The Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD) is a national advocacy and service association. FPD champions and improves the opportunities for people with physical disabilities and different functional abilities to move around, participate and live a fulfilling life. The FPD Group also comprises Validia Rehabilitation, Validia Housing Services and Validia Vocational College.





RARE DISABILITIES UNIT

Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities

FACTS AND PEER SUPPORT

The Rare Disabilities Unit, part of the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD), aims at improving the status of people with rare diseases by providing up-to-date information and opportunities for peer support. There are more than 10,000 rare people in Finland, covering about 850 rare diagnosis.

FPD's Rare Disabilities Unit

- provides information and publications
- guides, such as diagnostic and rehabilitation guides
- newsletter on rare diseases (Harava)
- website and bulletins
- expert articles

- organises
- meetings for diagnostic groups
- meetings on various themes
- regional meetings
- peer events
- lectures, informative events

- provides guidance and counselling
- for rare disease patients and their families
- for professionals who meet rare disease patients in their work
- for other interested parties.



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