

<b>CV Sari PALOPOSKI – European Federation of Parents of hearing impaired Children (FEPEDA)</b>
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SARI PALOPOSKI  
FEPEDA President

Sari Paloposki (Finland) is a mother of four children, two of them profoundly deaf – the eldest who uses Finnish sign language as her mother tongue and the youngest who has CI and communicates with spoken Finnish. The whole family is bilingual.

Sari Paloposki has a university degree in languages (Master of Arts) and she is currently working as a Director at the Centre for Interpreting Services for the Disabled (national unit of the Social Insurance Institution, KELA). She is fluent in Finnish, Swedish, English German, Russian and Finnish Sign Language.

She began her personal voluntary involvement with the disability movement when her oldest daughter was only few years old, participating in the activities and initiatives of the local association of families of deaf and hard of hearing children. She was the President of the local association 2002 - 2007 and 2008 - 2012. In the year 2000 she joined the Board of the Finnish Association of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children (KLVL) being also its Vice President from 2010 to 2013.

Since 2008 Sari Paloposki has been active at European level, in FEPEDA (European Federation of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children). She was in charge of FEPEDA's Secretariat between the years 2008-2011 and since 2008 she is both a member of the Board and Executive Committee. Her current position in the organization is President of FEPEDA.

As representative of FEPEDA, Sari Paloposki is active in the Global Coalition of Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (GPODHH) which is an international collaboration of parent groups dedicated to promoting improved systemic protocols and practices which encourage informed choice and the empowerment of families with a deaf or hard of hearing child throughout the world.

During her voluntary career Sari Paloposki has also participated in numerous forums and working groups at local, national and European level, to defend the rights and interests of children and young people with hearing disabilities and those of their families.