

BELL Sample Finland

Sampling for BeLL survey in Finland will follow the same procedure as in the original Finnish study (Manninen & Luukannel 2008; Manninen 2010).

Finnish liberal adult education system is very institutionalized, and because the organizations receive also state funding, there is good statistics available. This will enable a sampling procedure which proved successful in the earlier study, providing representative sample for each type of organization.

Sampling will be done according to share of students in each type of organization, as described below.

Table: Finnish liberal adult education organizations 2007 (Kumpulainen 2009)

| Type of organization | Number of organizations | Percent of all participants (n = 1 022 851) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Adult education centres | 223 | 58 % |
| Folk High Schools | 83 | 11 % |
| Summer Universities | 20 | 4 % |
| Study Centres | 11 | 18 % |
| Physical Education Centres | 14 | 9 % |

Information about the survey (information letter for organizations and for adult learners) and the link to web questionnaire will be sent by email to all organizations using existing distribution lists. Main delivery channel is the Finnish Adult Education Association (<http://www.vsy.fi/en.php>), which is the umbrella organization for all sub-organizations representing individual types of organizations (for example Finnish Association of Adult Education Centres KOL, www.ktol.fi). Each sub-organization will forward the information to their member organizations and schools.



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In addition the survey will be advertised in national web journal for liberal adult education (www.sivistys.net).

The objective is to gather 80 % of questionnaires using the online survey (<https://elomake.uef.fi/lomakkeet/4603/lomake.html>) and 20 % using the paper version. Questionnaires in paper format will be delivered to and collected in cooperation with:

- Two adult education centres (Joensuu region and Pieksämäki city)
- One Summer University (Snellman Summer University in Kuopio)
- One folk high school (Kitee evangelical folk high school)

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