

Child Friendly Municipality

- plan of action for 2022-2024

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Background for Child Friendly Municipality work in Finland

- The Lapsiystävällinen kunta (Child Friendly Municipality) initiative in Finland has been active since 2012 and is led by the Finnish National Committee for UNICEF.
- There are over 40 Finnish municipalities are participating in the initiative and 15 municipalities have been recognized as child-friendly (2021).
- City of Helsinki decided to pursue child-friendly recognition in 2021.

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Structure for the Child friendly work

HYTE all age groups

LANU children and adolescents

LYK Child Friendly Coordination Group

LYK Child Friendly coordinators (5)

Social services and health care

City administration

Culture and leisure

Childhood and education

Housing and environment

communications

1. Children's rights

2. Evaluation of child effects

3. Promotion of participation

4. Prevention of bullying

5. Promotion of safety

Children and adolescents

Work group

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Child friendly Helsinki wants to make sure, that every child has

- possibilities of influence in their lives,
- a safe adult showing interest in child's matters,
- a friend to spend time with.
- a school that will ensure possibilities to succeed regardless of child's background and
- a hobby regardless of family's wealth or habitation.



Goals of action plan:

1. Raising awareness of children's rights for personnel working with children and adolescents.
2. Designing a model and instructions for the evaluation of child effects to be used in planning and development of actions.
3. Developing systematic and organized child friendly feedback collection.
4. Prevention of bullying and promotion of sense of community.
5. Strengthening the sense of security of children and youth in urban environment.

A young child with a joyful expression is the central focus, wearing a bright yellow knit beanie and a dark, quilted winter jacket. The child is standing on a sandy path in a park-like setting with trees and a clear sky in the background. The overall mood is warm and positive.

Thank you!