



# DECLARATION OF School Peace 2018

How would you have an influence on something? Do you know how big of an effect small actions can have? Have you ever thought about what kind of an impact your actions have?

Today 22.8.2018 at Energia Arena in Vantaa school peace is declared for the 28th time. This year's theme is making an influence and how small achievements can make a big effect. Kindergartens are also invited to declare the kindergarten peace.

There are many ways to influence different things. The most familiar way to affect in school might be the student council where you can have an influence on things happening inside the school.

Many schools have older students who help the new students with the challenges of starting school. These students are also the role models for the younger students. In secondary and upper secondary school there are tutor students who can improve the well-being and good atmosphere in schools by helping the new students to fit in.

Not everyone is willing to participate in influencing this big. However, small achievements made by the school staff and classmates can have a huge effect. For example, smiling to people who are walking by or greeting a classmate can make someone's day even better. It makes a huge difference for the atmosphere of schools and kindergartens if you don't bully, you are everyone's friend and accept everyone the way they are. You can also spread good feeling and influence someone else's day via social media for example commenting something nice to their post.

These all are daily ways of influencing out of which none are more important than others. The way you initiate things or smiling, your actions are as important.

**You can have an impact even with a smile.**