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Venue: Tampere

Date of the Workshop: 16/05/2011 - 20/05/2011

LIVING LIBRARY

Subject area: Cultural heritage, Active citizenship

Working language(s): EN

Target Group + Translation:

The workshop is meant for any adult learner who has a relationship with public libraries either as an ordinary library user or through cultural, political, educational or professional activities.

Main activities Programme + Programme translation:

Public libraries are going through big changes and searching for a new role in the information society. Some libraries profile themselves as media centres and more and more services are accessible through the Internet (ie. digital national collections). New libraries are built near to where people spend most of their time: in shopping malls. What will be their 'best-seller'? The aim of the workshop is – by sharing ideas and personal experiences – to create visions of the future of public libraries on their way to living cultural and learning centres, open spaces to all citizens, offering a multiple choice of services and activities.

▪ **Day 1**

Who are we? Group activities
Me and my library – sharing experiences
Brainstorming and visions
European evening

▪ **Day 2**

Where are we? Getting familiar with the City of Tampere, the Finnish library and the atmosphere
(excursions and library visits)

▪ **Day 3**

Round tables: discussions with stakeholders and politicians, NGO representatives, library users and library staff
Brainstorming and visions – the library of my dreams
Art evening

▪ **Day 4**

The Human library and Living Books – what is this?
Experimenting Human library in action
Finnish evening

▪ **Day 5**

Reflections and imagining the “library of the future”

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