

CURRICULUM VITAE – MIIKA VANHAPIHA

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Work as paid labor

Suomen ase ja retkeily	2020 - 2025	firearms and outdoor equipment sales
Suomen käsityöteollisuuden Oy	April/May 2020	maintenance work at production facilities (6 weeks)
Further Education Salpaus	August 2018	workshop on traditional crafts (1 day)
Further Education Salpaus	June 2017	workshop on traditional crafts (1 day)
Mynämäki School of Craft & Design	May 2017	workshop: friction fire, birch bark etc. (3 days)
Mynämäki School of Craft & Design	2013 – 2015	part-time teacher, Ancient Technologies (2 yrs.)
Mynämäki School of Craft & Design	2012 – 2013	Head of Department & Qualifications, Anc. Tech. (1 yr.)
Mynämäki School of Craft & Design	2007 – 2012	full-time teacher, Ancient Technologies (5 yrs.)
Mynämäki School of Craft & Design ¹	2006 – 2007	part-time teacher, Ancient Technologies, (1 yr.)
PAN Vision Distribution	2005	Marketing and Product Manager (6 mo.)
Pan Vision Ltd	2001 – 2004	Marketing and Product Manager (3 v 7 mo)
Pan Vision Ltd	2001	Product Manager (4 mo.)
Pan Vision Ltd	2000 – 2001	sales rep. (9 mo.)
DOSE, Suomalainen kirjakauppa	2000	store manager (5 mo.)
DOSE, Suomalainen kirjakauppa	1997–1999	salesperson (2 yrs. 5 mo.)
Suomalainen kirjakauppa	1998–1999	salesperson (for about a year)
construction worker	} 1992 - 1999	
window assembler (balconies)		
airplane cleanup		
DJ		
Valiovihannes Oy	1991-1992	delivery van driver for vegetable wholesale company
archaeological excavations, Tikkurila	1991	excavator
archaeological excavations, Simo	1990	excavator
Enzo-Gutzeit Oy	1987	doorman, caretaker, switchboard operator
Academic Book Store	1981	storage worker

Work in living prehistory, experiential and experimenting research on Stone Age life, demonstrations, themed events, custom replica work, TV, film etc.

“The List”, specialist appearance in an Australian TV production (shot in Nuuksio, Finland) 10/2024 (1 day)
“Living Mesolithic”, Archäologisches Ökologisches Zentrum Albersdorf (Saksa) 2020 (1 week)

¹ At the time still an independent school called “Lounais-Suomen käsi- and taideteollisuusoppilaitos”.

"Winter Experiment" ² , Kierikkikeskus, Yli-li	2020 (February)
"European Stone Age Gathering", Stenaldercenter Ertebølle, (Denmark)	2019 (1 week)
"Living Mesolithic", Archäologisches Ökologisches Zentrum Albersdorf (Germany)	2019 (1 week)
"Athra Gathering", Sagnlandet Lejre (Denmark)	2019 (1 week)
Consulting film production company Helsinki Filmi on "Paleolithic Action/Drama"	2018 (January)
"Living Mesolithic", Archäologisches Ökologisches Zentrum Albersdorf (Germany)	2018 (1 week)
"Athra Gathering", Sagnlandet Lejre (Denmark)	2018 (1 week)
"Change in the Air" exhibition, Finnish Museum of Natural History, custom work	2015 Fall
"Metsien kätkemä" (YLE 2016), episode on Hossa rock paintings, specialist appearance	2015 Fall
"Finno-Ugric Shamanism", AÖZA (Germany), two separate lectures and demos	2015 (2 x 4 h)
"Living Mesolithic", Archäologisches Ökologisches Zentrum Albersdorf (Germany)	2015 (3 weeks)
"Athra Gathering", Sagnlandet Lejre (Denmark)	2015 (1 week)
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opening of Espoo City Museum´s newly revised permanent exhibition, demo	2013 (1 evening)
reconstruction of Neolithic log house (timber work), Espoo City Museum	2012 (1 month)
"Ancient Technology week", Kurala Kylämäki	2013 (Sat - Sun)
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2013 (Fri - Sun)
"Frozen Days", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2013 (Sat - Sun)
"Sun Stone" short film (15 min), actor, narrator, consultant (Kierikki Stone Age Center)	2012 and 2013
"Stone Age Camp" (field event of the Primitive Skills Association of Finland), Toholampi	2012 (Thu - Sun)
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2012 (Fri - Sun)
"Frozen Days", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2012 (Sat - Sun)
Logomo´s exhibition, Turku as European Culture Capitol, custom work	2011
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2011 (Fri - Sun)
"Frozen Days", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2011 (Sat - Sun)
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2010 (Fri - Sun)
"Saarijärvi Stone Age Days", Saarijärvi Stone Age Village	2010 (Sat - Sun)
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2009 (Fri - Sun)
"On Sticks and Stones", lecture and demo at Stone Age Center Rira (Suomusjärvi)	2009 (4 h)
"Kivistä and kepeistä", lecture and demo Turun kansanopistolla	2009 (2 h)
"Saarijärvi Stone Age Market", Saarijärvi Stone Age Village	2009 (Sat - Sun)
"Voimakoneet 1" DVD program, actor, interviewed consultant (Aranu Ltd)	2008
"Kierikki Stone Age Market", Kierikki Stone Age Center, Yli-li	2008 (Fri - Sun)

Other work experience

presentation on survival during massive societal crisis (for deep green party ViPu, in Tampere)	2020
People of The Bear & Traditional Beliefs (appearance in video learning material, Sanoma Pro)	2017
traditional tanning workshop, instructor, Cardiff University (Wales)	2016 (April)
traditional tanning workshop, instructor, Hordamuseet, Bergen (Norway)	2016 (February)
lectures on current affairs and issues (deep green party ViPu etc.)	2013-2016
various primitive skills and survival workshops (Tampere, Forssa, Turku etc.)	2013–2014
lecture on bushcraft and heritage issues, 4H Association (Mynämäki)	2014
School of European Swordsmanship, instructing Medieval swordsmanship	2003–2006
multiple lectures on Stone Age life in various schools, museums, open universities	2001–2010
bow making workshops, instructor	1998-2001
traditional tanning workshops, instructor	1998-2001
member in an archaeological expedition in Komi Republic, Russia	1994 (1 month)
lighting design and implementation for a play performed at Kellariteatteri (Helsinki)	1990 (summer)

Publications

"On technical and spiritual dimensions of bow hunting", Elonkehä – deep ecological culture publ. 08/2024

² An experiment regarding primitive and stone age style gear and long-term camping in winter conditions, with Lynx Vilden´s group and Kierikki Stone Age Center. My personal experiment was cut short by an appendicitis and resulting in a visit to the hospital.

"Väki Faith and Eco-Sense", Elonkehä – deep ecological culture publication	3/2020
"Cold Truth" (column), Elonkehä – deep ecological culture publication	1/2018
"Väenusko" ("Väki Faith"), in Seitä Magazine (Lehto Association's publication)	Spring 2016
"Neurowild survivors" (in Finnish), Elonkehä – deep ecological culture publication	2016
"Collapse" (in Finnish), et al., Green Party (ViPu) publications	2014
"Collapse Tribe", (in Finnish) Elonkehä – deep ecological culture publication	2014
"Tanning Skins the Stone Age Way", Bulletin of Primitive Technology #42	2011

Associations and similar

Ilomantsi Shooters Association	2024 →	member
Forssa Reserve Officer's Association	2023 →	Chairman of The Board
Forssa Reserve Officer's Association	2022 →	board member
Forssa Reserve Officer's Association	2022 →	member
Forssa Hunting Club	2019 →	member
Suonpää Hunting Club	2017-2022	prospect member
Kanta-Häme Bow Hunters	2017 →	board member
Kanta-Häme Bow Hunters	2016 →	member
Somero Shooting Club	2016-2020	member
Forssa Reservist's Association	2016-2018	member
The Finnish Reserve Officers' Federation	2016 →	member
The Finnish Reservists' Association	2016 →	member
Varsinais-Suomi Bow Hunters	2014–2016	member
People of The Bear	2015–2019	Secretary of the Board
People of The Bear	2013 →	member
Primitive Skills Association of Finland ³	2012–2013	Chairman of the Board, Found. Mem.
Taivaannaula Ry	2010–2012	member
Turku Association of Historical Swordsmanship	2003–2006	Chairman of the Board, Found. Mem.
Stone Age Action Group Kuttelo	2000 →	Founding Member
Fibula ry (association of archaeology students)	1990–1994	Board Member (also Chairman)
students' union of reserve Officers training corps	1987 – 1988	Board Member

Formal education

From 2017 to 2019 I studied at Winnova Ltd to receive a Specialist Qualification in Game Management. Although I completed my studies only partially, they gave me an in-depth knowledge on game management and its operating environment and legislation, game biology, and hunting.

In addition, I now have a working knowledge on game habitat planning and on its management for game research, on game farming and restocking, and on training and communicating regarding all related issues. My personal emphasis during my studies was on traditional forms of hunting, trapping, and cultural heritage issues relating to subsistence hunting in traditional Finnic culture.

Use of pepper spray	6/2025	valid
Traditional Cupping 2	5/2025	valid
Traditional Cupping 1	3/2025	valid
Close Protection Operator 1	3/2025	valid
Security Guard	02/2025	valid
TECC 3 (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care 3)	11/2024	valid until 11/2029
TECC 2 (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care 2)	10/2024	valid until 10/2029
TECC 1 (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care 1)	09/2024	valid until 09/2029
Wilderness Guide's First Aid	08/2024	valid until 08/2027
Shooting sports for Reservist Assoc. (SRA) shooter license	2023	valid (SRA shooter id)
Amateur radio license (class: HAREC, yleisluokka)	2023	valid
Specialist Qualification in Game Management	2017-2019	studies that led to a partial degree

³ Operations of the association slowly discontinued during 2014-2015.

Hunting Warden ⁴	2018	valid
Trained Hunter ⁵	2018	valid
Occupational Safety Card	2016	valid until 9/2021
Hot Work Licence	2014	valid until 5/2019
JAMK University of Applied Sciences	2011	specialist competence-based qualifications (NTM)
Lounais-Suomen käsi- and taideteollisuusoppilaitos ⁶	2005–2007	Artisan of Ancient Technologies ⁷
Helsinki University, Archaeology Department	1989–1994	specialization studies ⁸
Arkadianmäki Lyceum	1987	Abitur
Sequoyah High School (Claremore, Oklahoma, USA)	1985–1986	high school diploma

Language skills

Finnish	native (5)	
Meänkieli	professional working proficiency (3)	considered a language in SWE & dialect in FIN
English	full professional proficiency (4)	
Swedish	limited working proficiency (2)	

Military service

12 military refresher courses while in the reserve	1989 ⁹ →	1 st Lieutenant (Senior Lieutenant)
Guard Battalion (Guard Jaeger Regiment)	1988	Cadet
Reserve Officer School	1987–1988	Officer Cadet ¹⁰
Pori Brigade	1987	Prospect, Corporal Student

Other

30th of December 2020, the police granted a Firearms Handling Permit (valid 30th of Dec. 2020 → 30th of Dec. 2025).¹¹
17th of August 2016, Magistrate of Northern Finland has granted the right to officiate at marriages.¹²

In 1992 I spent over a month in South Africa, in Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Drakensberg Mountains, and the “bush” more generally speaking. The trip was partly for pleasure and for socializing with my relatives, but I also visited the archeology department of the Witwatersrand University, took part in their field education trips, and privately visited many famous (and not so famous) rock painting sites.

In 1993 I spent a month in various locations in Komi Republic, located in present day Russian Federation. During the trip I worked as an excavator on two separate archaeological digs.

Special

⁴ Hunting Warden’s Training organized by the Finnish Wildlife Agency, and as defined in the Finnish wildlife and game administration act.

⁵ Hunter’s Health and Hygiene Training according to the regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, also approved by the Finnish Food Authority (EVIRA).

⁶ Today Mynämäki School of Craft & Design.

⁷ Final paper and work on “Teaching material for stone knapping courses”.

⁸ Specialized in South African Stone Age, and North American contact period.

⁹ Including the biggest Finnish military exercise of its time (“Leijona 94”) as a Company Commander.

¹⁰ Has completed ‘Armored Vehicle Commander Card’ and has specialized in urban warfare. Took part in large scale military exercise (“Rannikko 88”) as a Company Commander, a position that entailed special operations on both sides of the war game scenario.

¹¹ This permit allows for the handling of firearms and related items at work. Based on AAseL 27 § 1 ja 28 § of the Finnish law.

¹² As of end of 2022, I have officiated at 17 marriages. All wedding ceremonies have been held according to pre-Christian Finnic faith, while taking into account the modern Finnish law.

From 2000 onwards multiple appearances in print and online media. Topics usually about bushcraft, living history, martial arts, ancient crafts and primitive skills, prepping, self-reliance, homesteading, traditional spirituality of various Finnish tribes (and of the larger Finnic region), and finally, the People of The Bear, which is an officially recognized religious community that adheres to our old nature based folk beliefs.

Friction Fire Finnish Championships, 1st place, 2010 (at Sarka – The Finnish Museum of Agriculture).

