

VAPAAEHTOISTOIMINTA  
OSALLISEksi YHTEISKUNNASSA  
Voluntary work – possibility to be a part  
in Finnish society

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## Voluntary work in Finland

One of three in Finland do voluntary work

- 1.4 million

- Average 18 hours /month

- Most commonly in sports, with children, young or elderly people

Over 60% in organisations, but also more and more spontaneously and organized by own.

(Data: HelsinkiMissio)

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## Voluntary work – for me?



**Well-being for all ages  
Social participation**

**- to be social, to be part**

**New skills**

**New friends**

**Pathes to studies or to work**

**New experiences**

**- or need just something new?**

**Empowering and enabling**

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# TO GIVE A HAND FOR ANOTHER PERSON

Concrete help

Support people

Listener and confidant

Peer support

**'Helping people brings meaning to one's life'**



You can give a possibility to participate by your help

Come as You are

- Personality
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Life experience

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# WHAT ABOUT IN SOCIETY?

Yhdenvertainen osallistuminen, osallisuus, luottamus

Through voluntary work:  
Equal possibilities to all  
To participate  
Involvement  
A part of a society, get in to societies



## HYVÄT VÄESTÖSUHTEET GOOD RELATIONS

- Important to increase interaction between population groups
- Good relations retains stability in democracies and increase social harmony
- Voluntary work increases confidence and security: Rainmaker effect

Sateentekijävaikutus: Luottamuksen "sade" laskeutuu myös ympäröivän yhteisön hyväksi

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## Voluntary work – civil right

- Reduce prejudice
  - 'from differences to similarities'
  - It needs conscious work (to increase)
    - encountering
    - awareness
    - discrimination free atmosphere
- ..also in voluntary work

And:

Language is not a barrier: methods to equally participate in different languages (groups, mentoring)

'Luottamus ennalta tuntemattomaan, yksilön lähipiirin ulkopuolella olevaan ihmiseen lisää koko yhteiskunnan sosiaalista pääomaa'

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A photograph of a person cross-country skiing on a frozen lake. The skier is wearing a bright pink jacket and dark pants, and is moving towards the right side of the frame. The lake is covered in thin ice, reflecting the warm colors of the setting sun. In the background, a dense forest line the horizon under a clear sky.

# Together

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