

The Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities

The Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD) is a national advocacy and service association. The ideological basis for our work is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the rules of the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities.

FPD functions within the community in such a way as to enable everyday life to be independent and fulfilling for people with physical disabilities.

FPD has

- 33 000 individual members
- member associations
- 2200 employees

FPD was founded in 1938.

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HPD

Helsinki Association of People with Physical Disabilities (HPD) is a local advocacy and service association. It is the largest member association of FPD, the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities. HPD is a non-governmental organization with 2098 members (year 2011). Membership is open to people with physical disabilities.

The purpose of HPD is to enable everyday life to be independent and fulfilling for people with physical disabilities. HPD offers its members recreational activities in the form of clubs and sports groups. HPD also organizes educational groups on different subjects.

HPD Activity Center is located in the area of Koskela in Helsinki. Recreational and educational groups take place in the large hall and the club room. Also office and organization management are located within the Activity Center.



HPD's Activity Center

ACTIVITIES

The Activity Center holds groups for different sports groups, including wheelchair dance, chair flamenco and taekwondo. HPD also co-operates with other organizations offering sports activities for people with physical disabilities.

Within HPD act also several clubs, including retiree club, crafts club and painting club. Other organizations also arrange activities in HPD's Activity Center.

HPD is also participating in disability sports, organized by VAU ry, such as wheelchair rugby, electric wheelchair floorball and sitting volleyball.

PEOPLE

There are three permanent employees in HPD office. Also, there are three employees working in two HPD projects.

Keikka-avustajavälitys is a project providing personal assistance for disabled people for short-time periods. Two coordinators and several personal assistants are employed in the project. Miesten juttu is a project for men with physical disabilities aiming to develop a peer support model to mobilize men and to prevent social exclusion. Both projects have external funding.

Large part of HPD activities rely on volunteer work.

HOUSING AND HOLIDAYS



A cottage in Hevossalmi Holiday Village

HPD has 149 rental apartments in Helsinki. All apartments are accessible by wheelchair and are suitable for people with physical disabilities.

HPD also has two holiday villages, located in Päättiä and Hevossalmi. Päättiä Holiday Village is situated 80 kilometers from Helsinki, and Hevossalmi is located in the city of Helsinki, by the sea. Hevossalmi Holiday Village is easily accessible by public transport.