

Annual Report

2022



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THE ÅLAND ISLANDS PEACE INSTITUTE



Chair of the Board:

Strong compassion and solidarity



Europe is currently experiencing its most difficult and uncertain period since the Second World War. Russia's ongoing war of aggression in Ukraine has made security policy Europe's most important issue. This is especially true for Finland and Sweden, as they jointly apply for membership of the NATO defence alliance. At the time of writing, there are constant reports of new attacks and escalation in the war. Nobody knows or can predict when this horrific war will end, or whether Ukraine will regain control over its entire country. To talk of peace and negotiations at this stage is quite impossible but the day will surely come when all parties must sit down at the negotiating table and make peace. This is a frightening development that we are also seeing globally, with different coalitions emerging more or less openly between different countries. The great dividing line seems to be between open democracies on one side, and closed, less democratically developed countries on the other. The war in Ukraine is terrible, but the total reorganisation of the world order taking place at the same time is also a challenge for us in Europe. In the short term, it is vital that all open democracies are able and willing to cooperate.

In the long term, we require the creation of an order and the global systems that enable us all to live in peace with one another. This challenge is the great task facing global diplomacy. If the world we all live in is to have a chance of survival, our available resources must be used to save the climate, and not, as now, for an increase in the military arms race. The Åland Islands Peace Institute is a knowledge organisation with a key role to play in creating the secure and better future that most people are striving for. When Finland becomes a member of the NATO defence alliance, Åland's special position as a neutral and demilitarised area can be preserved thanks to knowledge of, and respect for, international agreements and treaties. In this way, the so-called 'Åland Example' will live on, even stronger because it has proven its durability in difficult and changing circumstances. In the current environment, it is natural for people to place their trust in defence and military capabilities. It is nevertheless gratifying that so many young people also show a great interest in peace issues and peace work. At present, both are needed. Ålanders have shown strong compassion and solidarity with the Ukrainian people. We must continue to do so until the peace is won. At the same time, we must remain aware that all too many other ongoing and potential conflicts on the global stage cause enormous suffering to the civilian populations affected. In their wisdom the international community, through the League of Nations, created a peaceful and sustainable solution for the Åland Islands 100 years ago. Let us believe and work for the United Nations (UN) to be given the power and the mandate to create the peaceful and democratic solutions that are now needed to restore hope for the future among the youth of the world.

Roger Nordlund



“The many faces of peace work put to the test”

Never before in the 30 years of the Peace Institute’s life has there been so much interest in Åland and our work. The celebration of the centenary of the Åland Example coincided with an increasingly acute global situation when Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022. Another war. Once again we see the devastating consequences for civilians, for the soldiers who die, for the environment that is destroyed and for the world’s poor who suffer from food shortages.

This is when the conviction that peaceful solutions are possible and the knowledge of ways to promote peaceful ways forward are needed the most. The Institute was founded in 1992 with the aim of promoting the development of peaceful societies on Åland, in the surrounding area and internationally. The Institute works with knowledge development and research, dialogue meetings and information. The focus remains on issues of autonomy, minorities and non-violence, with Åland and its special status as a starting point.

The issues are the same, but the context and environment are constantly changing. New generations are leaving their mark on both problem formulations and solutions. Peace has many elements and requires constant effort and renewal. Every effort is needed. Even small contributions to peaceful approaches are important. Since differences of opinion and interests are inevitable, an important part of the work is to identify tools for compromise and for conflict management without violence.

The Peace Institute is a window between Åland and the outside world, and between practice and research. The Peace Institute serves as a meeting place and an arena for dialogue. People from all over the world come to Åland and to the Peace Institute to learn and to discuss. The funds donated to the Peace Fund enable contacts with the outside world and for an annual stay in the Åland Peace Fellow programme. Many people are inspired by the Åland Example and by other similar solutions. In March 2022, when the Kastelholm Talks on Peace were organised for the eighth time, the theme was “Breakthrough or breakdown? On confidence building and disarmament today”. Promoting trust and disarmament is needed more than ever today. Let’s keep up our efforts!

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark
Director of the Institute

Roger Nordlund

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Åland Peace Fellow 2022

Ralph Wilde – On human rights in occupied territories

In 2022 Ralph Wilde became the second Åland Peace Fellow. He teaches and researches international law at University College London. Ralph was our guest researcher in autumn 2022 and among other things he gave an “Åland Peace Lecture” on UN day, when we celebrated our 30th anniversary. We have received applications from around the world for the position of Åland Peace Fellow 2023.

Dr. Ralph Wilde never seems to stop working. He is a member of the Faculty of Law at University College London, University of London, where he publishes research papers and teaches international law. His previous work also focused on colonialism, belligerent occupation and international territorial administration.



Ralph Wilde

His book on the topic “International Territorial Administration: How Trusteeship and the Civilizing Mission Never Went Away” was awarded by the American Society of International Law.

His current research project is about the extraterritorial application of international human rights law. He also works on international law issues relating to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 2010 he was awarded the Philip Leverhulme Prize, given to UK-based academics under 40 who are judged to be ‘outstanding scholars who have made a substantial and recognised contribution to their particular field of study, recognised at an international level’.

In his field of research, the Åland Islands are well known as an autonomous and demilitarized zone. “Since I have studied and have a great interest in international dispute settlement through special, unorthodox forms of territorial status and self-determination it feels very interesting to be on the Åland Islands,” he says.

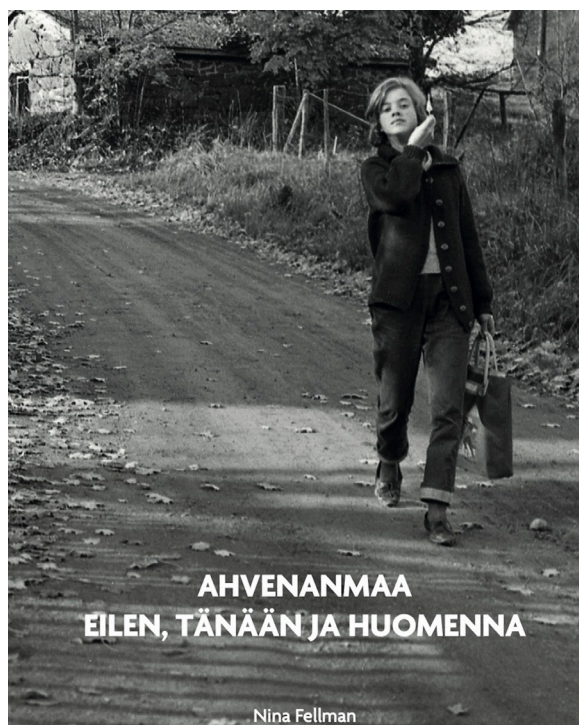
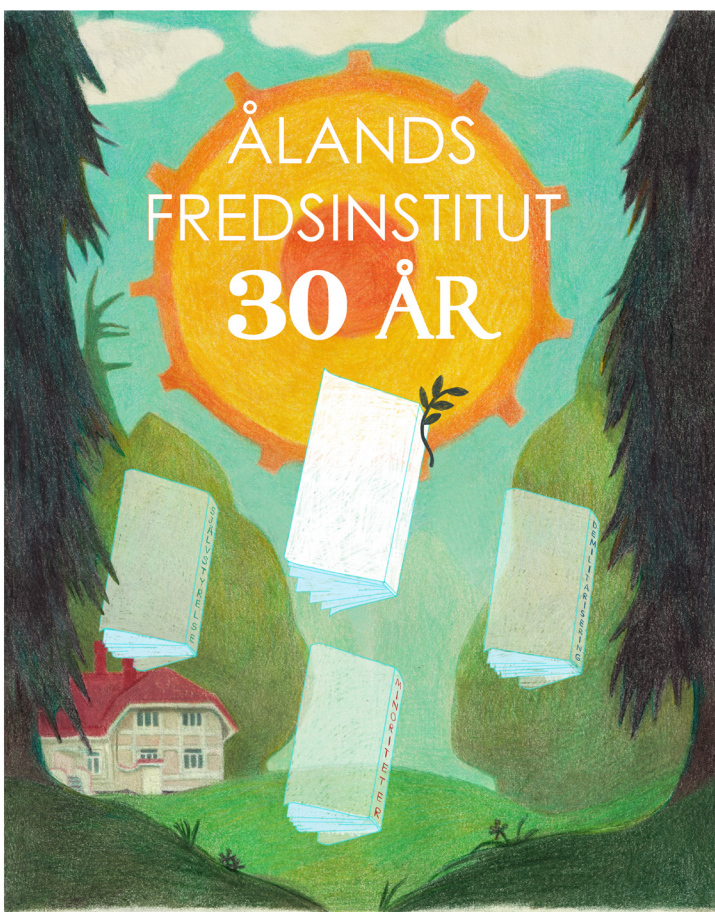
Wilde’s Peace Lecture on human rights in occupied territories can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

Research Year 2022

The Research Council accepted a four-year research program for 2022-2025. The three main thematic program elements will continue: minorities, autonomy, non-violence and how they overlap. Additions to the program include some new thematic points of focus and an emphasis on collaboration through projects, guest researcher programs and publications.

New Anniversary Poster

Avgustina Vasileva illustrated an anniversary poster for our 30 year celebrations during her language internship. Avgustina is a Åland-based artist originally from Bulgaria. She uses visual storytelling to help the communication of important concepts and ideas between organizations and people.



Publications 2022

The book “Åland i tiden och världen” has been translated into Finnish and was published in 2022. It can be purchased at bookstores or ordered, like our other publications, from the Åland Island Peace Institute website: www.peace.ax.

The Peace Institute also published two new reports during 2022. Åland has been part of the EU for 25 years. ÅSUB and the Peace Institute were assigned a project by the Government of Åland to research the significance of EU membership for Åland. **Linn Simonsson's** report “Vårjaktens ständiga relevans i Ålands EU-relation” was published in May 2022 and is a part of this project.

A report on Ålands Islands' representation in Brussels was also released during 2022. It is written by **Gustav Blomberg**.

Both of these reports are available to download from our database of publications:

<https://peace.ax/publikationsdatabas/>

The Year in Brief

1.3 Lunch seminar about Åland and the EU, with Katarina Fellman and Susann Simolin as speakers.

9.3 The Peace Institute arranges a discussion about the war in Ukraine, together with The Red Cross on Åland and the Library of Mariehamn. Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark took part in the discussion with Nils-Gustaf Eriksson and Tomas Urvas. Petra Granholm was the moderator.

10.3 The first part of the podcast series “Ahead of the Kastelholm Talks on Peace” is released.



28.3 New issue of JASS.

30.3 The Kastelholm Talks on Peace 2022 on the theme “Breakthrough or Breakdown? About Building Trust and Enhancing Disarmament Today”. The panel consisted of Stefan Löfven, Tanja Cronberg and Mikael Wigell.

31.3 The Peace Institute arranges a conversation about peace and reconciliation together with the Parish of Mariehamn. Petra Granholm led the conversation.

5.4 As a part of the centennial jubilee of the Åland Islands, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, the Government of the Åland Islands and the Finnish and Swedish Embassies arranges a seminar on the Åland Example and its special status in international law. Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark was one of the speakers.

22.4 Intern Otto Andersson from Övernäs Högstadieskola spends a work of experience week at the Peace Institute.



11.5 Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark and Petra Granholm participate at Nordischer Klang in Greifswald to speak about “Åland 100 – säkerhet och identitet i en komplex värld”.

25.8 Lawyers from the Icelandic Alþingi visit the Peace Institute.

26.8 Viktoria Schnick starts as an information intern.

6.9 Representatives from UNESCO visit the Peace Institute. Petra Granholm was appointed as a member of the Åland UNESCO delegation.

15.9 Kjell Frisk composes a theme tune for the “Peace-podden”.

24.9 Opening of “Afghanistan – People and Places” by foreign correspondent and photographer Rauli Virtaten. The exhibition was one of the Institute’s 30th anniversary activities.

25.9 Aliye Uysal started as a research intern.



24.10 Åland Peace Lecture on the theme “Human Rights in Occupied Territories” with Ralph Wilde as speaker. The seminar was part of the 30th anniversary of the Peace Institute.

7.11 New issue of JASS is published.



10.11 Visit by students from Ålands lyceum.



27.9 Reception at the Åland Museum of Cultural History to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Peace Institute. A panel discussion on the theme “Media, War and Peace” is arranged in connection with the exhibition “Afghanistan – People and Places”. Rauli Virtanen, Klaus Ilmonen and Ralph Wilde were panelists with Nina Fellman as the moderator.

11.10 A conversation with Alexander Stubb and Anne Peters is held online with the title “Where is our world heading?”. The conversation is moderated by Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark.



19.11 The Institute is co-organizer for the Åland Book Fair 2022.

1.12 Susann Simolin speaks at a conference in Luxembourg about parliamentary diplomacy and multi-level governance.

12.12 The theme of the forthcoming Kastelholm Talks on Peace is revealed to be “Peace, War and Money, Money, Money”.

The Kastelholm Talks on Peace 2022

On 30 March 2022 the Kastelholm Talks on Peace were held for the eighth time. This time the theme was “Breakthrough or Breakdown? About Building Trust and Enhancing Disarmament Today”. After two years of digitally held talks, the state of the pandemic allowed the highly anticipated event to be arranged in the traditional way at Kastelholm Castle.



On 30 March a panel discussion was held at Kastelholm Castle with Stefan Löfven, leader of the Swedish Labour party 2012-2021 and Prime Minister of Sweden 2014-2021; Dr Tarja Cronberg, former Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Finnish Peace Union and international expert in nuclear weapon issues and Adjunct Professor Mikael Wigell, Research Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. The panel gathered with President Halonen and the Director of the Peace Institute Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark.

The panel discussion was live streamed online and broadcast on local TV. It has subsequently been subtitled into English and Swedish. The subtitles enabled a much wider audience to gain access to these important talks in the time since their broadcast.

The Peace Institute launched a pilot project in connection to the Kastelholm Talks 2021 in the form of a podcast series. The goal was for the series to form a bridge to next year's panel discussion. The podcasts raised awareness and expectation by laying the groundwork of the next Kastelholm Talks and enhancing knowledge around the themes. During 2022 we continued developing the series by publishing three episodes, one of which was in English.

This time the participants were **Benjamin Ulbricht**, priest, musician and Chairman of the Board at Gotlands Fredscenter, **Vendela Englund Burnett**, Doctor, specialist in general medicine and Chairman of the Board of Swedish Doctors Against Nuclear Weapons and **Ronja Karkinen**, SaferGlobe. The format gave the participants freedom to reflect during the conversation and give their perspectives on this year's themes based on their experiences.

The theme for 2022 proved engaging and our marketing efforts achieved a significant breakthrough, with coverage including Hufvudstadsbladet, local newspapers and local radio. There were also big challenges in 2022. For example, interest from media was exceptionally high, especially during the Kastelholm Talks. Another challenge for the 2022 Talks were the travel connections to and from Åland. Ferries and flights departed less frequently, making it more difficult for audiences to visit Åland and the cost of accommodation also increased.

A successful overall concept

In conclusion, the overall concept proved to be very successful. The different channels generated an increase in reach and engagement. The Round Table conversation in central Mariehamn was especially popular and much appreciated. It proved easily accessible for a wider live audience and was close to Åland's largest population centre and accommodation.

Thank you to our partners for helping to make such a success of the Kastelholm Talks on Peace 2022!

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Follow-up conversation for everyone at Alandica

After the panel discussion, the dialogue deepened and developed further in a Round Table Conversation in the foyer of Alandica in Mariehamn. Benjamin Ulbricht and Vendela Englund Burnett, now very familiar from the podcast series, spoke and discussed with the panelists and the audience. The Round Table Conversation was moderated by **Liz Lindvall**, Information Officer at the Peace Institute.



Lunch Seminars 2022



On 1 March 2022 Katarina Fellman, Director at ÅSUB, and Susann Simolin, Researcher at the Peace Institute and PhD candidate at Åbo Akademi University, hosted a lunch seminar about Åland and the EU at Kallas stadskrog in Mariehamn.

At the time Katarina and Susann had just published two new EU reports as part of a project about Åland's 25 years in the EU. The Åland Islands Peace Institute and ÅSUB were commissioned by the Government of Åland to address the significance of EU membership for Åland.

Katarina Fellman spoke about the time Åland has spent in the EU as integration with reservations. Susann Simolin discussed the similarities and differences in the relationships between EU and the three autonomies Åland, South Tyrol and Faroe Islands.

Åland Island Peace Institute regularly arranges open lunch seminars, where researchers, diplomats or other experts speak about trends and current issues in society.

The seminars are announced on our website, in social media and in local newspapers. You can also subscribe to our newsletter to make sure that you never miss out on a seminar.

More info: www.peace.ax

Digital Course on Autonomy

The English language online course “Territorial Autonomy as a Tool for Diversity and Conflict Resolution: Lessons from the Åland Example 100” started in autumn 2022 and ended in January 2023. The course’s 12 participants came from all over the world with connections to many different countries.

The aim of the course is to provide participants with a broad knowledge base on territorial autonomies from multiple perspectives, based on the Åland Example and its component parts. The course was once again given in cooperation with the Open University of Åland. This year, for the first time, the course had two teachers with different expertise and backgrounds, the Institute’s Director and Associate Professor **Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark** and **Dr. Alexander Osipov**.

The aim of the course is to raise awareness and interest in territorial solutions and the Åland Example, and to disseminate the research results of the Peace Institute and others. The course, taught in English, consists of five modules and discusses autonomy solutions in relation to, among other things, self-determination, minority rights, language, culture and identity, security aspects, regional integration and conflict resolution. The course provides unique written and audiovisual resources, digital seminars and discussions that were renewed and updated during the year. This course

results in 5 ECTS credits for those who complete all modules. The different modules of the course can also be delivered on demand and for other interested parties. There continues to be a need for the opportunity to deliver both shorter and Swedish language equivalents in the future.

Fredsfast

The Åland Islands Peace Institute’s Fredsfast AB has carried out planned maintenance work during the financial year in accordance with the company’s renovation plan.

The planned painting of the facade was initiated by making preparations at the east corner during late summer.

The board of Fredsfast AB are the chairman and also CEO of the company, Roger Nordlund, Barbro Sundback and Bror Myllykoski. Erika Sjölund, GR, has been the company’s auditor. The Annual General Meeting was held at the Åland Islands Peace Institute on 16.06.2022.

Bror Myllykoski, Property Manager

Workshops for the Lyceum

Since 2019, the Åland Islands Peace Institute has offered a workshop on the Åland Example of Peace to students in their second year at the Åland Lyceum (senior secondary school). In 2022, four such workshops have been held, where students have reflected on Åland as an example of peace and what we ourselves can do for peace.

Fredis 30 years!

Autumn Celebrations

The Åland Island Peace Institute turned 30 years in the autumn - on 24 October 2022. The celebrations lasted for a month and it was important for us to highlight current events and issues in the agenda of the anniversary. We did that by an exhibition on Afghanistan, a digital seminar on where the world is heading and by meeting and talking to people.

Photo Exhibition “Afghanistan – People and Places”



Rauli Virtanen

We began the celebrations on the 24 September with an exhibition by photographer and foreign correspondent Rauli Virtanen. He has photographed several world events during his long career and was on site during the opening at Åland Museum of Cultural History. He held a guided tour the following day and spoke about his photographs and experiences from Afghanistan.

The following Tuesday we hosted a open reception at the museum to celebrate our 30th anniversary and initiated the festivities with a panel discussion with **Rauli Virtanen**, **Klaus Ilmonen**, an attorney formerly deployed in Afghanistan and Lebanon and **Ralph Wilde**, Åland Peace Fellow 2022, Doctor in International Law and a researcher. They spoke in English on the theme “Media, War and Peace”. **Nina Fellman** was the moderator.

Rauli Virtanen’s exhibition was on display at Åland Museum of Cultural History until 6 November 2022. We want to thank everyone who participated, showed interest and came to celebrate the institute’s 30th anniversary.

Digital Conversation: "Where is our world heading?"

On 11 October a conversation was broadcast online with the title "Where is our world heading?". Anne Peters and Alexander Stubb spoke about global and regional trends, world politics, war and peace. The conversation was moderated by the institute's director Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark. The conversation can be viewed on our YouTube channel.



Peters & Stubb

Åland Peace Lecture: "Human Rights in Occupied Territories"

We started our birthday celebration on 24 October at Alandica in Mariehamn with the Åland Peace Lecture – a seminar in English with the title "Human Rights in Occupied Territories" with Ralph Wilde, Åland Peace Fellow 2022, as speaker. The seminar can be watched on our YouTube channel.

The Birthday: Dinner and mingle at Alandica

On UN Day, the birthday of the Peace Institute, we celebrated the 30th anniversary with the Åland Peace Lecture followed by dinner, music and mingle at Alandica in Mariehamn.

Members of the board of directors **Nina Fellman** and **Marcus Koskinen-Hagman** were the presenters and guided the audience through the night together with some of the highly valued people who have made contributions to the activities of the Åland Islands Peace Institute through the years.

Jorunn Lavonius and **Norah Lång** gave a speech on peace – with a starting point in the history of literature, they talked about the mindset of young people today and concentrated on the themes of doubt, hope and peace.

We would like to thank you again for all your congratulations, speeches, support and companionship.

Sia & Ralph



Traces of Peace Work



The Åland Peace Foundation was established in 1981 and from the beginning focused on peace and environmental issues and, for example, collected clothes for the operations carried out by Emmaus. It also helped establish the foundation for the Åland Islands Peace Institute in 1992. In the following years the organisation of advocating activities, campaigns, youth activities and peace camps came under the auspices of the Institute, after which the Peace Foundation became more focused on the work of Emmaus.

In 2010 “Ålands fredsförening – Emmaus rf” changed its name to “Emmaus Åland rf” to help clarify the activities of the association. The “traditional” peace work has continued but not as the main focus. During our anniversary we collected traces of this history of peace work on our website – memories and stories from the past. They are available at: <https://peace.ax/30-ar/>

The first...

...research seminar, which took place in February 1993, dealt with minority rights. Sia, then a doctoral student at Uppsala University, participated together with Paul Smyth from Peace People in Northern Ireland under the leadership of Susanne Eriksson, then Parliamentary Secretary

... Youth Exchange took place in August 1993 and built on the contacts with Northern Ireland. Ten young people from Åland spent a week in Northern Ireland and ten young people from Northern Ireland spent a week in Åland at a peace camp.

... summit, in May 1993, was organised by the Peace Institute in cooperation with TFF – The Transnational Foundation for Peace & Future Research in Sweden. Croats and Serbs met on neutral ground in Mariehamn as a follow-up to a meeting in Austria in which Susanne Eriksson also participated.

The Mediation Office

In 2022, the Åland Mediation Office focused on further training and get-together sessions for mediators. As part an initiative from the Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) mediators and the Mediation Office staff received training in cases involving domestic violence. Over the years, mediation in such cases has been heavily criticised. This criticism has led to positive developments with regards to the mediation training and process.

The course was part of the nationwide training in Finnish, but was held in Swedish for the Åland Mediation Office and for those interested from the mainland. Mona Bischoff and Daniela Sundell were instructors for the four mediators and the Mediation Office staff who took the distance course. The course consisted of 136 hours, including an assignment on mediation experiences. The Mediation Office are happy to provide information to various stakeholders who have questions or comments about mediation in domestic violence cases, which has occurred throughout the year.

Contacts with the other Swedish-speaking mediators in Finland have been strengthened, especially through the Development Days for Mediators in Swedish 1-2.10.2022. Vaasa hosted an interesting

program focusing on physical health and multiculturalism. Four mediators and staff from Åland participated, together with other mediators and staff from Swedish speaking parts of Finland.

There is now a common mailing list for mediators in Swedish in Finland, and in November this enabled a joint digital meeting with prosecutor Camilla Oksanen from the Southern Finland Prosecution District. Maintaining contact between Swedish-speaking mediators will be important to keep the mediation field and mediation terminology in Swedish up to date in Finland.

The number of initiated cases received from police, prosecutors, other authorities and private individuals has not recovered to normal levels after the pandemic. The total number of initiated cases was 33, in parity with the 2020-2021 pandemic (33 and 32 cases, respectively). The goal is to increase the number of initiated cases to match 2019, when the Mediation Office received 59. During 2022 fewer cases were mediated than in 2021, 14 compared to 27.

Cooperation with the police, prosecutors and the Victim Support Unit is always a priority, and a joint meeting was held again this year. The Åland Mediation Office has met with volunteers from the Victim Support Unit and the Victim Support Unit has met with volunteers from the Mediation Office. The staff of the Mediation Office have participated in meetings arranged by the THL as often as possible, even if there isn't enough time to participate in all of them. The Head of the Mediation Office partially participated in the meeting for heads of mediation in Koli in the middle of September.

Mediation is service free of charge, secured by law and available for everyone in Finland, based on the legal theory of retroactive justice. The Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) is the authority responsible for mediation of crimes and cases of disputes in Finland. The Åland Islands Peace Institute is by contract with THL assigned to provide services of mediation in the Åland Islands, through the Åland Mediation Office. Mediation is considered as complementary to the legal process and a way for parties to speak and gain understanding of how the events in question emerged and their consequences.

The part-time position at the Mediation Office on Åland was split during 2022 as in previous years between Petra Granholm, Head of Mediation with 30% and Mirjam Lukola, mediation officer with 20%.



“Our Human Resources”

At the Peace Institute our staff are our greatest resource, due to the value of their knowledge, ideas, contacts and dedication. The staff, nearly five full-time positions distributed among seven people during the year, work with the support of the Board, the Research Council and the many partners and networks in which the Institute participates. The Peace Institute can thus be considered a node where peace efforts converge with each other.

It has been an intense year in 2022, full of big and difficult issues that needed to be dealt with objectively, while keeping the goal of peace in focus. There have been countless media inquiries both on Åland and from far away, on various matters, including those related to the processes of Finland and Sweden joining NATO. The need for easily accessible and accurate information and discussion around the various aspects of the Åland Example has also been prominent. This applies for matters related to the war in Ukraine too.

Recovery and a healthy balance when combining work and family life are important focal points in the Institute’s approach to the well-being of its staff. Opportunities for further training and professional development are additional tools. The Peace Institute has extensive planning days twice a year when the objectives of the working plan are discussed, and the next year’s draft objectives are reviewed by the staff. In addition to such long-term discussions, daily work is supported through weekly staff meetings and informal coffee breaks.

The Åland Peace Fellow programme adds a human resource to the Institute’s activities, providing the Institute and Åland Islands with new contacts on global peace issues, new perspectives and inspiring knowledge. The programme requires sufficient financial and administrative capacity. In addition to the Åland Peace Fellow programme, the Institute also welcomes other guest researchers, subject to availability.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute has been fortunate to have three interns and one high school trainee during the year. This is a major commitment on the part of the Institute and requires time for supervision and engaged discussions. The interns’ knowledge, practical skills, ideas and network of contacts were a great resource for the Peace Institute also in 2022.

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark

Director.

Petra Granholm

Research Coordinator and Head of the Åland Mediation Office.

Mirjam Lukola

Organisation Secretary and Mediation Officer.

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Liz Lindvall

Deputy Information Officer.

Linn Simonson

Project Manager for the Kastelholm Talks on Peace and Åland 100.

John Knight

Librarian and Archivist.

Susann Simolin

Head of Information (on leave) and Researcher.

This Year's Interns

Avgustina Vasileva

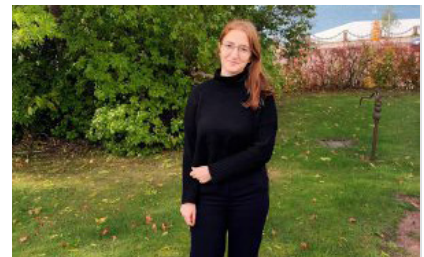
Avgustina is an Åland-based artist, originally from Bulgaria. During her internship she designed the institute's anniversary poster.

**Viktoria Schnick**


Viktoria Schnick – information intern from August to October 2022. She is originally from Germany and is studying global politics and communication at the University of Helsinki.

**Aliye Uysal**

Research intern from September to December 2022. She is a Master's student in peace, mediation and conflict research at Åbo Akademi University in Vaasa.



Economy



The basic funding that the Åland Islands Peace Institute receives upon application from the Åland Government provides stability for the Institute's basic functions. It also enables the development of new projects and applications for additional funds from other funding institutions for research and various types of projects and initiatives. There is a continued need for long-term planning and funding to ensure the sustainability of staffing and basic functions. A new four-year framework agreement for the years 2022-2025 between the Åland Islands Peace Institute and the Åland Provincial Government contributes to this.

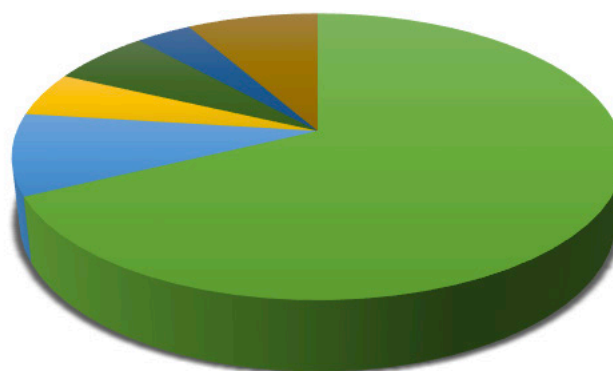
In 2022, the Åland Islands Peace Institute has received support from the Åland Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland, the Ministry of Justice and the Swedish Cultural Foundation, among others. Collaborations with partners in various countries have resulted in income in the form of sold services and project support. Smaller donations have been made to the Peace Fund enabling the international Åland Peace Fellow programme.

During the year, various projects have been run alongside the Institute's basic activities. Among such projects are the Kastelholm Talks on Peace 2022, the final steps of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Åland Example and the celebration of the Institute's 30 years of peace work.

Approximately 30% of the Peace Institute's funding came from funders outside Åland. The total income for the year was 399,956 euros. The total expenses for 2022 were 403,462 euros. The result for 2022 will be a deficit of -3,505 euros. The liquidity during the year has been good.

The Foundation has not paid any fees to the members of the Board. The Peace Institute's finance working group meets approximately every two months, and more often, if necessary, to monitor the Institute's finances. During the year the working group has been active in the continued digitalisation of the accounting and financial management system.

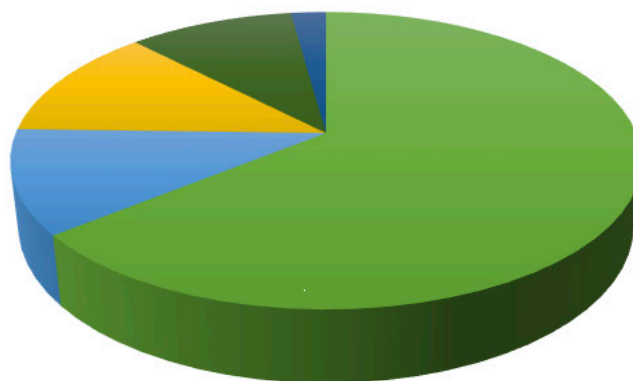
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2	THL	36 774 €	9 %
3	Ministry of Justice	20 000 €	5 %
4	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	25 000 €	6 %
5	Funds and foundations	14 000 €	4 %
6	Other income	33 016 €	8 %
	Amount	399 956 €	100 %

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1	Basic functions	258 814 €	64 %
2	Åland 100 & Fredis 30 yea	45 588 €	11 %
3	Kastelholm Talks on Peace	49 506 €	12 %
4	Medlingsbyrån	40 885 €	10 %
5	E-course Ålex	8 668 €	2 %
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