



# **The Finnish Neuromuscular Disorders Association (FNDA)**

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## The ideology

- The Finnish Neuromuscular Disorders Association is national association for the disabled
- The association is comprised of 12 local branches with approximately 3000 members
- Supports and serves:
  - People living with neuromuscular disorders
  - Families of the disabled
  - Everyone who needs information about neuromuscular disorders



## The aims

- Support the rights of people living with neuromuscular disorders to have equal, versatile and good life
- Protect social rights
- Promote good services, rehabilitation, therapy and research

## The values

The activity is based on three values

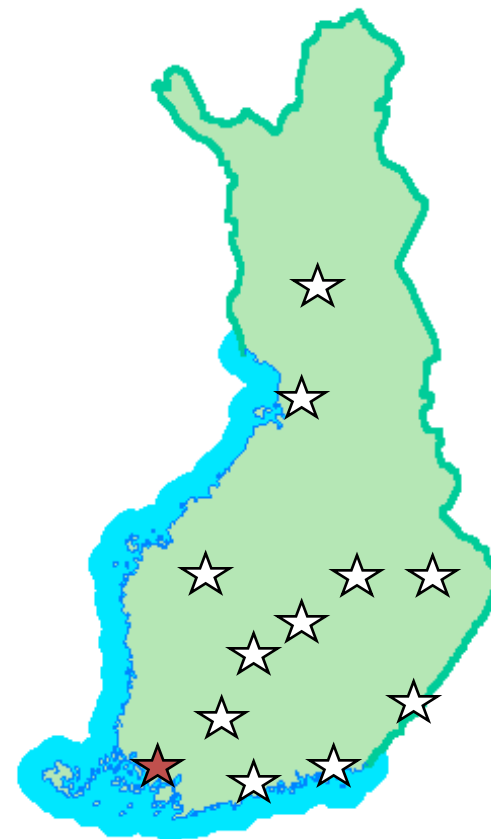
- Diversity of life
- Provide expertise
- Be influential





## Facts about the association

- Finland's Dystrophy association was founded in 1972
- Neuromuscular Disorders Association was founded in 1982
- 12 local branches★
- Approximately 3000 members
- 18 employees
- Headquarters in Turku★
- Five local offices
- Chair: Jukka Sariola
- Executive manager: Anne Heikkinen



## Association's activities



- peer support
- supervising rights
- informing
- member meetings
- expert lectures
- recreational activity
- fund raising
- voluntary work

## The services

- Adjustment training
- Physiotherapy
- Neuromuscular disorders guidance center
- Diagnosis counselling
- Home ventilation
- Social counselling
- Support to enable studies and working
- Communication
- Training





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