

# Activity of Miessakit ry ['Manly Crew'], MS

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## Aims and objectives

Founded in 1995, MS is currently the largest men's organisation in Finland. It receives substantial funding from RAY [Finland's Slot Machine Association]. The objective of MS is to support the mental, psychological and social growth of men. The organisation complements the existing crisis services available for men and promotes nonviolent family life.

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## Creator/owner/responsible institution

**Name:** Miessakit ry ['Manly Crew'], MS

**Stakeholder:** Civil society organisation

**Area of intervention:** Men and gender equality

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**Activities**

The organisation's activities include:

- Running men's groups across the country
- Providing a service to help men who have used physical or mental violence against their intimate partners
- Developing activities to support fathers
- Developing activities to support immigrant men
- Providing a service that supports and guides men in dealing with divorce issues
- Running a development and training unit conducting research and development in the field of working with men and improving the skills of the social, health care, educational and youth work sectors in working with men
- Promoting the male point of view in public discussion

### Conferences

- MS has since 2009 been a co-organiser and contributor to talks and panel discussions at the annual national men's issues conference Tampereen Miespäivät [Tampere Men's Days] <http://www.miespaivat.net/>
- MS has since 2005 arranged an annual event Miesten viikko [Men's Week] in November (following Father's Day) <http://www.miestenviikko.fi/>
- MS is (together with Miesten Keskus) co-organising a seminar Miestyön Foorumi [Forum on Work with Men], a national workshop event for social workers
- MS has also arranged a number of workshops and seminars on various & current men's issues

### Materials

- Linnankoski J, Valtonen M (2008) Erosta Elossa [How to Survive Divorce], Miessakit, Helsinki, [http://www.miessakit.fi/fi/julkaisut/erosta\\_ellosa](http://www.miessakit.fi/fi/julkaisut/erosta_ellosa)
- Peitsalo P (2007) Miesryhmät [Men's Groups], Miessakit, Helsinki, <http://www.miessakit.fi/fi/julkaisut/miesryhmat>
- MS also publishes a quarterly bulletin, URHO, <http://www.miessakit.fi/fi/urho>

# Metadata

**ONGOING:** No

**TYPE:** Counselling / Mentoring / Coaching program, Publication, Network, Study / Survey, Awareness-raising campaigns/events

**TARGET GROUP:** Adult men

**KEYWORDS:** men and gender equality