

Social

Education Programme



In 2015 Finland established a new National Core Curriculum for Basic Education which emphasised community-based activities and participation programmes.

The Lahti 2017 organising committee created a multi-disciplinary module as part of this educational programme to educate children in Finland about sport and the event. The programme began in May 2015 and involved every school in Lahti: 29 primary and secondary schools. A total of 15,000 children were educated through the programme.

A steering group of principals and teachers worked closely with the Educational Services department and the organising committee to create a programme related to the games that could be conducted throughout the school year.

The collaboration between Lahti's Educational Services department and the games' competition organisation offered participation for schools based on their own resources.

The project was co-ordinated by a steering committee of teachers and principals working in close co-operation with Lahti Events and the Educational Services.

The Lahti 2017 website provided information to people interested in the programme and constantly updated information on the various projects that were related to the championships.

The programme was a two-year programme running from May 2015 through to May 2017, with the aim that the Lahti Ski Club would continue the programme after the championships have finished.

During the event Lahti 2017 maintained educational engagement with the children from the schools programme.

Volunteer role breakdown

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Primary/Secondary Schools	29
Children	15,000
Length	2 years

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

- Sports competitions like skiing and skating.
- Support from sports teams, sports colleges and athletes.
- School meal menus created around the championships.
- Visual arts and art exhibitions based on winter sports.
- Song writing, singing & dancing competitions.
- Involvement of parents and local shop.
- Awareness of the different nationalities through flags, food and geography lessons.
- Visits from athletes to local schools.
- Special discounted tickets for all children in schools in Lahti. Over 5,000 were purchased.