



C.O. Malm 200th Anniversary Celebration Weekend in Porvoo

The Finnish Deaf History Society would like to invite Deaf and sign language communities from all over Finland to celebrate a festive weekend in beautiful Porvoo on **16–18 October 2026**. On Friday, there will be an informal evening at the Porvoo Deaf Association. On Saturday, there will be guided tours, and the main celebration will take place from 19:00 to 22:00 at Villa Haikko, Edelfeltinpolku 10, 06400 Porvoo. On Sunday, there will be guided tours and a sign language church service at Porvoo Cathedral. Participants may wear national costume if they wish.

Programme:

Friday 16 October

17:00–21:00 Club evening of Porvoon Seudun Kuurot ry
Gammelbacka Wellbeing Centre, Tornipolku 10, 06400 Porvoo

Saturday 17 October

10:00–15:00 Guided tours
Tour of former Deaf schools in Porvoo – Kankurikuja 5 and Lukiokatu 5–7, and
Näsinmäki Cemetery, Runeberg's Gate (Näsinmäentie 5)
(Registration is done via a Forms document.)

11:00 The Right to Learn – Malmi School for the Deaf in Porvoo Exhibition Opening for Invited Guests at the Runeberg Home Museum, Aleksanterinkatu 3
(This is a private event for invited guests only.)

12:00 The Legacy of C.O. Malm Lives On – 180 Years of Deaf Education – A celebratory event in the courtyard of the former School for the Deaf, Lukiokatu 5-7
(The event is open to everyone)

13:00-16:00 "The Right to Learn – Malm's School for the Deaf in Porvoo" exhibition, Sign language guided tours at J. L. Runeberg's Home, Aleksanterinkatu 3
(No registration required)

14:00–16:00 Meeting of the Nordic Deaf History Societies
(The meeting is intended solely for representatives of historical societies.)

16:00–19:00 Free time

19:00–22:00 Celebration of the C.O. Malm 200th Anniversary in the banquet hall of Haikko Restaurant
(Registration is closed.)

Sunday 18 October

11:00–14:00 Guided tours
Tour of former Deaf schools in Porvoo – Kankurikuja 5 and Lukiokatu 5–7, and
Näsinmäki Cemetery, Runeberg's Gate (Näsinmäentie 5)
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15:00–17:00 Sign language church service at Porvoo Cathedral, Kirkkotori 1
Deaf priest Janne Rissanen