



4H - leaning by doing



Key Facts

- » Founded in 1928
- » 83 000 members out of which 71 000 youth (aged between 6 and 28)
- » 3000 volunteers
- » 291 4H-associations, 14 4H-districts and the Finnish 4H Federation
- » Politically independent



Global 4H

- » Roots in USA
- » 4H acts globally in 80 countries with approximately 10 million members
- » 23 sister organisations in Europe
 - Head - Thinking
 - Hands - Doing
 - Heart - Feeling
 - Health - Living



Goal

- » 4H is a modern non-governmental youth federation with a nation-wide organisation, which supports the life skills and entrepreneurship of children and youth.
- » 4H is also a leading producer of youth services in Finland

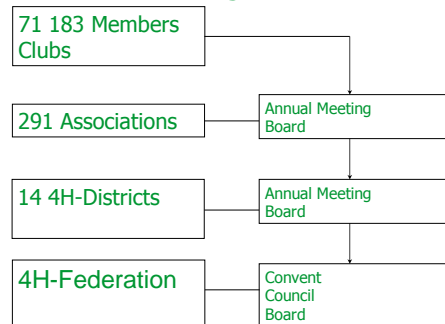


The Finnish 4H is also

- » Open to all children and adults no matter where they live
- » One of the largest youth education programmes in the country
- » Committed to meeting the needs of all youth through
 - Their own projects,
 - club activities,
 - camps,
 - courses and
 - International activities



Organisation



Purpose



4H is a non governmental, nation wide youth organisation which key task is to support the balanced and responsible growth of children and youth by promoting:

- Voluntary action, entrepreneurship and everyday life skills of youth
- Cooperation skills
- In internationalism
- Respect to nature and environment

Priority Actions in 2005 - 2007



- » Entrepreneurship education
 - Learning by doing (TOP)
- » Internationalisation and multiculturalism
 - Openness, global view
 - Immigrant actors
- » Voluntariness

Financing



- » Public financing
 - Governmental grant
 - Local grant
- » Main activities
 - Training and consultation
 - Projects and employment
 - Fund raising

Learning by doing as the instrument of entrepreneurship education in 4H



- » Top combines practical hand skills with entrepreneurship education
- » TOP means Learning by Doing
- » TOP consists of various thematic areas, their tasks and TOP –training
- » Access to coherent description of the TOP thematic areas and their tasks is available for all in the internet www.4h.fi/top (only in Finnish)

Methods



- » Learning by doing
 - A method developed by John Dewey (1859-1942) is the basic education philosophy in 4H
 - Purpose and context of action
 - Learning based on prior experience and prior learning
 - Interaction with other people

Methods



- » Experimental learning developed by professor David A.Kolb (1939 -)
 - Practical pedagogies of learning by doing widened with the method experimental learning,



**Promotion
entrepreneurship is a
fundamental part of 4H
activities**



Action for Youth

- » Approximately 3000 clubs
- » More than 179 000 TOP -tasks
- » Almost 10 000 participants in competitions
- » Almost 200 participants in youth exchanges / year
- » Almost 7300 young people employed annually with a total on 3 M€ salaries