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# Epic Light

**Epic Light publishes** media content that is created by young adults facing different challenges in their lives. No certified diagnosis or money is needed to participate. All the activities are done in peer groups. Epic Light aims to motivate and empower both the creators and the audience.

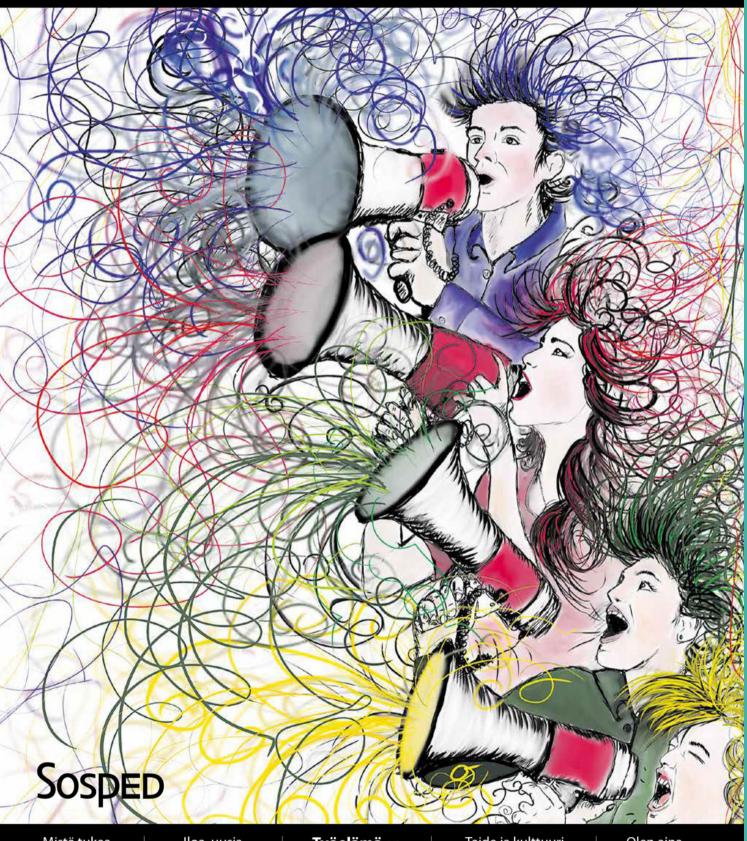


# Cover of the VALOA! magazine, illustration by Sonja From

#### VALOA!

#### KOKEMUKSEN ÄÄNI

Kokemustiedon ja kokemustarinoiden äänitorvi – lehti täynnä vertaisuutta.



Mistä tukea ja apua, kun **mielenterveys** horjuu? s 4 Iloa, uusia näkökulmia ja yhteisöllisyyttä vertaistuesta **Työelämä** on epämääräistä mössöä – miksi edes tahtoisin sinne? s. 14 Taide ja kulttuuri tukevat **hyvinvointia** – esittelyssä kulttuuripajatoiminta

Olen aina "se toinen", yhteiskunnan ulkopuolella. s 8

# People of Epic Light

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experts by experience

#### **DIVERSITY**

Sexual, (mental) health, neurological, gender etc.

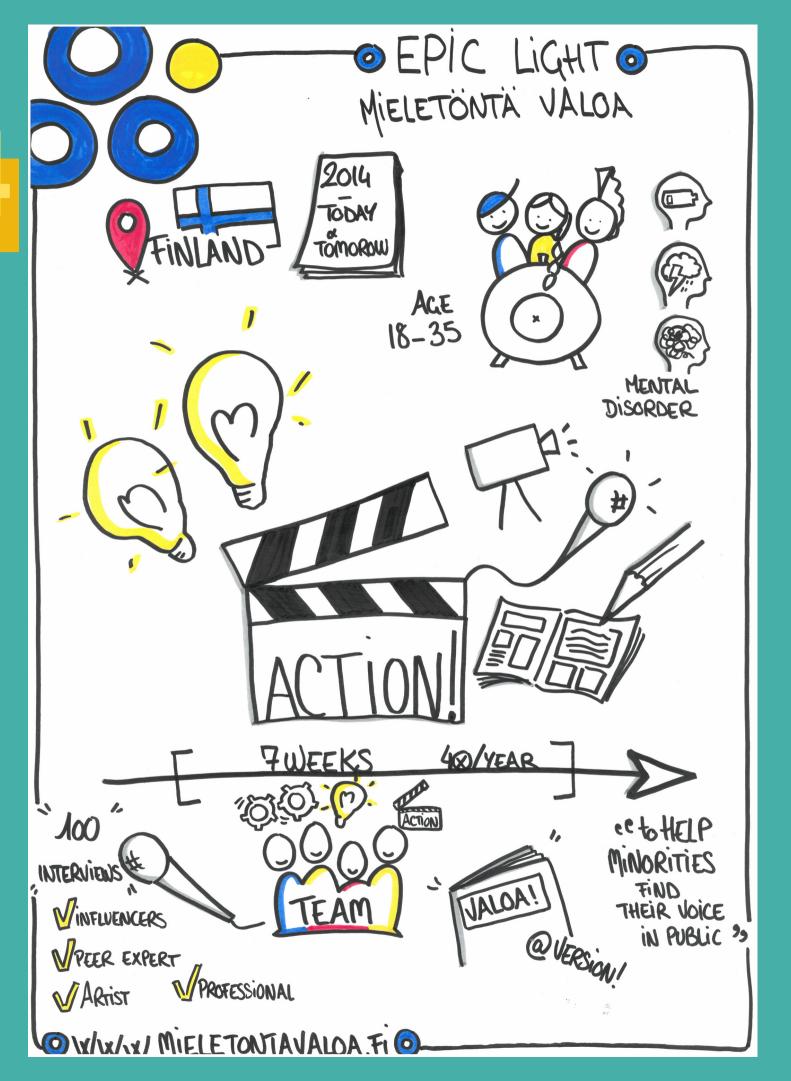
#### INTEREST

You are motivated to make media by learning by doing method.

#### PEER SUPPORT

You are heard and accepted by your peers. The group encourages you to try new things. Stigma you may carry, discolours. We are here together! 04





### WHATWEDO

#### RADIO, VIDEO and VALOA! - MAGAZINE

#### 2020 Epic Light published (among other things):

- Three Valoa! magazines. The third one was released as a supplement of Voima magazine (70 000 copies nationwide).
- World Village Festival radio (the live festival was cancelled because of pandemic, but we still did the radio with the organizer Fingo).
- Video productions: Artist interviews, promotional videos with/for partner organizations.
- Live stream productions: Several seminars/panels, "Morning TV" for Mielenterveysmessut.
- Podcasts: Over 30 radio programmes, interviews and "experts by experience" stories.

All productions are available at <a href="https://mieletontavaloa.fi/">https://mieletontavaloa.fi/</a>

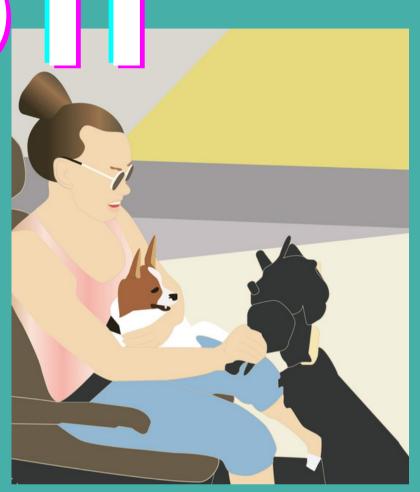
# HOW WE DO H

#### **TEAM WORK**

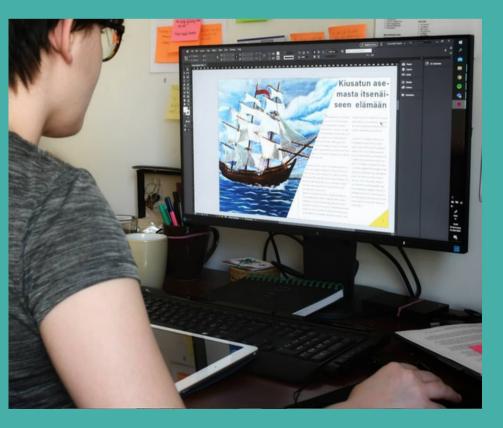
- We work in three teams
- Teams: Radio, video, magazine
- All teams meet weekly
- Flexible team structure
  - -> We work via remote connections during pandemic
- In teams the focus is in productions, not in personal challenges

#### WE GO OUT TO MEET ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE The people of Epic Light have interviewed:

- "Influencers" politicians, media personas, artists
- Professionals about (mental) health issues,
  NGO workers
- Peer experts recovery, ability, health (system) experiences
- Marginalized artists mainly musicians (we also raise their music to our radio playlists etc.)
- Peers experts by experience stories

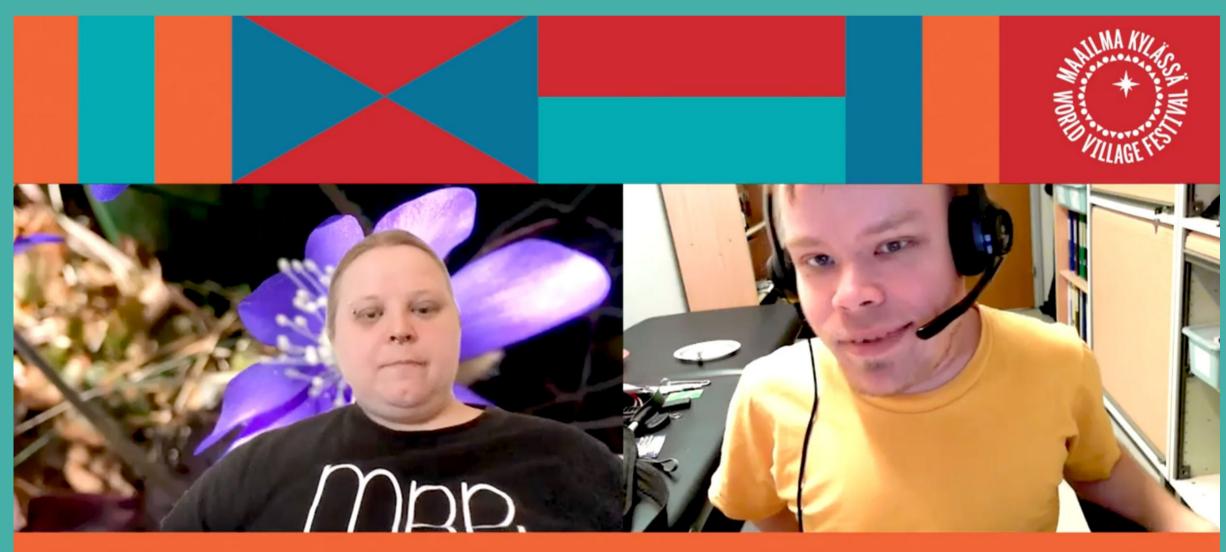








# OF RECOVERY



**Mervi Piispanen** Toimittaja / Mieletöntä valoa **Tuomas Tuure** 

Vaikuttamistyönkoordinaattori Abilis-säätiö

Radio interviews for the 2020 World Village Festivals were conducted remotely

#### BY MAKING MEDIA IN EPIC LIGHT YOU CAN:

- learn new skills
- notice you are able to overcome challenges
- inform people, feel you can affect society
- change your role from "patient" to media professional
- feel the importance of your work
- belong to a group / decrease your loneliness
- learn to take / hear a different opinion / point of view
- absorb working life skills
- wake up your creativity

# Epic Light TAMPERE

JOU! MOREENI RÄPS

music program since 2017 In cooperation with Tampere Youth Services & Radio Moreeni.

## KAUNIIT JA MIELETTÖMÄT (BEAUTIFUL AND INSANE)

current affairs program since 2017 Radio Pispala (2017-2018), Radio Moreeni (2018-2020)

KÖYHIEN RADIO (POOR PEOPLE'S RADIO) current affairs program since 2021



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# FIND US

