THE STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

1. Accessibility Assessment of the Turku-sali meeting room

Subject: Accessibility assessment of the Turku-sali meeting room (address: Rehtorinpellonkatu 4 A, Student House A (Ylioppilastalo A), 20500 Turku).

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Entrance

There is a gentle slope at the entrance with handrails on both sides. In front of the entrance is a large parking area with space for both cars and bicycles. It is possible to stop and park a car right in front of the entrance. There are no designated parking spaces for people with reduced mobility. The wooden entrance door is heavy and completely manual. After entering the building one can find the TYY Service Point on the right and the TYY Office on the left. The doors to both areas are manual.

Guidance on the premises is poor. The windows of the service point and office have guidance text in a blue font, and the colour contrast against the clear window glass could be better. The text is also at a high level and might therefore not be seen.

Turku-sali meeting room

Turku-sali serves as a meeting room and event space for the Student Union. The room can be reached by two routes: via the stairway of Student House A (Ylioppilastalo A) and through the restaurant Assarin Ullakko.

Access via the stairway of Student House A: The staircase is entirely black in colour and there are no contrasting colours at the edges of the stairs. There is a handrail on the stairs. In the same room with the stairway there is a small elevator for four people with a door width of approx. 70 cm.

Access through Assarin Ullakko: At the entrance there is a steep metal ramp with no handrails or edges. On the entrance floor of the restaurant there is a toilet for the disabled. The paper holder and clothes hooks are at standing height. The toilet is cramped and there is not enough space for assistance. The toilet can be entered with a walker or small manual wheelchair, but using the toilet is difficult.

The restaurant's entrance door is a heavy manual door and the route is only open during the restaurant's opening hours.

On the entrance floor of Assarin Ullakko there is an elevator with access to the restaurant and Turku-sali on the second floor. At the time of testing, the elevator's door automation did not work on the entrance floor. When entering the elevator, you face the long side of the elevator and need to turn around. The turning radius is suitable for the operator of a walker or small manual wheelchair, but with an electric wheelchair it may be too small.