

## Women Resource Centres and Networks in Finland

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<p><i>Kokkolan Naisten Talo</i> also <i>Women House in Kokkola</i> City of Kokkola and Middle Ostrobothnia year 1995 Becoming stabled phase</p>	<p>Protecting of women livelihood and entrepreneurship, networking, increasing of possibilities to have effects</p>	<p>Members (handicraftsmen, unemployed, support members) women and organizations on region, regional development organizations, enterprise counselling organizations</p>	<p>Sale of products and services Employment Regional development Work for Equality Projects</p>	<p>Cooperative society</p>	<p>C. 50 members, 1 employee, no external funding, operates with sales profit and international project funding</p>	<p>Employment, new enterprises, networks, new projects, international contacts, strong know-how, influence, social and cultural capital</p>
<p><i>Karellikeskus Ltd</i> City of Joensuu year 1997 / 1999 Becoming stabled phase</p>	<p>Advancing of women employment and entrepreneurship Women participation to regional development work Advancing of equality Networking</p>	<p>Attempting women in North Karelia: - women entrepreneurs - women planning an entrepreneurship - active women</p>	<p>Counselling Mentoring Implementation of projects Product development Organizing of different kind of events Establishing of Women Houses Marketing and information International contacts and relationships</p>	<p>Ltd and the North Karelian Napakka cooperative society</p>	<p>8 project workers 3 expert entrepreneurs network of 30 entrepreneurs know-how network of over 300 women 3 Women Houses</p>	<p>Results on years 1999–2005 - Karellikeskus has in all employed 12 project workers and over 20 expert entrepreneurs and trainees - in province of North Karelia network of c. 350 locally active women - influence on starting of new enterprise → 60 - influence on women employment → 130 - developed functioning enterprises → 110 - has gave counselling and support → 350 - established Napakka cooperative society → 70 members - networking team organization model - Puotiska – the substitute model for entrepreneurs - KarElli magazine</p>
<p><i>Naisyrittäjyyskeskus ry</i> also <i>Women entrepreneurship centre</i> City of Helsinki year 1996 from initiative of Finland's Jobs and Society association Becoming stabled phase</p>	<p>To encourage, support and spurt women to entrepreneurship Develop and spread out new standards of activity to advance entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Women begoing to be entrepreneurs and newly-started women entrepreneurs</p>	<p>Counselling for how to start an enterprise, Entrepreneurs courses, mentoring, networking events, developing of new standards of activity and spreading of them in Finland and abroad</p>	<p>Registered association, as a members private enterprises, banks, insurance companies, entrepreneur associations, jobs and society associations</p>	<p>3 permanent employees, wide counsellor and trainer network consisting of entrepreneurs and specialists</p>	<p>International projects An entrepreneur counsels another entrepreneur – Best practise in EU 2003 (ISO 9001 quality certificate) New enterprises Group mentoring and networking model in product developing</p>
<p><i>Naisten-talo/Reaktioketju</i> also <i>Women House/Reaktioketju project</i> City of Iisalmi year 2002 Start-up phase</p>	<p>Advancing and supporting of women entrepreneurship Increasing of visibility of women entrepreneurship Activating of networking</p>	<p>Women entrepreneurs Women who are planning to start their own enterprise Students</p>	<p>Counselling Education Activating Employment</p>	<p>Project (activity) + an enterprise Iisalmen teollisuuskylä Oy (premises)</p>	<p>Business Adviser an secretary/ADP support person, premises of resource centre, café/meeting room, rooms for rent for enterprises (8 pieces)</p>	

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<i>Keski-Savon Re-sursikeskus (Helemet) also Helemet, the Resource centre of Middle Savo</i> City of Varkaus, Middle Savo year 2004 Start-up phase	Advancing and developing of women entrepreneurship	Women interested in developing of their enterprise, region or their own know-how	Trainings, networks and teams, counselling, activating and getting persons to attend	Developing Company of Middle Savo Ltd / ESR project for 24 months	Project money	
<i>Kainuun naisten-talo Woimala also Woimala - the Women House of Kainuu</i> City of Kajaani, Province of Kainuu year 2005 Start-up phase	Supporting of women employment, entrepreneurship and activity on regional development	Women in Kainuu	Counselling, advising of persons taking responsibility for themes, education, premises for rent for entrepreneurs and associations	Project of the network of women in Kainuu, administered by Rural Women's Advisory Centre Kainuu, partners Women entrepreneur association, The Mannerheim League for Child Welfare, University of Oulu	Over 500 members in network possibility to apply 350 000 € for years 2005-2007	
<i>Sinni, voimava-rakeskus naisille Sinni resource centre for women</i> City of Oulu and Northern Ostrobothnia year 2005 Start-up phase	Advancing and strengthening of women entrepreneurship; building up a women network in several levels, improving of women employment and equality	Starting women entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs, associations and organizations of women, unemployed women, multi-cultural women etc.	Counselling of women entrepreneurship, equality work, regional developing	To begin with a project (two projects); the aim is to have a company form in two years	Members of networks, project money	
<i>Kassandra ry Association Kassandra</i> City of Helsinki year 2002 Start-up phase	The meaning of the association is to reduce the prejudices between New and Original Finns. Kassandra brings together people from different cultural background and helps build a new Finnish identity.	Children, girls and women from different cultural backgrounds, female artists	It organizes art workshops for women, girls and children. Workshops are run primarily by New-Finnish female artists. Kassandra produces and supplies multicultural art events and celebrations in which New and Original Finns can meet each other as equals.	Registered association	5 full-time employees 2 trainees c. 70 hour basis workers on year 2004 Equal/ESRproject Urban II Ministry of Education City of Helsinki RAY	

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<i>Ilona</i> Region of Pieksämäki year 2005 Start-up phase	Increasing of work places for women, advancing of co-operation between enterprises, in-spirit micro enterprises to develop	Women entrepreneurs, persons interested in entrepreneurship, unemployed, all active persons who want women co-operation and networking	Organizes and produce different kind of happenings, trainings and meetings in co-operation with others	Administered by the development centre of city of Pieksämäki	Project money	
<i>Lounaiset naisverkoston hanke</i> <i>Lounaiset women network project</i> Region of Salo year 2004 Preparation phase	Strengthening of women's possibilities for livelihood, advancing of producing of women entrepreneurship and own know-how, encouraging women to influence, advancing of welfare. The aim is to establish a resource centre.	All women living in region	Organizes different kind of education for example for entrepreneurship and ADP, happenings and meeting concerning influencing and welfare	Administered by Lounais-Suomen Maaseudunkehittämisyhdistys	1 project coordinator, a network of c. 100 women	Women network, increased consciousness of women knowledge, encouragement for people starting their own enterprise, growth of social capital in region
City of Tornio year 2005 Preparation phase	Map out the possibilities to establish a women resource centre in near of the Sweden border in Torniolaakso	Entrepreneurs, employed and unemployed women. Benefit goes to the regional associations of entrepreneurship.	counselling, employing, education, networking	Preliminary network		
<i>Voimakas also "Powerfull"</i> City of Hämeenlinna year 2005 Preparation phase	Advancing of women entrepreneurship and employment by creating regional innovation and know-how surroundings in co-operation with enterprise educational establishments	Women entrepreneurs and enterprises where most of the employees or owners are women, persons interested in entrepreneurship and substitute activity for example students, persons in Business Incubators, mothers in home and unemployed interested in entrepreneurship	Education and counselling, creating of substitute model, web pages		Members of network, Polytechnic of Häme HAMK, Women entrepreneur association of the region of Hämeenlinna, project money?	
<i>Porin seudun naisten resurssikeskus Karhutar also Karhutar – the resource centre for women in region of Pori</i> Region of Pori years 1997–98 Preparation phase	Supporting and advancing of women entrepreneurship and women entrepreneurs	Women entrepreneurs and women planning entrepreneurship	Counselling, small-scale education and networking	ESR project administered by Cooperative society Sataosaajat	Project money	
<i>Napakka-hanke Napakka project</i> Tampere region 1.4.2005–2006 Preparation phase	To inspire and encourage women to entrepreneurship and to develop their own business activity	Women entrepreneurs association of Tampere region, women working in the enterprises of their spouse, women employees working in companies owned by women, women interested in entrepreneurship	Education based on the needs of working life: means to increase professionalism and productivity, strengthening of inner entrepreneurship, improving of quality of working life	Association of women entrepreneurs in Tampere	Project leader ESR project money	