



Tallinn neighbourhood associations becoming the experts of local living

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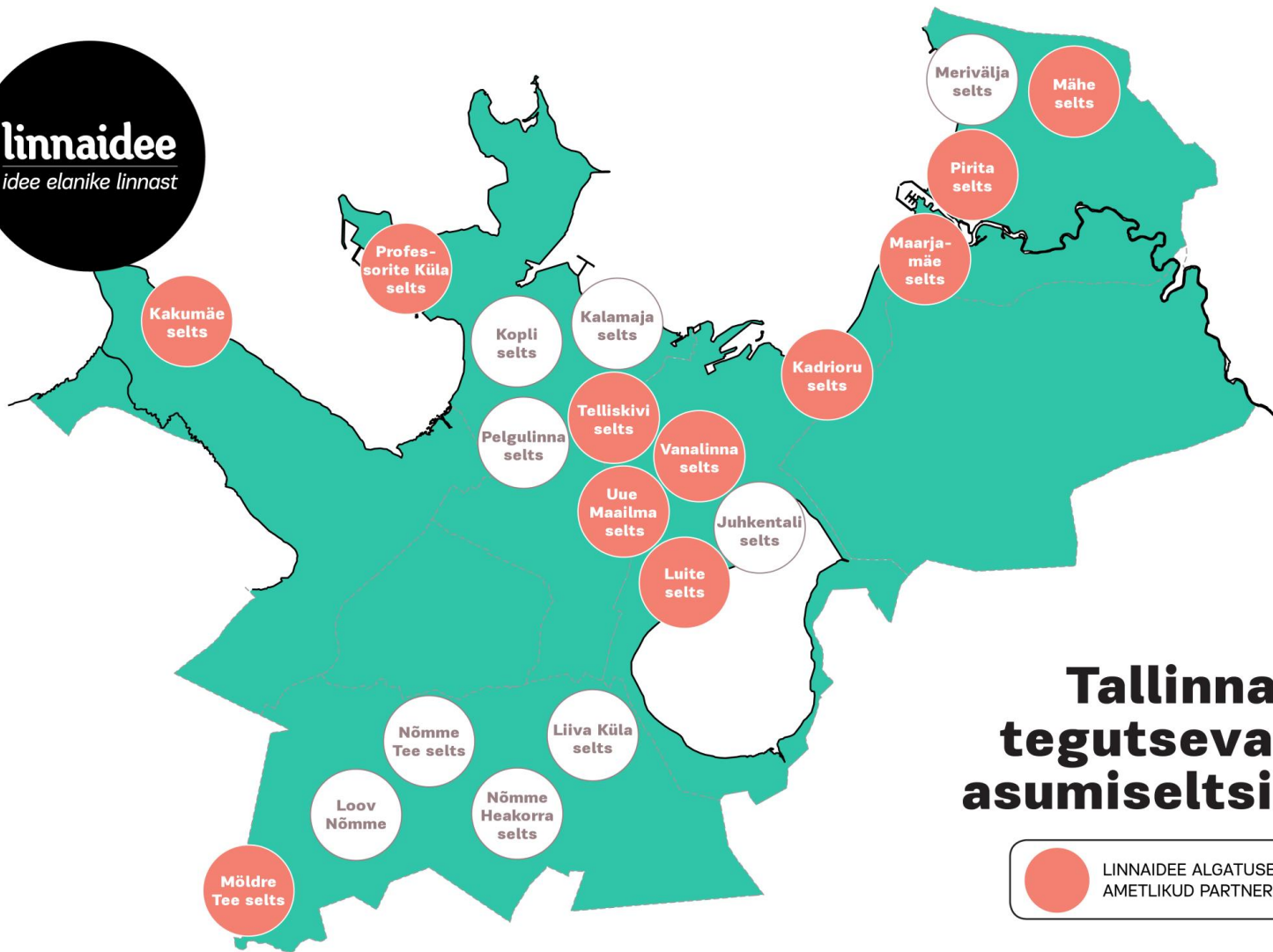


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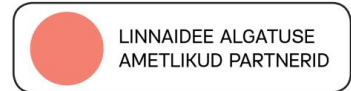


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Tallinnas tegutsevad asumiseltsid



20 neighbourhood associations in Tallinn
with pink the most active ones

Form of action

- * formed as non-government organisations**
- * representing local inhabitants for the city government, protecting and redefining local values, organising public events**
- * mostly in gentrifying neighbourhoods (Kalamaja, Pelgulinn, Uus Maailm, Kadriorg, Vanalinn) or in residential suburbs (Nõmme, Pirita, Kakumäe)**
- * membership ranging from 20 to 200 people**

Neighbourhoods as social innovators

- * showing alternative ways how space and lifestyles can be understood, shaped, used, etc**
- * thriving towards systemic change**
- * encouraging civic action, sommon sense & culture jamming**

(term by Kalle Lasn)

some examples of what the associations are doing

Professorite Küla Seltsis

03.08.2012

Meediaga seotud artiklid

"President väisas Professorite küla",
Postimees, 4. august 2012



 Soovita  350 President Ilves külastas Professorite Küla Seltsi
 Aldo Mett



‘Branding’ places & neighbourhoods
in Professors’ Village



**Working with streetscape, protecting the rights of the
'minorities' (pedestrians, bikers)**

Baby pram ride in Kalamaja, May 2012



Promoting local economy models

Local market days & street cafes during festivals



Defining local collaborative democracy

Forum series between city officials and local inhabitants 2010-2011





Reclaiming and revitalising public space

Public sauna party on Kalarand beach, next to Lindaline harbour, July 2012

Everything looks glory.

Where's the problem?

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- * Transport
- * Kool ja lasteaed
- * Abi, hoolekanne ja tervis
- * Ettevõtlus

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Here!

The mayor of Tallinn and his huge propaganda machine

- no real interest to collaborate with associations – „participation“ has almost become a swear word
- active citizens are seen as pesky disturbers, not as potential collaborators
- majority of land in private ownership – the city government not leading spatial planning processes
- weak collaboration culture

So, as the local elections in October 2013 are approaching....

The neighbourhood associations decided to put down their vision of how to achieve city governing that sets the inhabitants' wishes first.

After half year of meetings and discussions among associations, the initiative LINNAIDEE – URBAN IDEA was started in March 2013.





Linnaidee (Urban Idea) is aiming to improve cooperation between the residents of Tallinn caring about their living environment and the representatives of the city government.

Results:

- 1) collaboration manifest between the city government and associations by October 2013**
- 2) clear definition of a neighbourhood association as an expert of local living by October 2013**

**In a good city the leaders and residents
work for the same goals!**



How?

Through discussions, debates,
negotiations, questionnaires,
public seminars, bike tours...

And by shedding more media
light to what associations are
doing all the time!





Who is behind Urban Idea?

- Linnalabor as the leader of the initiative
- Tallinn neighbourhood associations as the main beneficiaries
- sociologists, ideologists, journalists, volunteers
- LIST – union of neighbourhood associations in Berlin
- Helka – union of neighbourhood associations in Helsinki
- supervisory board of representatives from four biggest political parties and experts of civil society and businesses

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**And follow our success on www.linnaidee.ee
(English site coming soon!)**