

A quote in white text on a blue background, stating: "Essential for accessibility are the built environment, technology, devices, attainability of services, as well as the attitude of service providers."A large, bold, white text overlay on a background image of a river with rapids. The text reads: "ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT".An inset photograph in the top left corner shows a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, sitting in a wheelchair in a kitchen. She is reaching up to a white cabinet. The kitchen has white cabinets and a wooden countertop.A green circular graphic containing white text that says: "FURTHER INFORMATION www.karelia.fi/globaleducation".

Accessibility in built environment means high quality and extended possibilities for all inhabitants, customers and other users of the environments and services in spite of age, disabilities or other demands. When accessibility is implemented successfully, the results are high-quality and safety-enhancing solutions which are enabling for all.

Karelia University of Applied Sciences (Karelia UAS) offers development, testing, research, educational and planning services related to accessibility and independent living. Whether there is a need to improve accessibility at home, at work, in private or public service environments or tourist attractions, we will find the best solution for each environment.

ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Karelia University of Applied Sciences (Karelia UAS)

offers analysis, educational lectures and expert presentations as well as project services related to accessibility and independent living. Project services include planning and implementing accessibility solutions according to customer needs in various built environments indoors and outdoors. We operate both in existing environments and in environments under construction.

OUR SOLUTIONS

The Functional Home concept

- » Information and training environment for products and technology of well-being sector
- » Consists of products and equipment which guarantee accessibility and safe environment
- » Includes training and education for using and utilizing the equipment
- » Implementation in co-operation with Finnish technology and furniture companies
- » Can be applied in various built environments to improve accessibility

Successful applications:

- » Functional Home model environment in St. Petersburg, Russia
- » Chartering apartment in Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia
- » Private welfare center in Syktyvkar, Republic of Komi, Russia
- » Model apartment and showroom for devices in Syktyvkar, Republic of Komi, Russia
- » Kostomuksha secondary school No.2, Republic of Karelia, Russia

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One of our projects has been the Maksakovka welfare centre for senior citizens located in Syktyvkar, the Republic of Komi. Notification colours above each entrance guide the residents into the right housing block. »

ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS AT KARELIA UAS

- » High-quality services for the well-being sector
- » Enhance independent living
- » Conducted with the help of regional, national and international partnerships and networks

The Accessible Nature Attractions concept

- » Enhances accessibility of nature tourism resorts and quality of services
- » Includes planning and guidance for implementation
- » Enables the service provider to reach and serve wider customer groups
- » Improves company image and visibility

Successful plans and applications:

- » Accessible open-air museum on the Kizhi Island, Republic of Karelia, Russia
- » Accessible hiking route of historical industrial village in Ligatne, Latvia
- » Accessible beach areas and docks in Eno and in Liperi, Finland
- » Accessible hiking and fishing area in Outokumpu, Finland
- » Accessible rafting base at Rapids of Ruunaa, Finland
- » Accessible guiding center for travellers in Lieksa, Finland

