

# Human Rights Centre

## Promoting Human Rights Education Overview of activities 2012-2017

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# Introduction

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## What is Human Rights Education?

Education about human rights, which includes providing knowledge and understanding of human rights **norms and principles**, the **values** that underpin them and the **mechanisms** for their protection;

Education through human rights, which includes learning and teaching **in a way that respects the rights** of both educators and learners;

Educator for human rights, which includes **empowering** persons to enjoy and **exercise their rights** and to respect and **uphold the rights of others**.

UN Declaration on Human Rights Education , article 2, para. 2  
A/RES/66/137

# Human Rights Centre's mandate on HRE

According to the law, the Human Rights Centre's (HRC) task is to:

Promote information provision, **training, education**  
and research on **fundamental and human rights**



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# Where we started from in late 2012

A national baseline study (NBS) on the implementation of human rights education and training in Finland was launched

## Objective with the study:

- review legislation and national guidelines on human rights education and training.
- evaluate the teacher's educator's and trainer's professional abilities on human rights education and training.



# Key findings from national baseline study

1

**Normative framework is solid ground for HRE**

2

**HRE is not systematic** (depends on teacher's interest)

3

**HR's are mostly taught only as values v. legal norms**

4

**Teacher's education doesn't include education on HR's**

5

**Teaching HR's to public servants is not sufficient**

# 7 Recommendations emerged

**1**

**Action plan on  
HRE**

**2**

**HRE included in  
all education and  
training**

**3**

**HRE should  
enhance HR  
respectful  
learning  
enviroment**

**4**

**Teachers HR  
knowledge and  
skills need to be  
strengthened**

**5**

**HR knowledge of  
public servants  
need to be  
ensured**

**6**

**HRE materials  
should be  
developed**

**7**

**HRE needs to  
be monitored,  
evaluated and  
developed**

# Activities and achievements 2013-2014

- **National baseline study (NBS)** on human rights education and training created and published
- **Recommendations** of the NBS promoted
- **Short movie** to be used in HRE created
- **National curriculum** under revision: statements!
- **Suggestion** to include human rights education to the Universal Periodic review in a statement to OHCHR



# Activities and achievements in 2015

- **Advise and support** to governmental entities offered
- **Statements** on the importance of human rights education and training
- **Lecture series designed & content created**
- **Partnerships** to promote human rights education and training established





# Activities and achievements in 2016

- **Lecture series published:** film & slides, nearly 10 hours of filmed material in Finnish and mostly in Swedish
- **Trainings, lectures, visits**
- Advocacy and support to governmental entities to include **HRE into national action plan on human rights (NAP)** as a major themes
- **Co-operation with NGO's** working in HRE intensifies



# Activities and achievements in 2017

- HRE stand in the **Educa Fair**
- Lecture series/parts watched 5000 times, lectures & visits, more expected as advertising continues
- **Inspections** to schools and regional authorities together with the Ombudsman's office
- Coordinating HRE/NHRI workshop in **ICHRE/Montreal**
- HRE became a key thematic area in **NAP**
- Co-operation with **universities** intensified



# Activities in 2018

- HRE stand in the Educa Fair again
- Lecture series promoted: additional pedagogical material and thematic content created
- Lectures and visits
- Training of 750 principles and educational directors
- Inspections together with the Ombudsman to closed institutions





This was  
\_\_\_\_\_ and will be \_\_\_\_\_  
a joint effort!

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**Summary of national baseline study available in English**

[http://ihmisoikeuskeskus-fi-bin.directo.fi/@Bin/669707aee12e4134221d7d94b247e472/1449046002/application/pdf/661634/HR%20education%20in%20FIN\\_en.pdf\\_.pdf](http://ihmisoikeuskeskus-fi-bin.directo.fi/@Bin/669707aee12e4134221d7d94b247e472/1449046002/application/pdf/661634/HR%20education%20in%20FIN_en.pdf_.pdf)

**HRE materials in Finnish and Swedish available:**

<http://www.ihmisoikeuskeskus.fi/ihmisoikeuskoulutus>

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