

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

of persons with intellectual disabilities

Sami Helle, Finland

Work Forum on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the EU and the Member States

13 May 2019, 9.30-10.30, Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi Room

SAMI HELLE



Musician

- PKN- punk band
- Sam Heat- solo project

Media person & Entrepreneur

Founder of

- Radio Station Valo, Lyhty
- Pertti's Choice Outsider Art Gallery and Agency, Daatso Ltd

Politician

- Center Party, Helsinki Finland
- Candidate for Municipal election 2017
- Candidate for Parliamentary election 2019

Human rights & Cultural activist

Founder of associations

- We for Our selves
- Synerga

PERTTI KURIKAN NIMIPÄIVÄT

Pertti Kurikka's Nameday

- Punk band formed in 2009
- Fans all over the world
- Represented Finland in Eurovision Song contest 2015 in Vienna "Building Bridges"
- Management in Pertti's Choice Art Agency

Advocacy work for Cultural Equality

- 20 recordings to various record labels
- Over 200 hundred Live gigs in 15 countries, Europe, USA, Kanada
- The Punk Syndrome Documentary 2012
- The Punk Voyage Documentary 2017



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IMPORTANT TOPICS

Accessibility, Equality & Cultural diversity

- ✓ Equal opportunities to participate, vote and run for office
- ✓ Consulting politicians in accessibility issues
- ✓ Encouragement to engage in advocacy work, projects and campaigns

Projects & Campaigns

- “This time I’m Voting” campaign in Finland
- Human is a good thing - Impact Campaign in Schools
- Cultural Entrepreneurship, employment of disabled employees (Daatso Ltd)
- #ERIKOISJOUKKO Special Forces Solution for Employing People with learning disabilities
- ReDoMe© Creative Change for sustainable working communities

Upcoming

- Pertti's Choice Pop up tour in Helsinki, London, Dublin, Paris, NYC (Cultural Export, Ministry of Education and Culture)
- Inside Outside Finland – virtual exhibition in EU-parliament, Brussels in September 2019





CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE

- I founded this Citizen's Initiative to fight against the discriminative nature of public procurement in services for people with learning disabilities
- Media campaign to raise awareness about problems of public procurement
- It is a forerunner act from an intellectually disabled citizen in Finland
- It gathered 72 059 supporters
- I presented the initiative also in the European Parliament in 2013

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MEDIA

Official websites

www.pkn.rocks
www.pertinvalinta.fi
www.lyhty.fi
www.kivimedia.fi

Social media

<https://www.facebook.com/PerttiKurikanNimipaivat/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Pertin-Valinta-2060334154224532/>
<https://www.facebook.com/sami.helle.helsinki>
<https://www.facebook.com/sami.helle1>
<https://www.facebook.com/samihellepolitiikka/>

Blogs

<https://www.creativefinland.net/blog/pertti-s-choice>
<https://www.redome.fi/fi/videot/Sami-Helle>
https://media.sitra.fi/2017/02/28142703/Ratkaisu_100_kilpailuohjelma_EN.pdf

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