

Rape Crisis Centre Tukinainen

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Finland

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Tukinainen, the support center for victims who have been sexually assaulted (NGO)

- provides **help, support and guidance for persons who have been sexually assaulted, raped and/ or abused and for their families**
 - the therapeutic and legal help of Tukinainen is free of charge for victims
- **influences the professional and legal procedures**, as well as the **authorities and public opinion** in order to decrease and **prevent** sexual assaults experienced by women and girls (about 90% of sexually assaulted are girls/ women)
- provides cooperation, consultation and training for professionals, authorities, organisations and educational institutions in a variety of fields
- supplements the social and health services as well as official system in its own special field, cooperate with other associations, works in **Finnish network against trafficking**



Help, support, guidance, consultation, training

- **a free crisis telephone line and a free legal telephone line**
- **groups for victims, a variety of fixed groups and groups for persons close to the victim**
- **personal appointments with a crisis counsellor and/ or lawyer**
- **legal assistance and support in connection with a trial, report of an offence and preliminary investigation**
- **tailored consultation, training** and work guidance liable to charge for professionals in a variety of fields



Sensitivity training programme

Sensitiveness model

Senja-project

- Main tasks:
- **1) educate employees such as police, police students, prosecutors, judges, legal aid personal, lawyers who are working in proceedings and are facing sexually abused people**
 - **In the year 2010 almost 500 participants took part of the sensitivity training (until this day apr. 900) and 300 (until this day apr. 600) of them were police officers**
- **2) victims of sexual violence will not experience secondary traumatisation or secondary victimisation in proceedings**



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Main tasks:

- **3) share information for victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence**
 - **Information of their rights and possibilities of support, information of the support organisations**
 - **Information of the legal process, the legal assistance, the police reporting, the police investigation, the hearing**



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Main tasks:

- 3) Share information for victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence**
 - Information of the damages (f.ex. Suffering)**



Specific information to victims

- **Information to victims regarding a free counsel and support person for victims of sexual crime and domestic violence**
 - **When do you have the right to get a free counsel to assist you during the police interrogation?**
 - **Who can function as a counsel?**
 - **Why do you need a counsel?**
 - **When do you have the right to get a free counsel to assist you during the trial?**
 - **When do you have the right to get a free support person?**
 - **What is the "domestic violence" that gives you the right to get a free counsel and support person?**
 - **Relevant sections of the law**



Sensitiveness model for professionals of jurisprudence

- **Cooperation with Finnish authorities:**
 - **Police administration**
 - **Police College of Finland**
 - **The Office of the Prosecutor General**
 - **Ministry of Justice, Finland**



Sensitiveness training topics

- **1. Trauma**
- **2. How to face a victim of sexual violence/sexual abuse**
- **3. How to face a victim of domestic violence**
- **4. How to face a victim with intellectual disabilities of domestic violence and sexual violence/sexual abuse**
- **5. How to face of a young victim of sexual violence/abuse**
- **6. How to face an immigrant victim of domestic violence and sexual violence/sexual abuse**



Legal Aid doesn't depend on the income of the victim

- **All victims of sexual violence or domestic violence as well as victims of trafficking have right to a cost-free legal adviser/assistant:**
 - During the **police investigation** (reporting, hearing) in all cases
 - In all stages of a **trial**, if the prosecutor prosecutes for an offence and the victim demands compensation for damages



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- Senja-Internet pages have been published - Instructions in Finnish, Swedish and English are open – www.senjanetti.fi
- New instructions folders have been produced and distributed to all police stations, local prosecution offices, public legal aid offices and courts in Finland
- Special trainingprogramme of Senja continues on



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