

JYY and associations

The association sector at JYY



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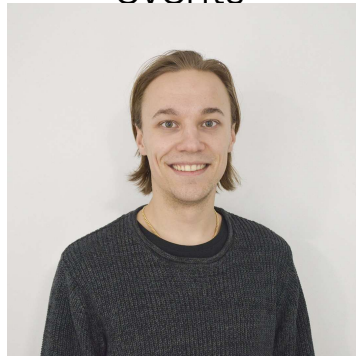
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What JYY wants from associations

- Registration every year (to get contact information)
- Help with communications from time to time
- Co-operation in general
 - Keeping up with the news (forums)
 - Events – lets co-operate and not have events overlap

What JYY offers to the associations

- Help with problems
- Free trainings for board members
- Key cards to associations' own spaces
- Loan equipment
- Opportunity to reserve Boombox, Tilia and Student Lounge
- Grants (general, project and sports grants)

Loan equipment

- Outdoor games
 - Mölkky
 - Frisbees
 - Kyykkä
 - Sleds
 - etcetc
- Board Games
- Reusable dishes
- Other stuff:
 - Cargo bicycle
 - Megaphone (2 pieces)
 - Beer Bong-tables (2 pieces)

<https://jyy.fi/en/for-students/tools-equipment-rent-borrow/>





<https://jyy.fi/en/community/rental-spaces/>

Rental spaces

- Reserving Boombox, Tilia and Student Lounge always goes through Petro via email
 - NOTICE!! Always this way, not reserving yourself in KOVS
 - Boombox and Tilia can be reserved tuesda-thursday 16-22, Student Lounge on weekdays 18-21
- Reserving spaces from the University – KOVS
 - KOVS access will be given to all associations that register
 - These can be reserved only for necessary events
 - Meaning meetings, trainings, non-alcoholic events
 - More information through the link

General, project and sports grants

- We want to support our associations with money grants, so that every association has the funding it needs to operate
- 3 different categories
 - General grants
 - Project grants
 - Sports grants
- General grants for associations
 - Registration within JYY is required
 - 2 phases:
 - Basic part in the **spring**
 - Activity based part in the **autumn**



<https://jyy.fi/en/for-associations/grants/>

General, project and sports grants

- Project grants
 - Meant for new event ideas
 - The exception is annual celebrations, every 5 years we support with 100€
 - Max 300€/association/year
 - Can be applied for several different events
- Sports grants
 - For sport events
 - Is granted on x€/participant
 - Max 300€/association/year



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General things about being in a board of an association

What dictates what an association can do?

- The Finnish Association Act
 - Has rules about the board (minimum size), what responsibilities the board has, what rights the members have etc.
 - Link: <https://www.prh.fi/en/yhdistysrekisteri/act.html>
- On any matters the Association Act doesn't cover, the rules of the association apply
- Other things that dictate what an association can do:
 - Other laws and acts (for example on accounting)
 - Previous decisions by the association
 - Action plans approved in general meetings
 - General rules of conduct

Rules of the association

- Usually has rulings on the size of the board, who can join as a member, how rules can be changed etc.
- Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) checks the rules of the association when they are founded and when they amend their rules, whether the new rules contradicts with the law
- New rules can only be approved by a general meeting
- They come into effect when PRH has checked them
- You have to inform PRH on the people who are allowed to sign for the association (in Finnish called nimenkirjoittajat)

A registered association can

- Sign contracts
- Own property and goods
- Make sales
- Accept grants and other financial contributions
- Collect membership fees
- Be a member in another association

The members of an association are not held responsible for the associations unlawful actions (Notice: Board members can be held responsible)

Members of an association

- There is no association without its members
- Members hold the highest power in the association
- Can be either people or organizations (other associations)
- The rules of the association dictate who can join as a member
- The board approves new members
- Members have rights and responsibilities
 - They have a right to take part in the decision making of the association and for example can attend events
 - They have the responsibility to "watch over" the board and take steps if needed
- The rules also dictate when a member can be dismissed
- A registry of members have to be held, with at least the names and homeplaces (eg Jyväskylä) of all members

General meetings

- Are the highest deciding body in the association
- Usually held once or twice a year
- The meeting decides on the approving of official documents (action plan, budget), appointing new board members, choosing how large the membership fee is and on any potential rules changes
- Members have the opportunity to shape what the association does
- The chair of the meeting should be someone that is not liable for the actions
 - Can also be someone that is not a member

What board members do

- The association should select board members that can further the aims of the association
- The actions of the board should conform to the law and to the rules of the association
- They run the day-to-day business of the association, take charge of finances, organize meetings (board meetings and general meetings), represent the association on official matters
- It is recommended to have a discussion in the board on what matters falls on which board members

What board members do

The board has

- Parliamentary responsibility
 - Must have the trust of its members
- Judicial responsibility
 - If the board does unlawful decisions, the board is held responsible
 - The responsibility is only lifted, if you left a marking of a dissenting opinion in the minutes
- Financial responsibility
 - A board member is responsible to reimburse any damage they cause to the association, wilful or not



Questions? Anything left ambiguous?

**What can we do for our
international associations**

The issue of language

- JYY has been (rightfully so) criticized for emphasizing Finnish over English in communications and events
- The issue is two-fold: how can we expect international students to participate when everything is in Finnish, while also keeping our communications and events accessible for those not speaking English
- Still over 95% of all students are Finnish speaking
- This is a struggle that we are committed to work on



Forum for International Affairs

- The replacement for the Subcommittee of International Affairs
- Has all associations' board members dealing with International Affairs
- Deals with issues regarding exchange students and international degree students
- Can and will be held at least partly in English, if English speaking people attend
- Link to the Telegram group on the right
- Also the Sustainability Forum has plans to have meetings partly in English



International Community Group & JYYbelong

International Community Group of JYY

- Group leader Pauliina Rissanen
- The group brings together volunteers to plan and execute activities aimed at increasing international students' sense of belonging
- Operates mainly in English and is open for everyone who is interested in volunteering or attending events

JYYBelong

- JYYBelong continues the great work of Leija project with the same idea of enhancing sense of community



Most importantly, what do you need from JYY?

What kind of support would you want from JYY? What kind of co-operation would work for your associations?

