



The values and vision of the Central Union

Respect

We work to promote a society in which the human value and care of elderly people are respected.

Reliability and responsibility

We are a reliable and trustworthy partner to all our interest groups.

Expertise

We are an active, dynamic and well-known centre of expertise of care for aged people in Finland.

The Central Union for the Welfare of the Aged is an active opinion leader supporting the wellbeing of elderly people and acting as a guardian for the interests of fellowship organizations.



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IMPRESSIVE WORK FOR THE ELDERLY!



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The Central Union for the Welfare of the Aged is the largest national organization in Finland working with aged people. Our guiding principle is to promote the welfare and social security of the aged and the ageing. The Central Union was founded in 1949 and has approximately 350 member associations.

The member associations run e.g. assisted living homes, old-age homes and dementia units around the country. They also provide other services and arrange versatile day activities for the aged and volunteer work. Members of the Central Union also include national pensioners' organizations and other associations that arrange, among other things, recreational and voluntary activities.

As an expert national organization, we take part in preparing legislation and other topical issues related to services and activities for the aged. We work in active cooperation with many organizations in the social and health sector and with public authorities.

We are involved in international activities. We participate for example the European AGE cooperation network.



The Central Union for the Welfare of the Aged receives substantial funding from the Finnish Slot Machine Association.

Organizational activities

- The Central Union participates in the work of policy development committees and groups in public administration, and as a member in the activities of national co-operative organizations.
- The Central Union offers its members information and guidance in relation to currently important issues, holds regional meetings, and provides education.

Development and training

- Development projects aim at creating new service models and providing the newest knowledge for employees in the field. Projects are implemented in cooperation with member associations, local authorities and other partners. Results are published as reports and articles. The most significant sponsor of the projects is the Finnish Slot Machine Association and Kela, The Social Insurance Institution of Finland.

- Educational events organized by the Central Union bring up current themes and issues in the work with the aged.
- Experts from the Central Union lecture at training events and seminars organised also by other parties.

Information

- The Central Union provides general information about ageing as well as the Union itself and its member associations. The goal is to promote a positive attitude towards old age and the elderly among the public and employees in the field.
- The Central Union publishes the oldest magazine in the field called Vanhustyö (Working with the Aged). The journal is published seven times a year and each issue carries a special theme.



The Day and Week of the elderly

- Finland has celebrated The Day of the Elderly since 1954. The Day of the Elderly takes place on the first Sunday in October, and the following week is the Week of the Elderly. The Central Union selects a theme for the week and produces a poster and a journal as inspirational material.
- Festivities and events are arranged during the week around the country focusing attention on the aged and their affairs.

Home repair advice for war veterans and the aged

- The Central Union of the Welfare for the Aged has 15 regional home repair experts, who help veterans and war invalids in assessing and planning repair work for their homes, and in applying for repair allowances. If necessary, they also help in finding contractors to carry out the repairs. The repair advice is provided free of charge.
- Contact information for the repair instructions can be found on the Central Union's Web page www.vtkl.fi > Organizational work > Home repair advice.

Ageing immigrants

- National IkäMAMU activities were launched in 2006 to develop new operating models for immigrants over the age of 55. IkäMAMU promotes positive attitudes towards the aged immigrants and keeps up the network for the aged immigrants.



Activities for seniors

- Activities for seniors include clubs, groups, volunteer activities, recreational activities, activities with relatives, and public relations work in the Helsinki metropolitan area.

Home care for the aged

- VTKL-palvelut Oy is a company owned by the Central Union for the Welfare of the Aged. It offers versatile domestic services and visiting nurses for the aged and handicapped in the metropolitan area.
- Domestic services include e.g. assistance with daily chores such as cooking, washing clothes and cleaning up. The company also provides services of nurses and chiropractors.

Further information: www.vtkl.fi > VTKL-palvelut Oy.