information about Helsinki, including a list of recommended **restaurants**: [www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi)

## Useful links

Summit official web page: <http://summit.unicef.fi>

Finlandia Hall and how to get there: <https://finlandiatalo.fi/en/are-you-a-visitor/how-to-get-here>

SLUSH official web page: <http://www.slush.org/>

Helsinki public transport: <https://www.hsl.fi/en>

Visit Helsinki: <http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en>

Sibelius: <http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en/whats-on/events-in-helsinki/celebrating-sibelius-in-2015> , <http://sibelius150.org/fi>

Helsinki City Museum: <http://www.helsinginkaupunginmuseo.fi/en/exhibitions/music-echoes-from-the-past-of-a-city/>

Helsinki Art Museum: <http://www.hamhelsinki.fi/en/>

Helsinki Museum of Modern Art Kiasma: <http://www.kiasma.fi/en/>

UNICEF Innovation Blog: <http://www.unicefstories.org/>



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