

Invitation to the seminar 3 December 2024

Towards Equality through Reasonable Accommodation – Local and International Perspectives

Time: On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities,
Tuesday 3 December 2024 13.00–15.50

Location: Minerva-Tori, -2 floor, address: Siltavuorenpenger 5 A
(Siltavuorenpenger 9 A for a car arrival).

The event can be followed remotely from 1.00 to 3.00 pm via a zoom link to be sent to all those who are registered.

With this event, we celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, bringing together various stakeholders and raising awareness of the equality of persons with disabilities through reasonable accommodations.

The event will feature presentations on reasonable accommodation at the University of Helsinki and internationally. Additionally, the Helsinki Disability Council's Accessibility and Inclusion Recognition will be announced. The programme includes culture in the form of a short film: Noora: Dance Film.



The event is open to everyone. Especially representatives of disability councils, disability organizations, members of the university community, Helsinki city officials and employees, and anyone interested in the theme are warmly welcomed.

The event will be held in Finnish. Two presentations will be in English, with Finnish translations provided in text.

Registration by 25 November: <https://forms.office.com/e/rSD4JdvNG5>

The space can accommodate only one hundred participants.

Organizers: Helsinki Disability Council, University of Helsinki and the Finnish Society for Disability Research.



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Programme:

- 13.00 Welcome to the university speech by Professor **Hisayo Katsui**, University of Helsinki and
Opening remarks by **Sirpa Puhakka**, Chairperson of the Helsinki Disability Council
- 13.10 Short film: Noora: Dance Film
- 13.20 Guide to Reasonable Accommodation for Students: **Anu Welling**, University of Helsinki and
Chairperson of Rampaopiskelijat ry
- 13.40 Services at the University of Helsinki: **Anu Lehtinen**, Student Psychologist, University of Helsinki
- 13.50 Short break
- 14.00 Reasonable Accommodation from a Global Perspective, Part I (in English):
H.E. **Belén Sapag Muñoz de la Peña**, Ambassador of Chile to Finland. Finnish translation as text.
- 14.20 Reasonable Accommodation from a Global Perspective, Part II (in English):
H.E. **Petri Puhakka**, Ambassador of Disability Inclusion, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
Finnish translation as text.
- 14.35 Key takeaways: Professor **Hisayo Katsui**, University of Helsinki (in Finnish and English)
- 14.40 Accessibility and Inclusion Award presentation: **Sari Sepponen**, Vice-Chairperson of the Helsinki
Disability Council
- 15.00–15.50 Coffee and networking



Accessibility information

Physical accessibility of Minerva-tori:

- The space has a flat floor and movable furniture. There is an accessible toilet on every floor.
- Sensory load regulation is possible in smaller rooms at the back of the space. Detailed information, such as furniture dimensions and videos showing the route to the venue, can be found on the space's [presentation page and event accessibility details](#).

Information accessibility:

- The space is equipped with an induction loop.
- The event will have Finnish sign language interpretation and text captions, which will also be available for remote participants.
- Student assistants will guide participants and serve as general assistants.

Arrival instructions:

- Accessible entry is available from either the main entrance of the Minerva building, Siltavuorenpenger 5 A, or the parking deck on the north side of the building, address: Siltavuorenpenger 9 A.
- There is space for drop-offs near both entrances. Parking space in the area is very limited.
- The Minerva building is located on a hill. When coming from Liisankatu or Unioninkatu, you will have to walk uphill.



Welcome on 3 December 2024 to engage with this fascinating theme and network!

Register as soon as possible by **Monday 25 November 2024**
at the latest, to secure your spot in the seminar!
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