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"RIKOLLISTEN REVANSSI YHTEISKUNNASSA"

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KRIS tarjoaa monipuolista apua ja tukea silloin kun apu on eniten tarpeen. Tavoitteena on rikoksesta tuomittujen selviytyminen rangaistuksen päätyttyä ja niiden nuorten auttaminen, joilla on riski ajautua rikosuralle.

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What is **CRIS**?

- **Kriminellas Revansch I Samhället/CRIS**
- **Criminals' Return Into Society/CRIS**

CRIS is an international organisation, which aims to help people released from prison to break the cycle of substance abuse and imprisonment and to reintegrate into society based on the principle of voluntary work and peer support.

CRIS provides versatile help and support when it is most needed. The goal is to help sentenced people to cope after they have served their sentence and young people who are at risk of heading towards a criminal lifestyle.

CRIS principles

We demand:

- ❖ **Abstinence from drugs** / 100%
- ❖ **Honesty** / 100%

We offer:

- ❖ **Solidarity** / involvement and goals
- ❖ **Companionship** / care and respect

CRIS Finland Central Union

- Functions as the parent organisation
- Supervises the use of the CRIS trademark
- Coordinates, unifies and develops the work of CRIS
- Supervises the ethics, operation and finances as well as enhances the operation of the member organisations (e.g. training and work counselling)
- Central Union has five member organisations around Finland

Mission and vision

- **Mission:** Former offenders' empowerment and positive integration into society with the help of the peer support of CRIS
- **Vision:** Freedom to choose meaningful life without crime

Activities

Goal:

- To promote former offenders' life control and involvement as well as to develop and supplement prisoners' aftercare and community sanction clients' services as an expert by experience

Methods:

- Work in prisons
- Support work
- Preventive special youth work
- Projects

Work in prisons



Work in prisons

- Info visits
- Theme groups
- Individual support visits
- Groups preparing for freedom
- Support during prison leaves
- Pickup at the gate when released

Support work



Activity Centre

- Activity centre
- Peer support person / expert by experience
- Special youth work
- Group activity for women
- Counselling, guidance and support in regard to services
- Substance abuse treatment periods for community service clients and support programmes for community sanction clients
- Intermediate rehabilitation during sentence enforcement, supervised probationary freedom and community service
- Rehabilitating work
- Basic programme of CRIS

Special youth work of CRIS



CRIS for young people

PREVENTIVE CRIMINAL WORK MODEL FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND CLIENTS OF CHILD WELFARE AFTERCARE SERVICES

- The special youth work of CRIS is preventive and corrective criminal work with peer support that focuses on 15-25 years old young people with history of substance abuse and offending. The goal is to develop a working method where equality and professionalism meet when working with young people.
- The aim is to support the young person to live without drugs and crime as well as to form together with the young person goals, which help the young person to achieve a more meaningful and responsible lifestyle. The youth work includes different forms of activities, which entail involvement in both the everyday life and the free time of the young person.
- Individual, group and communal activities

Abilities for employment

- The target group of the project consists of those who are or will soon be released from prison and those who serve a community sanction (conditional imprisonment, community service and juvenile punishment) as well as those who are on parole, serve a monitoring sentence or are placed in supervised probationary freedom. The second target group of the project is former offenders. The target group also includes those with history of offending and substance abuse, who are at risk of becoming socially excluded and being caught in a cycle of crime and imprisonment.
- In 2013, we guided 87 former offenders to education and employment.

National cooperation partners in 2013

Different public authorities, such as:

- Centres for economic development, transport and the environment
- Probation Foundation Finland
- CRIS Associations in Finland, Sweden and Denmark
- Municipal social and health care services
- Criminal Policy Department of the Ministry of Justice / Working group on the Imprisonment Act
- Ministry of Education and Culture
- Finnish Slot Machine Association
- Criminal Sanctions Agency
- Ministry of the Interior / Joint working group on the Internal Security Programme
- Joint working groups and teams on Together towards a Life without Crime

Staff on 25 October 2013

- 17 paid employees
- 20 in work trial and rehabilitating work
- 8 students
- about 60 volunteers

Strengths and special characteristics

- Shared language, a living example of the possibility to change, detachment from a cycle of substance abuse and crime
- Reaching and supporting people who oppose authorities and control
- Working next to and as an interpreter between the supported people and the authorities, enabling planned cooperation
- Peer support lowers the threshold of leaning on the support measures of also other professionals of different fields
- Strong communal approach – support and control

Future challenges

- How to incorporate peer support in control?
- How to evaluate qualitative work?
- How to develop cooperation and plan work with the prisons, the community sanctions offices as well as different cooperation partners?
- Are the attitudes towards offenders hardening?

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