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HELSINKI

ACTIVITY REPORT 2020
(SUMMARY)

FOUNDED IN 1966 as part of the international Emmaus movement, Emmaus Helsinki welcomes people from all walks of life - skilled and unskilled - to work together to help the most vulnerable, to support them in their struggle for human rights and a better life, and to make the world a better place. Politically and religiously non-aligned, Emmaus is also an environmental movement, which promotes recycling and a sustainable lifestyle, and through its own activities aims to show by example an alternative way of life.

EMMAUS HELSINKI GETS ITS INCOME from two flea markets, one in Vallila and the other in Lauttasaari, where they sell donated items. The proceeds cover running costs and enable us to support projects of our partners in Finland, Europe, Peru and India.

WHEN THE CORONA PANDEMIC reached Finland in February it soon had a great impact also on Emmaus Helsinki's activities. In March we were forced to close both flea markets and lay off the workers. The Vallila shop was closed for three months, and the Lauttasaari one for four months.

The year's major effort: A team of staff and volunteers made the move from Gyldeintie to Heikkiläntie.



PHOTO: MARIJANA TOIVANEN

The Labour pool's cheerful team: from the front, Lidia, Maria, Ionica, Maria and Rodica.

Following the break both shops operated with shorter opening times for the rest of the year. The pandemic also caused the cancellation of many events, the most significant being the World Village Festival, in which Emmaus has always participated. We were unable to arrange the association's traditional Christmas party, and we had to hold the spring meeting in conjunction with the autumn meeting. We were able to continue with our regular weekly meetings, however. We were even able to publish our members' magazine Emmaus Uutiset twice, as normal.

IN SEPTEMBER THE LAUTTASAARI SHOP moved to new premises in Heikkiläntie 2, and opened on 6 October, after a three-week closure for the move.

FOR THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE CALCULATED THE CARBON FOOTPRINT from a few main aspects of our activities in the Vallila shop: food, electricity, heating, waste, transports and travel. With the exception of waste material the calculations were based on the year 2019. The biggest emissions, at 16,816 kg of CO₂, were from district heating generated from coal. Electricity's carbon footprint was 0, because we use electricity generated from water power. Emissions from food and waste were also comparatively low. Travelling mainly by air to a few meetings generated a carbon footprint of 5,373 kg of CO₂. We therefore have room for improvement especially in travelling. Holding meetings via video link, as we have learned to do during the pandemic, may result in permanent and positive changes, from an environmental point of view, in Emmaus' meeting practices.

THE EXCEPTIONAL YEAR ALSO NATURALLY HAD AN IMPACT ON SALES, which totalled ,€ 214,062 and were almost ,€ 130,000 less than the previous year. Thanks to our savings we were still able to meet our planned solidarity budget and made donations totalling ,€ 92,890 or 43% of our sales income.

WHILE THE FLEAMARKETS WERE OPEN THERE WERE 3-4 SALARIED STAFF, as well as a few on supported income, work trial and trainees. The business continued to be entirely dependent on volunteers, although the pandemic had a major effect also on their input. At the beginning of the year before the pandemic the Vallila shop saw an average of 46 volunteers per week; in the autumn only about 32. In the Lauttasaari shop during the year there were around 10 volunteers. Volunteer hours

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➤ amounted to an estimated 9,000, while the corresponding figure for the previous year was almost 15,000 hours.

WE DONATED A TOTAL OF € 66,340 to solidarity work abroad:

- Cuna Nazareth children, day-care centre and recycling centre in Peru: € 5,013
- Pardhi-ativasi aboriginal peoples' project in India: € 20,560
- Through Emmaus international to Emmaus groups which have suffered most from the pandemic: € 3,000
- Katikoti, home for the mentally handicapped in Estonia: € 4,936
- Nasha Khata Emmaus group for the homeless in the Ukraine: € 2,000
- Drom organisation, supporting the Roma community in Bulgaria: € 20,000
- Shipments by lorry of second-hand items to Poland, Romania and Bulgaria: € 5,831
- Missing Persons' Families Support Centre in Lithuania: € 2,000
- Against Malaria Foundation: € 1,000
- Disaster relief through the Finnish Red Cross to Ethiopia: € 2,000

TO OUR DOMESTIC PARTNERS we donated € 26,550 (about 29% of all donations):

- Work and Hope (Keikkapooli) coordinator's salary costs: € 13,500
- No Fixed Abode (VVA ry): € 2,000
- KRIS - Southern Finland ry: € 4,000

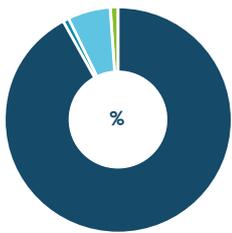
- Monika-Naiset Liitto ry: € 2,000
- Helsinki Deaconess Institute's Hirundo migrants' day centre: € 2,000
- Global Clinic: € 2,000
- Protection of the Baltic Sea through the John Nurminen Foundation: € 1,000

IN ADDITION we donated 1,270 packages of goods to Finland, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria, and in the capital region we gave Emmaus shopping vouchers to associations supporting the underprivileged totalling € 1,200.

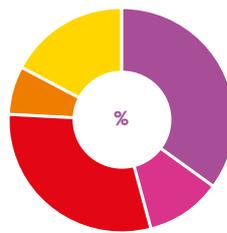
FINALLY. The Emmaus community is like a second home for many of us, where we give each other support and consider diversity to be an asset. The Emmaus community is also hospitable: everyone is welcome, everyone is needed. We also welcome donors and customers to this communal solidarity work. Items donated to our fleamarkets find a new value and people who feel rejected can find new meaning to their lives; through the results of our combined efforts we can be influential in a more sustainable future. Thank you to all donors, customers, staff and volunteer workers! With your contribution we have been able to keep up the good work also during this coronavirus year!

The complete annual report, in Finnish, can be found on our website:

<http://www.emmaushelsinki.fi/fi/toimintakertomus.html>



INCOME DISTRIBUTION 2020



SHARE OF TOTAL COSTS 2020

INCOME	2020	%
SALES INCOME	214 062	93
DONATIONS	0	0
EMPLOYMENT AID	13 967	6
MEMBERSHIP FEES AND RETURN ON INTEREST	3 175	1
TOTAL	231 203	

2019	%
346 484	92
2 442	1
24 194	6
3 748	1
376 868	

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

COSTS	2020	% C	% SL	2019	% C	% SL	2018	% C	% SL
SOLIDARITY SUPPORT	92 889	33	43	120 776	35	35	150 438	40	44
RENTS	56 985	20	27	37 953	11	11	37 782	10	11
COSTS FOR STAFF WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT AID	83 103	30	39	105 846	30	31	87 879	23	26
EMPLOYMENT AID	13 967	5	-	24 194	7	-	41 151	11	-
OTHER COSTS	34 034	12	16	58 922	17	17	58 430	16	17
TOTAL	280 978			347 691			375 680		

C = Costs | SL = Sales Income



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