



Kaskinen - Kaskö

Culture and Resilience Action Plan summary

The city of Kaskinen- The island of Kaskinen- is already a pearl in itself! People born in Kaskinen and people who have moved here are very proud of their home region and roots. The surrounding sea and nature, as well as the wooden-house-filled centre built on the island, makes Kaskinen almost a fairytale place!

Over the course of its long history, Kaskinen has experienced many adversities. Recent adversities, such as the failure to build a new factory, the closure of the railway line and the threat of the end of health services in Kaskinen, have caused people's faith in the future to begin to decline. Young people no longer see opportunities.

Different nationalities and languages should be considered as a richness and not as a threat to our society. This aspect can be a crucial positive factor when a family longing for a bilingual living environment and linguistic diversity considers moving to the city. We want to highlight the city's bilingualism as an asset rather than a burden.

We want to get the residents to work together towards a common goal, to strengthen the spirit of cooperation, improve the sense of community, and instil new hope and optimism. We want to show that by working together we can raise Kaskinen to the glory it deserves, even though the new factory did not materialize.

Our plan is to remind people of their roots, the challenges experienced by previous generations, and to show that the challenges have been overcome before. We do this by combining the many artists, craftsmen, musicians and all the people who love the city of Kaskinen. We create opportunities, and present ideas where everyone can find their own channel to help repair the town of Kaskinen and restore resilience. There are many communities and associations and also volunteers in the city of Kaskinen that work towards strengthening the cultural environment. The most important to this project are the Local Heritage Museum and the Culture and Tourism Association of Kaskinen.

As a result, we have been able to revitalize the city centre of Kaskinen, repair buildings with cultural historical value, show how much skills the residents of Kaskinen have and grow the faith for the future of young people and as well as everyone else. A vibrant cultural life acts as an



attraction for new residents and tourists, promoting the local economy and providing a solid foundation for sustainable development.

2025 is the year of celebration in Kaskinen, when the city of Kaskinen turns 240 years old. The time is perfect for us to get people involved. If we do nothing now, Kaskinen will slowly fade away.

People will eventually leave and public services will disappear. We must now help ourselves and fight for our beautiful city!