

Vapaa ajattelijat



The Union of Freethinkers of Finland concerns itself with

**the protection of interests and human rights,
promotion of secular customs and rituals,
and acts as a secular forum for the irreligious.**



Protection of interests and human rights

Our core beliefs and objectives are based on the following principles:

- equality, regardless of a person's religious or other convictions.
- freedom of religion, world view and conscience
- neutrality of government and enactment of the neutrality principle
- finalising the separation of church and state in Finland, i.e. dismantling the special status the Lutheran and Orthodox churches still hold in our country
- the religious non-alignment the education system, including early childhood education. Schools and daycare facilities must be suitable for all
- renewal of funeral services so that they are non-discriminatory and serve everyone equally



Promotion of secular customs and rituals,

Freethinkers support

- the offering of speaker and other services for secular ceremonies, such as weddings, name-giving and funerals, or other non-religious ceremonies
- the practice of offering neutral, professional emotional and mental support in times of crisis and severe illness

Secular discussion forum

Free Thinkers promote

- a world view based on science
- rational thinking
- a life stance based on humanistic ethics and morals
- freedom of thought and speech

Irreligious people are not alone

Activity in Finland

- The Union of Freethinkers of Finland consists of 20 regional organisations (vapaa-ajattelijat.fi/paikallisyhdistykset), which together with the association will provide help and support
- Freethinkers are working together with other secular organisations and support Pro-Seremoniat, which provides speakers and resources for secular ceremonies
- The association has a magazine "Vapaa-ajatteliija", which publishes four issues per year (vapaa-ajattelijat.fi/va-lehti). Besides reading it you are invited to also become a contributor
- We have gathered a significant amount of data about freedom of opinion, and you can find it in our data bank at uskonnonvapaus.fi
- And we are active in social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Discord](#))



International co-operation

- The Union of Freethinkers of Finland is a member of Humanist International (humanists.international)
- For over 10 years Humanist International has published an annual Freedom of Thought Report, about the status of freedom of religion and worldview in several countries (fot.humanists.international)
- Humanist International is the official representative of the irreligious in the UN, UNICEF and UNESCO