



TAKING STEPS TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING UNIVERSITY. THE FINNISH EXPERIENCE

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"Education will not end with the school or a degree but the whole life is a part of the school, where the individual will be cultivated to a human being, and this process of civilization constitutes what is human in human being."

J.V. Snellman, the national philosopher of Finland "About academic learning" 1840





BEFLEX DEFINITION OF ULLL 2007

ULLL is the provision by higher education institutions of learning opportunities, services and research for:

- the personal and professional development of a wide range of individuals lifelong and lifewide
- the social, cultural and economic development of communities and the region.

It is at university level and research-based; it focuses primarily on the needs of the learners; it is often developed and/or provided in collaboration with stakeholders and external actors.



ULLL IN FINLAND IN A NUTSHELL



Services

- Continuous professional development
- · Open university education
- · Regional development

LLL as a principle

- Non-traditional students in degree studies
- Curricula development and support for the diversity of students

Organization

- · Separate units in the university
- · University companies
- · Decentralization into schools
- Combinations

Student volumes 2009

- Open university 113 000
- CPD 75 000
- Degree students 168 000







University of Turku strategy 2010 - 2012

- Research-based
- Multidisciplinary
- · Student orientation
- Individual pathways
- Learning outcomes
- Lifewide
- Worklife relevance

Ministry of Education 2010, General Director of Higher Education,

- Not only open university courses and continuing education, but also:
- · Recognition of prior learning
- Access of underprivileged
- · Activities to support studying
- · Exploiting degree structure
- Easier mobility
- Individually flexible solutions



UNIVERSITY OF TURKU STRATEGY 2010 - 2012



Fundamentals

- · Lifelong learning embedded
- LLL as a principle and special services
- UTU as a learning organisation
- Responsible: leadership, faculties, expert units
- Implementation plans

LLL & University missions

- Teaching is based on scientific research and the principle of lifelong learning.
- Teaching and learning one of strategic research areas
- Lifelong learning underpinned by research and development
- A relevant tool for disseminating the research results
- A central element in the interaction with society



UTU IMPLEMENTATION PLANS



Research-based teaching & lifelong learning

- Research-based quality of teaching and learning
- Development of guidance and supporting the ability to study
- Lifelong learning as a guiding principle and a set of services
- Multidisciplinarity and worklife relevance of education
- Student recruitment

LLL as a guiding principle and a set of service

- Strengthening the links to research
- Widening the service
- Clarifying the LLL structures and processes
- Promoting specialization courses

Implementation plan for social interaction

- Integrated University profile
- Corporate governance





QUALITY IN ULLL

"Quality administration"

- Systems
- **Audits**
- Accreditation
- Indicators

"Quality factors"

- **Expertise**
- Excellence
- Values & virtues
- Working culture

We can't easily live without.

The keys to success





ULLL SUCCESS FACTORS

- · Connected to research benefits the student/client
- · Teamwork of scientific and professional experts
- · Networked project organisation
- Continuous quality improvement with a research-based profile
- · Balance of flexibility and perseverance
- Mixture of public and private funding



ULLL STRATEGIES IN FINLAND (2007)



Focus of strategies

- · Development of services
- Collaboration and networks
- Internationalisation
- Quality

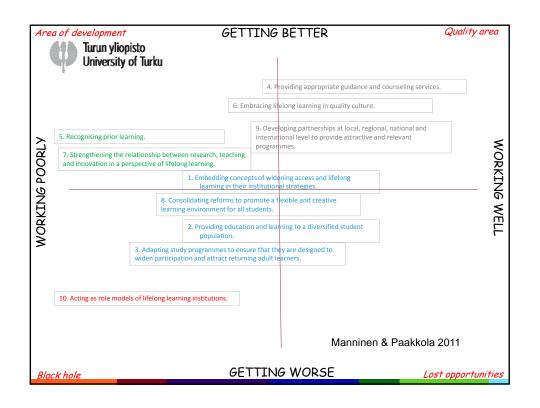
Key issues in the strategies

- University profiles
- Entirety of lifelong learning
- · Innovative paths for learning
- · Model for financing UCE
- · Structural development
- · Cooperation of HEIs
- · Export of expertise

Development tasks (Lindroos & Korkala)

- · LLL as a university mission
- · ULLL as an entirety
- · Funding mechanisms
- Status of adult student
- Supporting staff lifelong learning
- · International activities

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Gracias!