

Participating and Influencing in Helsinki



OmaStadi

Voting age from 12 onwards

Helsinki residents can initiate proposals and draw up plans that benefit everyone in Helsinki. Residents aged over 12 can participate in decision making by voting.



Helsinki Youth Council

13-17-year-olds

Elected for a two-year term, the Youth Council ensures that young people's voice is heard in the city's decision-making. All Helsinki residents aged 13-17 can become candidates and vote in the Youth Council election.



Ruuti Budget

6th-9th graders

Young people plan, vote and negotiate annually on leisure time activities and services provided to them in Helsinki.

Young Voice Editorial Board

13-19-year-olds

In the Young Voice Editorial Board, students aged 13-19 can speak out on and influence societal matters in the media.

Ruuti Funding

From 1st graders onwards

Ruuti funding consist of annual funds allocated to the student body to be used for developing communality or improving the study environment.



Young People's Initiative

13-17-year-olds

Young people can create initiatives to develop Helsinki and improve its operations. Response is given to all proposals.



Student Council

From 1st graders onwards

A group of students who are elected to represent the student body.



Sponssi Grants

7-28-year-olds

Young people can apply and receive grants for implementing their ideas and projects.



Student Body

From 1st graders onwards

Students at a school or educational institution form a student body.



School's Own Groups and Teams

From 1st graders onwards

In their schools and educational institutions, students can form groups to promote matters that they find important.



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