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# Examples of integration

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Ex. 1

Municipality

TE-office

Ex. 2

3rd sector  
actors

Ex. 3

Projects

Educational  
establishments

Friends,  
colleagues,  
family



## Ex. 1 Municipality takes action: Pudasjärvi

- Background: Refugees since 2009, first unaccompanied minors and later quota refugees.
- Problem: Number of inhabitants is declining.
- Problem: Integration courses funded and organized by the state start approximately once a year. Over 17 years old refugees lack comprehensive school education.



Immigration is a part of town's vitality strategy



Town organizes Finnish Start –integration course, which runs non-stop



Town offers comprehensive school studies for adults



## Ex. 2 Finnish Red Cross: co-operation between community and volunteers

- Background: City of Oulu resettles refugees each year, including emergency cases
- Problem: Staff resources are scarce. Refugees arriving to Oulu are in need of assistance also outside office hours



Friend visitors for immigrants, 'Multicultural friends', have a significant role in the early stages of integration. Co-operation is structured well, both parties know what its responsibilities and limitations are.



## Ex. 3 Project developing new practises: Good Beginning in Northern Ostrobothnia

- Background: Over 5200 immigrants with different backgrounds
- Problem: Waiting time for an integration course can be long and not all immigrants are entitled to it. Basic knowledge about Finland is given in Finnish.

➔ Oulu participates in a nation-wide development project aiming at enhancing the early procedures of integration

➔ *Welcome to Oulu* classes started in August, basic knowledge about Finland in different languages. Especially aimed at groups, which aren't entitled to the state funded integration course.



## Ex. 3...



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