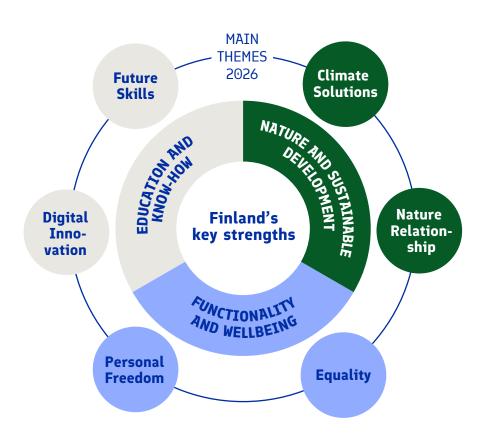
# 2026 FINLAND PROMOTION BOARD THEME CALENDAR

# Finland's values and identity

Reliable Quirky

Problem-solving

Equal Inclusive



# Highlights from Finland's story

Finland is home to the happiest people in the world. They are supported to live meaningful lives in a stable society, where collaboration and social innovation create long-term wellbeing.

Nature is a daily presence. It supports wellbeing, inspires creativity, and drives sustainable innovation. Finland is always looking for partners to help build a more sustainable world.

Learning in Finland is lifelong and future-oriented. Media literacy, critical thinking, and digital skills equip people to participate fully in society. As one of the most advanced digital nations, Finland ensures that technology serves people – not the other way around.

Finland is known for its quality of life, nature, and creativity. Our culture has lots to offer, too. From saunas to science, forests to festivals, and cuisine to cutting-edge startups, Finland blends tradition with bold new ideas.

# Your tools



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## Finland Promotion Board Theme Calendar 2026

### **JANUARY**



FINLAND'S SOUNDTRACK

#### INTERNATIONAL

- 19.-23.1. World Economic Forum
- 24.1. International Day of Education
- 26.1. International Day of Clean Energy

#### NATIONAL

Oulu2026 European Capital of Culture

- 6.-11.1. Lux Helsinki
- 16.-18.1. Nordic Travel Fair
- 23.-24.1. Educa Fair of Teaching and Education

# Main themes 2026

- Nature and Sustainable Development
- Functionality and Wellbeing Education and Know-how
- ThisisFINLAND monthly theme

#### JULY



URBAN GREEN

#### INTERNATIONAL

- 15.7. World Youth Skills Day
- 17.7. World Emoji Day
- 30.7. International Day of Friendship

#### NATIONAL

- TBC Pori Jazz Festival
- TBC Seinäjoki Tango Festival
- TBC Helsinki Cup Football Tournament
- TBC Maritime Festival, Kotka
- TBC Bättre Folk Festival, Hailuoto
- TBC World Sauna Forum, Jyväskylä

#### **FEBRUARY**







#### INTERNATIONAL

- 2.2. World Wetlands Day
- 6.2. Sámi National Day
- 11.2. International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 11.2. European 112 Day
- 21.2. International Mother Language Day

#### NATIONAL

- 3.2. Alvar and Aino Aalto day, Day of Finnish Architecture and Design
- 3.-8.2. Helsinki Documentary Film Festival (DocPoint)
- 5.2. Runeberg Day
- **14.2.** Ystävänpäivä Finnish Valentine's Day
- 25.2.-1.3. Helsinki International Horse Show (World Cup Final)
- 28.2. Kalevala Day, Finnish Culture Day

#### MARCH

INTERNATIONAL

**Happiness** 

NATIONAL

NATURE IN ACTION

3.3. World Wildlife Day

22.3. World Water Day

8.3. International Women's Day

21.3. International Day of Forests

**TBC** PoroCup Reindeer Competition

**TBC** Tornio Ice Fishing Competition

4.-8.3. Tampere Film Festival

Day of Equality, Day of Library

TBC Oulu Music Festival

19.3. Minna Canth's Day,

23.3. Nordic Day/Nordens Dag

20.3. International Day of



# **APRIL**



# FINNISH BOOKS AND FILMS

#### INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

- 7.4. World Health Day
- 8.4. International Romani Day

SUSTAINABLE FASHION

- 15.4. World Art Day
- 18.4. World Heritage Day/International Day for Monuments and Sites
- 21.4. World Creativity and Innovation Day
- 22.4. Earth Day

#### NATIONAL

- 9.4. Mikael Agricola Day, Finnish Language Day
- **24.4.** Dog Day
- 17.-19.4. Helsinki Coffee Festival (Northern Europe's largest)

MAY

3.5. World Press Freedom Day

TRADITION OF LEARNING

- 9.5. Europe Day
- 9.5. World Migratory Bird Day
- TBC Eurovision Song Contest, Austria
- 15.5. International Day of Families
- 17.5. International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- 30.5. International Day of Potato

#### NATIONAL

- 1.5. Vappu, the Day of Finnish Labour
- 10.5. Mother's Day in Finland
- TBC World Village Festival, Helsinki

# JUNE



#### INTERNATIONAL

- 1.6. Day of Parents
- 5.6. World Environment Day
- **18.6** Sustainable Gastronomy Day
- 20.6 World Refugee Day
- 21.6. International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice

## NATIONAL

- 13.6. Day of Finnish Sauna
- **TBC** Arctic15 startup event
- TBC Kuopio Dance Festival
- TBC Midnight Sun Film Festival, Sodankylä
- 20.6. Midsummer Day, Day of the Finnish Flag
- TBC SuomiAreena Public Debate Forum, Pori
- TBC Helsinki Pride
- TBC Tuska Heavy Metal Festival, Helsinki

## **AUGUST**



SHAPES OF SAUNA

#### INTERNATIONAL

- 9.8. International Day of the World's **Indigenous Peoples**
- 12.8. International Youth Day
- 19.8. World Humanitarian Day
- 27.8. Baltic Sea Day

#### NATIONAL

- **TBC** Tampere Theatre Festival
- 9.8. Toye Jansson and Finnish Art Day
- TBC Flow Festival, Helsinki
- TBC Finland-Sweden Athletics International
- 27.-29.8. Sibelius Festival. Lahti
- 29.8. Finnish Nature Day
- TBC Night of the Arts
- TBC Helsinki Festival

## **SEPTEMBER**



O OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

## INTERNATIONAL

- 8.9. International Literacy Day
- 8.-22.9. UN General Assembly
- 15.9. International Day of Democracy
- 21.9. International Day of Peace 23.9. International Day of Sign
- Language 26.9. European Day of Languages
- 27.9. World Rivers Day

#### NATIONAL

- 4.9. National Finnish Food Day
- 6.9. Finnish Horse Day
- **9.9.** YLE 100 years old
- TBC Helsinki Design Week
- TBC Helsinki International Film Festival, Love & Anarchy
- TBC Nordic Business Forum, Helsinki

### **OCTOBER**



DESIGN FOR HAPPINESS

# INTERNATIONAL

- 4.10. World Animal Day
- **5.10.** World Teacher's Day 11.10. International Day of the Girl Child
- 16.10. World Food Day
- 20.10. Landscape Day
- 24.10. United Nations Day
- 31.10. World Cities Day

## NATIONAL

- **1.10.** Heijastinpäivä Reflector Day
- 18.10. Satupäivä Story Day
- TBC Helsinki Book Fair
- TBC Wine and Food Fair, Helsinki
- TBC Licorice and Salmiakki Festival. Helsinki

## **NOVEMBER**



CREATIVE TECH IN FINLAND

# INTERNATIONAL

- 16.11. International Day for
- Tolerance
- 20.11. World Children's Day
- 21.11. World Television Day 26.11. World Sustainable

# NATIONAL

Day

Transport Day

- TBC Peliviikko Gaming Week **6.11.** Finnish Swedish Heritage
- 27.11. Bring Your Kids to Work Day
- TBC Slush startup event. Helsinki

# **DECEMBER**



LIGHT IN THE WINTER

# INTERNATIONAL

- **3.12.** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **5.12.** International Volunteer Day
- **9.12.** International Anti-Corruption Day
- 21.12. World Basketball Day **31.12.** New Year

10.12. Human Rights Day

- NATIONAL **6.12.** Independence Day of Finland
- 8.12. Jean Sibelius Day, Day of Finnish Music
- 23.12. Santa Claus embarks his iournev

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