ETU ry – Guardians for unaccompanied minors

Association – priorities and actions

ETU ry is a registered, national association serving guardians for unaccompanied minors around Finland. It follows and develops policies related to guardians' activities and duties. Additionally, the association organizes the organisation of guardians as well as improves contexts where guardians operate. The purpose is to enhance the best interests of unaccompanied minors in various ways.

Associations' main tasks include

- follow-up of current development, legislation and instructions
- statements, initiatives, networking
- sharing of knowledge related to the field
- contribution to the education of people working within the field
- advice of guardianship for members of the association
- co-operation with governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as other parties

Co-operation and networking

ETU ry cooperates with governmental and non-governmental organisations within the field: The Federation of Special Welfare Organisation

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- Finnish Folk High School Association
- Central Union for Child Welfare
- Finnish Immigration Service
- Refugee Advice Centre
- Ministry of the Interior
- The Finnish Red Cross
- Police
- Reception Centres, group homes and family group homes
- The Family Federation
- All Our Children

Membership

ETU ry’s executive committee and members consists of guardians from different areas of Finland. To be able to stabilize ETU ry, unite guardians as well as standardize policies nationally, it's very important to have as many members as possible.

Membership requirements:
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- Acceptance of the purpose and rules of the association
- Previous or current work as a guardian under the integration law (Act on the Integration of Immigrants and Reception of Asylum Seekers)
- Commitment to the guardian training

As a support member can be accepted a person or society that supports the purpose and activities of the association.

Membership fees:
- Members 20 euros / year
- Support members 100 euros / year (one-time payment)

If you want to be a member, go to the ETU ry internepages (www.edustajat.fi), fill in the membership form and pay the membership fee.

Contact information

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Association informs about its activities on the internet, with the email notifications and through the extranet (requires registration, check https://nutukka.muikkuverkko.fi/). ETU ry internepages contains information about the association and presents links and material about guardianship as well as unaccompanied minors.