

## Invitation for the media

We would like to invite the representatives of international media to a historical event

TIME: November 9, 2007 at 10 am

PLACE: Tampere-talo (Tampere Hall), Yliopistonkatu 55, 33100 Tampere

EVENT: Opening session of the Children's Parliament of Finland

### **Half of Finnish municipalities are participating in the founding of a nationwide Children's Parliament of Finland**

For the first time in Europe, a representative environment encouraging interaction and use of influence, named Children's Parliament of Finland, is being created for children between ages 9 and 12. The project will promote children's official hearing and democracy education.

*Municipal executive boards have appointed at least one representative to the Children's Parliament of Finland. Most municipalities have also appointed an alternate representative.*

Children's Parliament of Finland will bring children's initiatives and opinions to the attention of adults who, in turn, will handle them.

*This institution, formed by children, will give children a channel through which they can have an impact on different issues. It will also provide an opportunity for authorities and political decision-makers to find out about various issues directly from children. Additionally, the aim is to promote cooperation and give incentives to improve the status of children as well as to produce material and education for founding local children's parliaments.*

After the session in Tampere, the children will assemble mainly on the internet, on the website [www.lastenparlamentti.fi](http://www.lastenparlamentti.fi). An internet site and their own channel for making initiatives, [www.valto.fi](http://www.valto.fi), has been created for the use of all the children living in Finland.

**Signing up to follow the session in Tampere on November 9, 2007!**

We would like to ask you to sign up either by e-mail:

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Please provide us with the following information:

- name of the media
- name of the person attending the session and their contact details
- time of arrival
- special requests to be passed on to the organisers

Welcome!

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Head of session

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