## Residents of Espoo are entitled to vote You don't need a Finnish passport

If you are 18 or older by April 13<sup>th</sup> and lived continuously in Finland since February 2023, you can vote in both the **municipal election** and the **county election**.

If you don't vote, others will choose leaders who do not share your values or protect your interests.

If you have questions, visit: vaalit.fi/alue-ja-kuntavaalit

### Important matters will be decided in these elections

#### **Municipal election**

Public housing
Daycares and preschools
Schools and education
Adult education centres
Discrimination in city services
Unemployment (TE-palvelut)

#### **County election**

Public healthcare system
Doctor's appointments
Mental health support
Substance abuse support
Emergency services
Social services

#### **How and where to vote?**

#### On Election day (April 13)

Visit your **asigned polling place** at **Kirstin koulu** (Kirstintie 11) from 9.00 to 20.00

#### Early voting (April 2-8)

Visit any early voting location, for example: *Entresse Library* or *Iso Omena* 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Take an identification document that has your photo, for example an *ID* card, a passport or a driving license with you.

Write *only the number* of your favorite candidate. Use the violet card to vote in the county election. Use the white one to vote in the municipal election.

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#### Addressing service inequality

Everyone in Espoo should be able to get high-quality health, social and education services. Whether they live in a rich neighbourhood or a less affluent area should not have an effect on the quality or availability of services.

#### Stopping the discrimination

Despite non-discrimination regulations, some services, for example privatized daycares, have been able to selectively refuse service to language, ethnic and religious minorities by limiting opening hours, extra costs and provision of support. This simply cannot be allowed to stand.

#### The best education system in the world

Finland was once famous for its fair and extensive education system. Years of budget cuts and privatisation have taken their toll, but with funding and safeguards, we can make sure every student get the support they need.

#### Healthcare wait time under one week

Waiting times for a nurse or doctor's appointment have been increasing over the years. County must implement a seven-day guarantee from first contact to first visit. For comparison, Sweden has a national three-day maximum wait time guarantee.