# **AIMO**

Preventing homelesness in AIMO-project





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## **Blue Ribbon Foundation Group**

- The Blue Ribbon Foundation Group consists of the non-profit Blue Ribbon Foundation, established in 1957, and the social enterprise Blue Ribbon Ltd, a provider of housing and substance abuse services.
- The Blue Ribbon Foundation develops new low-threshold models and carries out activities based on them. It also gives a voice to disadvantaged people in society.
- **Blue Ribbon Ltd** provides housing and substance abuse services. It offers customer-centred, supported housing services and service housing in housing-first and substance-free housing service units, temporary and shelter accommodation, in-home housing support and outpatient substance abuse services. The Blue Ribbon Foundation owns Blue Ribbon Ltd.



## **AIMO-project**

**Established:** in 2003

Workers: 1 + 6 (all with social or health education background)

Funding: STEA
(Funding centre for social welfare and health organisations)

**Area of operation:** Mainly in the metropolitan area

Operating model:
Housing first principle
(Housing first 2.0)

Unique and comprehensive trail thinking from the street to your own home.



## **Housing path in AIMO-project**

- "From the streets to your own home"
- Service guidance for the homeless.
  - Meeting homeless people in different environments such as day centers, health counseling centers, libraries or public spaces.
  - Looking for housing options.
  - Network meetings are available on request.
  - The aim is to get things in order.
- In-home housing support to AIMOproject apartments.
- Support for the partners' tenants.





## In-home housing support to AIMO-project apartments

- 52 decentralized rental apartments in Helsinki, Espoo and Vantaa.
- Located in ordinary housing companies.
- Housing is based on the Room Rental Act.
- Leases are fixed term.
- Home visits and regular meetings with AIMO-project. (each tenant has a personal AIMO worker)
- Aim to move forward within two years.
- Obstacles to getting a rental apartment can be previous evictions and lack of credit.
- "Giving new chance".





## Causes of end of tenancy in the AIMO project

- The tenant does not pay his/her rent or does not commit to complying with the rent debt payment plan.
- The tenant regularly causes disturbances in the apartment or on the premises of the housing company.
- If the tenant cannot be reached when they have problems with their housing (disappears, does not commit to appointments, does not answer phone calls).





## **Preventing evictions 1/2**

#### Regular meetings.

• With tenants personal AIMO -worker.

#### Monitoring rental payment.

- Rent debt payment plan.
  - If a tenant owes €200 or more, a written rent debt payment plan is always made.
  - If the tenant owes more than two months' rent → the lease termination process is launched.
  - Before that, however, there have been several attempts to engage the tenants in managing their affairs and contact the tenants own social worker.

#### Neighbourhood work.



## **Preventing evictions 2/2**

#### Creating new content to everyday live (work, hobbies).

- Getting to know the activities around the place of residence
- Other projects of the Blue Ribbon Foundation (ex. Employment project VERSTAS)

#### Possible disruptions in housing are dealt with quick intervention.

- We quickly contact the person who made the complaint (for example, a neighbour or the building manager)
- Addressing the tenant and a possible written warning
- Neighbourhood work.



### Support for the partners' tenants



Residents who will be resettled in the partners' apartments after living in AIMO-projects apartment. Or who have received an apartment directly with our help.

Partners (both tenant and landlord) are promised support for 6 to 12 months in their new home.



### For more information

Website: Sininauhasäätiö

Youtube:
<a href="mailto:Sininauhasäätiö-konserni">Sininauhasäätiö-konserni</a>

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