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- ⦿ Auroras Network was founded on 2012
- ⦿ The idea for the network came from our Let's Read Together groups, where educated women came to learn Finnish.
- ⦿ Let's Read Together Network helps immigrant women integrate in life in Finland. Our volunteers provide tutoring in Finnish language all over Finland



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- We gathered a small group of women to plan the Auroras
 - The aim was to create a group where both Finnish and immigrant educated women could meet.
 - The network would be a platform to practice Finnish and connect women.
 - Seminar form with main focus on conversation and interacting → contacts on working life



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- ◉ We applied for a small grant for the Auroras initiative from the Finnish National Board of Education
- ◉ With that grant we piloted Auroras activities in Helsinki Metropolitan Area in 2012
- ◉ Challenge was to find educated immigrant women, advertising mainly with email and internet page



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- ⦿ We achieved notice from very early on → important initiative
- ⦿ We got few excellent partners that helped us find multicultural ladies
- ⦿ First Auroras seminar was held on 31th of January 2012 with over 100 participants.
- ⦿ Eight seminars during 2012



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- 2013 Auroras got founding from Finnish Cultural Foundation
- This opened an opportunity to stabilize the network in Helsinki and spread the idea to other university cities.
 - Last year Turku started Auroras seminars
 - This year Vaasa and Tampere
 - Later this year Pori



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- ◉ In every Auroras locality there is a planning team that coordinates Auroras seminars.
 - If you would be interested to plan these meetings don't hesitate to contact us.

Every Auroras group can plan their activities to be best suited for women in the area
→ in some areas small gatherings are more effective than for instance monthly seminars



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◎ Thank you!