

# SAFER SPACE **principles**

**In all the activities of the Helsinki Pride Community,  
the safer space principles are complied with.**

- 1.** Our principles are mutual appreciation and respect for other people's privacy. Be aware of your own assumptions and generalizations. Do not define other people's gender identity, sexual orientation, or other background. Everyone has the right to define - or not define oneself.
- 2.** When being addressed, the person addressed can decide which name and pronoun is to be used for him or her.
- 3.** Let us be constructive, understanding, and fair so that everybody has the courage to speak naturally and openly. All the terms are not familiar or they mean different things. For clarification, ask about them. If you make a mistake, apologise, and just pursue your matter further.
- 4.** Let the other person finish talking, and then express your opinion. Everybody can participate in his or her own way. You also have the permission not to say anything.
- 5.** Respect everybody's right to take a pause, to leave, or not to participate in certain activities, and do not question any reasons for it.
- 6.** Remember the duty of confidentiality: matters disclosed in a group will remain only as the knowledge of those having attended. Let us not expose each other without a permission outside the auspices of the Helsinki Price Community ("Hi, we met at the Helsinki Pride Community").
- 7.** Respect your own and other people's mental and physical boundaries, allow room for everybody, and do not touch another person without a permission.
- 8.** Do not take pictures or publish pictures without the permission of all the persons in the picture.
- 9.** The activities taking place at the Helsinki Price Community's facilities are drugfree.
- 10.** With these principles, together, we create an atmosphere where everybody feels comfortable and safe to participate.

**If you experience  
or witness  
discrimination,  
harassment, bullying,  
or threat, contact the  
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