



Short description of Johannes Mihkelson Centre

Johannes Mihkelson Centre was founded on 23 September 1993 by Estonian Social Democratic Party, Estonian Social Democratic Youth and Estonian Social Democratic Party in Exile (Sweden).

The center carries its name in memory of Johannes Mihkelson (1907-1992), who was a leader of Estonian social democratic movement for a long time.

The mission of Johannes Mihkelson Centre is

- to promote social justice, balanced and democratic development of the society in Estonia and abroad in co-operation with state, NGOs and international partners.
- to provide more opportunities for marginalized segments of the society, foremost for unemployed, refugees, youth, young women and other minorities.
- to contribute to creation an inclusive society in which learning is valued, understood, wanted and widely available to every individual.

The main fields Johannes Mihkelson Centre is involved in are the following:

- Job search trainings and mentoring for unemployed people
- Trainings for trade unions
- Training for mentors (support persons) for refugees and asylum seekers all over Estonia
- Training for mentors for people with addiction problems
- Coordinating mentoring services and supervision for mentors
- Civic society training in Estonia and abroad

Johannes Mihkelson Centre has initiated so-called job clubs methodology in 2002 for unemployed. From that moment on we have offered job search training in different parts of Estonia. We continue to carry on job club instructor's trainings but also organize trainings for social workers in municipalities and for mentors for unemployed all over Estonia.

Our newest target group is migrants and refugees in Estonia. Since Estonia recently joined Schengen area, we expect the number of refugees to increase and we have started a training program for refugee mentors.

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Johannes Mihkelson Centre is governed by board and director who are appointed by the founding organizations. There are seven full-time employees – director, book-accountant, secretary and four project managers. Also many lecturers, mentors, supervisors, consultants and experts work for the centre in the projects.

Main partners

In Estonia: Open Estonian Foundation, Bradley Dunbar Associates Estonia, Estonian Open Education Society, Estonian European Movement, European Youth, Enterprise Estonia, Estonian Foundation of Integration, European Commission in Estonia, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonian Social Democratic Party, Estonian Labour Market Board, Council of Gambling Taxation, also different local governments, NGO-s, trade unions.

Abroad: European Social Fond, European Refugee Fond, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Alfred Mozer Foundation, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Foundation Jean Jaures, Olof Palme International Centre, SOLIDAR.

Johannes Mihkelson Centre is a member of Education Forum Estonia, Open Education Union and international SOLIDAR network.