

Associations

Programs for international students, among other things.

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) (Turun NMKY), Sirkkalagatan 27. Phone +358 (0)10 835 4100, www.tunmky.fi.

Churches and Other Religious Congregations in Åbo

There are several churches in Åbo. Some of them are:

- *Adventist Congregation*, Universitetsgatan 29 A
- *Baptist Congregation*, Lilla Tavastgatan 16
- *Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons)*, Tallbackaplan 18
- *Free Church Congregation*, Tureborgsgatan 10
- *Islamic Congregation*, Universitetsgatan 7, www.rabita.fi.
- *Jehovah's Witnesses*, Kastalgatan 4
- *Jewish Congregation and synagogue*, Brahegatan 17 B
- *Orthodox Church of St. Alexandra*, Universitetsgatan 19 B
- *Pentecostal Congregation*, Allégatan 6 B
- *Roman Catholic Church*, Ursinsgatan 15 A
- *The United Methodist Church in Turku*, Ekmansgatan 4

There are also several churches and religious congregations present in Vasa, please consult the web for information on alternatives and activities.

11.3 Other Associations

Atheist/Agnostic or Sceptical Associations

Freethinkers Union (Turun vapaa-ajattelijat), see www.vapaa-ajattelijat.fi/turku (in Finnish)

Skepsis ry (critique of paranormal), www.skepsis.fi

Environmental Organisations

Turun Luonnonsuojeluyhdistys (Environmental protection), Martinsgatan 5, www.sll.fi

Maan Ystävät, (Friends of the Earth)
Aurinkotehdas, Kyrkovägen 6–10,
www.maanystavat.fi

Scouts

You can get in touch with the different scout groups in Åbo by contacting the local Scout Office (*Partiotoimisto*) at Västerlånggatan 13, Phone +358 (0)50 312 9420. Questions concerning nationwide scouting can be directed to partiotoimisto.turku@partio.fi. See also www.lounaissuomenpartiopiiri.fi.

Akateeminen partiokilta ry is an association for scouts studying at the Åbo universities. For more information see <http://tyyala.utu.fi/partiokilta/>.

LGBT Associations

The Sexual Equality association (SETA) is a nationwide association for sexual minorities. For further information contact: *Turun Seudun Seta* Fredsgatan 1 c B 22, www.seta.fi (nationwide) and www.tuset.fi (local association for Åbo).

Homoglobiini is an organisation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students at the universities in Åbo. *Homoglobiini* organises a multitude of free time activities, such as parties, excursions, trips and cultural events. Please check the website www.homoglobiini.fi for more information.

Associations for people with disabilities

There are several associations for people with different types of disabilities, for example MS, impaired hearing or vision, and mobility disabilities. More information about the associations can be found on www.turkukaikille.info where you can also find useful information regarding accessibility to many public and private services in Åbo.