



Networking and co-operation

Turku Boys' House works closely together with schools, social work, mental health services and other youth services and - organizations. By co-operating with others we can uphold a more wide-spread support system and offer clearer paths to other service providers.

Preventive work

The Boys' House aims to prevent youth marginalisation and the accumulation of their problems by offering support and activities with a low threshold at an early stage where problems first occur.

Boys House Turku is part of Turku Settlement Association and is based on the Settlement movement's values. We receive funding from STEA and the city of Turku.



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**Turku
Boys' House**
for boys and young
men aged 12-28



General Information

Turku Boys' House provides social youth work with culturally sensitive and gender sensitive approach. The support and activities are offered with a low threshold to boys and young men aged 12-28 as well as individuals who identify themselves as boys or men.

The Boys' House approaches individuals comprehensively, the well-being and the development of our attenders are regarded variously.

Our goal is to strengthen the self-esteem, life management and social skills of our attenders as well as to offer them a positive role model and the support of a community.

All support and activities are free of charge and voluntary.

We also usually provide small snacks during activities.

The Boys' House offers:

Personal support and counseling

The Boys' House provides personal support and counseling for different questions and problems in one's life, such as challenges related to school, working life, relationships and mental health.

Themed activities and skills development groups

The Boys' House offers group activities that focus on improving social skills, self-esteem and well-being. Themes can vary from sports to arts and conversation.

Community-based support

During Open House, one can come to spend time, play games with friends, talk about different worries and joys etc. Community-based support aims to improve the participation of our attenders in communities and society. Our attenders are also part of the Boys' House community through the planning of activities.

The Boys' House policies:

A safer space

Each attender is greeted at the door personally by staff. At the House, anyone can come and go as themselves without fear of being judged. The Boys' House is free from all discrimination and staff will take action if needed. Each attender will commit to our House Rules upon entering.

Gender sensitivity

Gender diversity is respected at the Boys' House. We aim to dismantle gender stereotypes and to promote equality. Our goal is that everyone can feel valued and equal in our community.

Cultural sensitivity

The Boys' House pays attention to different cultural backgrounds and offers support in a multicultural environment. We hope that everyone can feel welcome regardless of their background. Our operations are actively anti-racist as we aim to observe and dissolve racist structures.

