



emmaus

HELSINKI

ACTIVITY REPORT 2019
(SUMMARY)

EMMAUS HELSINKI RY WAS FOUNDED in 1966 as part of the international Emmaus movement, which calls upon all kinds of people – skilled and unskilled – to work together to help the less fortunate and to support them in their struggle for human rights and a better life. Politically and religiously non-aligned, Emmaus is also an environmental movement, which promotes recycling and a sustainable lifestyle.

THE MAIN EVENT for the Emmaus movement in 2019 was the 70th anniversary, which we celebrated in November in Helsinki by organising an open day. Seventy years ago the Parisian priest and member of parliament, Abbé Pierre, invited a suicidal ex-convict to join him to help families made homeless by the Second World War, and thus the Emmaus movement was born.

In May Emmaus international celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Emmaus manifesto in Bern, Switzerland, where we were also represented.

In September 2019 we held a workshop for our members with the title “Values and Actions”, to consider the motives and meaning of our work. Our solidarity themes in 2019 were among others the right to

International Emmaus celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Emmaus movement’s manifesto in Bern, Switzerland, in the same hall where the manifesto was first approved. Ulla Hoyer attended as representative of Emmaus Helsinki.



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clean water, the right to a home, human rights, International Romani Day, and the rights of women, children and the physically challenged.

Emmaus Helsinki’s fundraising is mainly from its two fleamarkets, which sell items donated by members of the public. Most of the work is done by volunteers, which enables us to channel a large part of the profits to solidarity work at home and abroad. In 2019 there was a total of 83 volunteers working almost 300 hours per week. Salaried employees comprised the executive manager, two part-time shop managers, one part time shop assistant and one part-time odd-job man. Additionally we employed students and people finding their way in working life.

One of our main concerns has been the fact that the Lauttasaari flea-market building will be pulled down. We are actively looking for alternative premises in Lauttasaari.

IN EMMAUS HELSINKI RY MATTERS are decided in a general meeting (170 members) in spring and autumn, and by the board chosen in a general meeting (chair: Ulla Hoyer, and 11 other members) who met nine times during the course of the year.

Our publication “Emmaus Uutiset” which came out twice, in the spring and the autumn, was sent to members and also made available for customers to read in our shops. Weekly updates were emailed to members, and we made regular updates to our Facebook and Instagram pages. In the Vallila shop we have an exhibition window, where artists and cooperation partners present current topics on a monthly basis.

OUR WORK IN 2019 CLOSELY FOLLOWED OUR ACTION PLAN. We achieved our target to donate 35% of our sales income to solidarity work at home and abroad.

Our fleamarkets’ combined sales income was €346,484. The Lauttasaari shop’s sales exceeded Vallila’s for the first time. We were able to channel €120,776 to monetary donations.

WE DONATED TO SOLIDARITY WORK ABROAD AS FOLLOWS:

- South Africa, Cordis: €10,000
- Peru, Cuna Nazareth children’s day-care centre: €3,000
- Peru, Cuna Nazareth recycling centre: €1,493
- India, pardhi-adviasi project: €7,950
- Emmaus International’s solidarity projects: €1,500
- Estonia, Katikoti, home for the mentally handicapped: €7,998
- Ukrainian Emmaus groups, Nasha Khata and Oselya: €4,000
- Bulgaria’s Drom organisation, Roma community project: €25,000

In the “Values and Actions” workshop we considered the motives and meaning of our work. The other aim of the workshop was to develop a tool to estimate how well current and future projects reflect the Emmaus values.



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- – Shipping costs of our second-hand items by lorry to east European Emmaus groups: €6,327
- Lithuania, Missing Persons' Families Support Centre (MPFSC): €2,000

SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC PROJECTS (total €32,738, about 27% of all monetary donations):

- Work and Hope, a social employment project (Keikkapooli): €7,738
- VVA ry: €4,000
- Kris- Southern Finland ry: €7,000
- MONIKA (Multicultural Women's Association): €3,000
- Hirundo Day care centre: €2,000
- Global Clinic: €3,000
- John Nurminen Foundation, Baltic Sea protection project: €2,000
- Yhteiset Lapsemme ry (All Our Children organisation): €2,000
- The Finnish Refugee Advice Centre (Pakolaisneuvonta ry): €2,000

OTHER SUPPORT, totalling €18,513

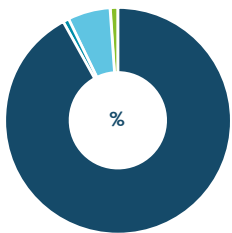
- Emmaus Europe solidarity work: €780
- Nepal, Nafan organisation, through Mikkelin Kehityksmaayhdistys Kema ry: €2,233
- Congo, Against Malaria Foundation: €2,000
- Indonesia, Yayasan Penghibur children's home: €2,500
- Mosambique hurricane victims, through Pelastakaa Lapset ry (Save the Children Finland): €1,000

- Support for Mediterranean Sea refugees:
 - Mediterranean Initiative (Emmaus Italia): €6,000
 - Lesvos Solidarity: €4,000
- We also donated goods and gift cards to cooperation organisations for them to redistribute.

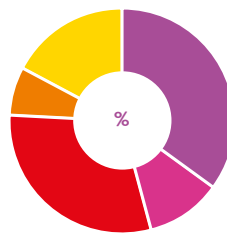
DURING THE YEAR EMMAUS HELSINKI PARTICIPATED in many events, e.g. the Finnish Social Forum, World Village Festival (Maailma kylässä), KirppisAppro (Flea market crawl), The Night of the Arts, Lempivaatteeni (my favourite garment) campaign of Eetti (organisation for ethical trade), White Monday and the Climate Strike, as well as in meetings at Fingo ry, Citizen Forum (Kansalaisareena) and the Undocumented Migrants' Network.

Emmaus Helsinki ry is part of the International Emmaus movement. We strive to promote solidarity, cooperation and equality between different peoples and races. We also try to adhere to these principles in our daily work. We welcome donors, customers, volunteers and everyone who shares these values. Discarded items in our fleamarkets find a new purpose, just as we volunteers in our diversity find our place. A warm thank you to all donors, customers and supporters, volunteers and salaried workers!

The complete annual report, in Finnish, can be found on our website: <http://www.emmaushelsinki.fi/fi/toimintakertomus.html>



INCOME DISTRIBUTION 2019



SHARE OF TOTAL COSTS 2019

INCOME	2019 (€)	%
SALES INCOME	346 484	92
DONATIONS	2 442	1
EMPLOYMENT AID	24 194	6
MEMBERSHIP FEES AND RETURN ON INTEREST	3 748	1
TOTAL	376 868	

2018 (€)	%
340 341	88
0	0
41 151	11
3 612	1
385 104	

2017 (€)	%
330 941	86
0	0
50 840	13
3 404	1
385 185	

COSTS	2019 (€)	% C	% SL	2018 (€)	% C	% SL	2017 (€)	% C	% SL
SOLIDARITY SUPPORT	120 776	35	35	150 438	40	44	130 511	39	39
RENTS	37 953	11	11	37 782	10	11	37 676	11	11
COSTS FOR STAFF WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT AID	105 846	30	31	87 879	23	26	57 699	17	17
EMPLOYMENT AID	24 194	7		41 151	11		50 840	15	
OTHER COSTS	58 922	17	17	58 430	16	17	56 427	17	17
LOAN INTERESTS AND OTHER CHARGES	0	0	0	0	0	0	479	0	0
TOTAL	347 691			375 680			333 632		

C = Costs | SL = Sales Income



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