

SAVE LAPINLAHTI WITH A POSTER

THE LAPINLAHTI COMMUNITY INVITES YOU TO ACT: INTERNATIONAL POSTER COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

Save Lapinlahti with a Poster – A poster competition about the future of the Lapinlahti Center for Art, Culture and Mental Well-being in Helsinki

Is designing impactful political posters your passion or do you know someone whose passion it is? Now is the time to unleash your creativity and spread the word because an international real estate developer looms over one of the national heritage sites of Finland – the former psychiatric hospital in Lapinlahti, Helsinki, that has organically transformed into a centre and community of art, culture, and mental well-being. Defend the heritage of Lapinlahti and its community from the threat of an international real estate developer with your poster! The winner of the competition will receive a cash prize of €800.

Poster competition and its rules

The poster competition is open to anyone over the age of 18. By participating in the poster competition, you will support the preservation of Finnish cultural heritage under Finnish ownership and the protection of vibrant urban culture. The themes of the competition are as follows:

- Presenting of the unique cultural history of the Lapinlahti psychiatric hospital.
- Defending the organically formed centre of art, culture, and mental well-being.
- The threat caused by an international real estate developer to a Finnish heritage site.

You may use one or more of the themes mentioned above in your poster. However, your poster must include the logo attached below:

You may choose the size and location of the logo in your poster freely. Add your name and email address below the poster (point size 12) so that we can contact you later.

PRICES!

1. price

€800

2. price

€500

3. price

€300

NO ENTRY FEE

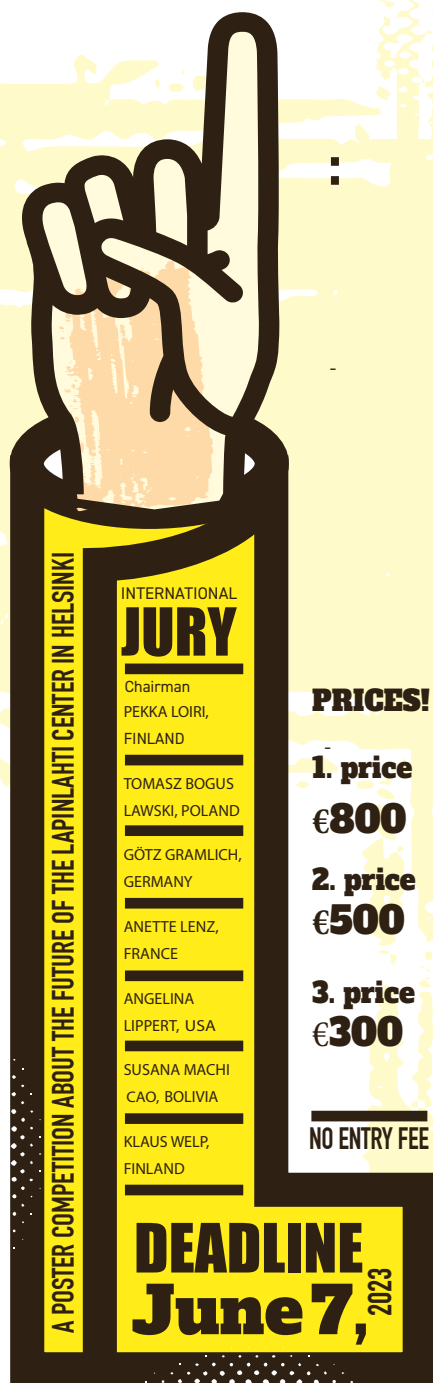
There is no fee to enter the competition, and it takes place between May 5 – June 7, 11.59 pm (UTC +3). Please submit your artwork(s) to graphics@lapinlahdenlahde.fi. Note that we will not accept:

- Posters submitted after the competition has ended.
- Posters not designed specifically for this competition.
- Posters exhibited elsewhere.
- Posters that have copyrighted material in them.

The organisers of the competition will exhibit some of the contestants' works in the Lapinlahti park in Helsinki in July. Therefore, by entering the competition, you will automatically give the organisers, Lapinlahden Lähde LLC and Pro Lapinlahti mielenterveysseura ry, the permission to do so and to publish your work on their social media channels.

Parameters of the posters to be submitted

- size A4 send the file to graphics@lapinlahdenlahde.fi
- PDF or PNG file, 72 DPI resolution, RGB colour
- Should your submission be selected to our exhibition, we will contact you and request a print-quality version of it.



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Prizes

- 1st place: €800
- 2nd place: €500
- 3rd place: €300

Jury

The jury of the competition includes the following renowned poster artist and curators:

- Pekka Loiri, Finland, Chairman of the jury (<https://originalloiri.fi>)
- Tomasz Boguslawski, Poland (<https://polishposter.tomaszboguslawski.pl>)
- Götz Gramlich, Germany (<https://gggrafik.de/>)
- Anette Lenz, France (<https://www.anettelenz.com/>)
- Angelina Lippert, USA (<https://posterhouse.org/special-project/angelinas-mini-tours/>)
- Susana Machicao, Bolivia (<https://www.machicaodesign.com/>)
- Klaus Welp, Finland (<http://www.welp.fi/>)

The former Lapinlahti psychiatric hospital and its future

The Lapinlahti hospital in Helsinki is a former psychiatric hospital that operated from 1841 to 2008. It was designed by a German architect Carl Ludvig Engel who is also responsible for many of the landmark buildings in the centre of Helsinki, e.g. the Helsinki Cathedral. The Lapinlahti hospital was one of the first modern psychiatric hospitals in Europe and played a key part in the development of mental health care in Finland. Over the decades, many prominent figures of Finnish culture, such as Aleksis Kivi, were treated in the hospital. The Lapinlahti hospital closed in 2008, and the last patients were relocated elsewhere. The builds stood vacant for few years, until Lapinlahden Lähde started operating in them in 2013. The old hospital has transformed into a centre and community of art, culture, and mental wellbeing. Nowadays, it organises e.g. events and activities, especially for vulnerable persons. Please see www.lapinlahdenlahde.fi for more information.

The buildings of the Lapinlahti hospital are the property of the City of Helsinki. Currently, the city officials are planning to set up a new real estate company that would maintain the buildings in cooperation with an international real estate developer NREP. Alarmingly, the preliminary plans of City of Helsinki propose that NREP would acquire a majority stake in the new real estate company. The Lapinlahti community opposes relinquishing control of a Finnish national heritage site to an international real estate developer. The community argues that Lapinlahti hospital should remain in Finnish ownership. Moreover, the current plans for Lapinlahti threaten the vibrant urban community of artists, musicians, therapists, NGOs etc. that has grown in Lapinlahti organically over the past decade. For more information on the future of Lapinlahti, please see <https://lapinlahdenlahde.fi/2022/12/lapinlahti-community-astounded-by-proposition-to-hand-over-majority-share-of-finnish-national-heritage-to-private-real-estate-company/>

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