## **After School Physical Activities for Youth**

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### WHY - Background

Drop-out from Sport NGOs / clubs around 14 years of age

Teen-age – need to be more independent, wish to try different things, role of parents decreases, eg. no need of chauffeurs

Being with friends becomes more important than belonging to one specific NGO / club

Division between very active (competitive) and non-active who want to do physical activity for fun

Poweraction is developed to offer young people possibilities to maintain/increase physical activity, try something new, without previous skills in a non-competitive way



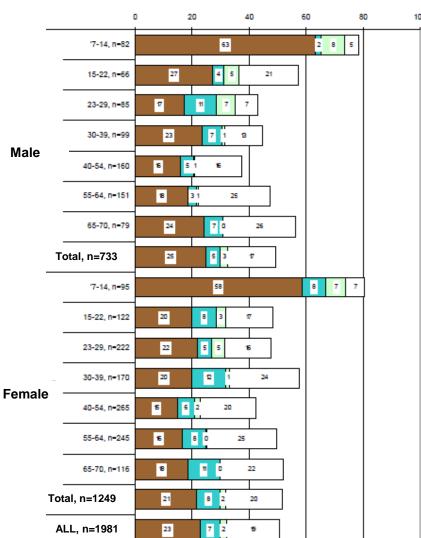




#### % of Respondents

#### Why Poweraction?

A huge drop-out in belonging to the sport / pa NGOs / clubs between the groups of 7-14 and 15-19



Belonging into NGOs / clubs / associations in various age groups in Turku (2007)

Cathegories of NGOs associations:

Sport / pa

Culture

**Youth** 

**Other** 

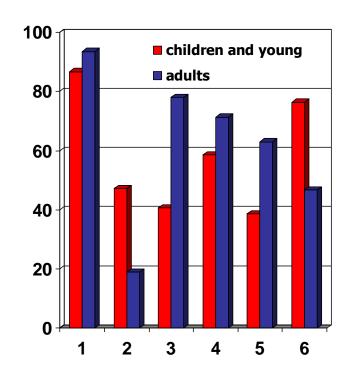






### Young people value different things than adults in pa

- 1. Physical activity is good for health
- 2. I enjoy competition
- 3. I can be in touch with nature
- 4. I enjoy physical stress
- 5. Physical activity improves working and functional capacity
- 6. I can be together with my friends







### **WHAT - Activities**

For 13 – 19 years old (from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to the end of gymnasium)
- one age cohort around 1 500 → target group (13 – 19) is + 10 000

New in 2010 – Power 20+ for 20-28 years old young adults - includes also shifts on weekend evenings

Free of charge for participants, no pre-registration for shifts

Weekly curriculum (mon-sun), currently 28 shifts and 14 different possibilities

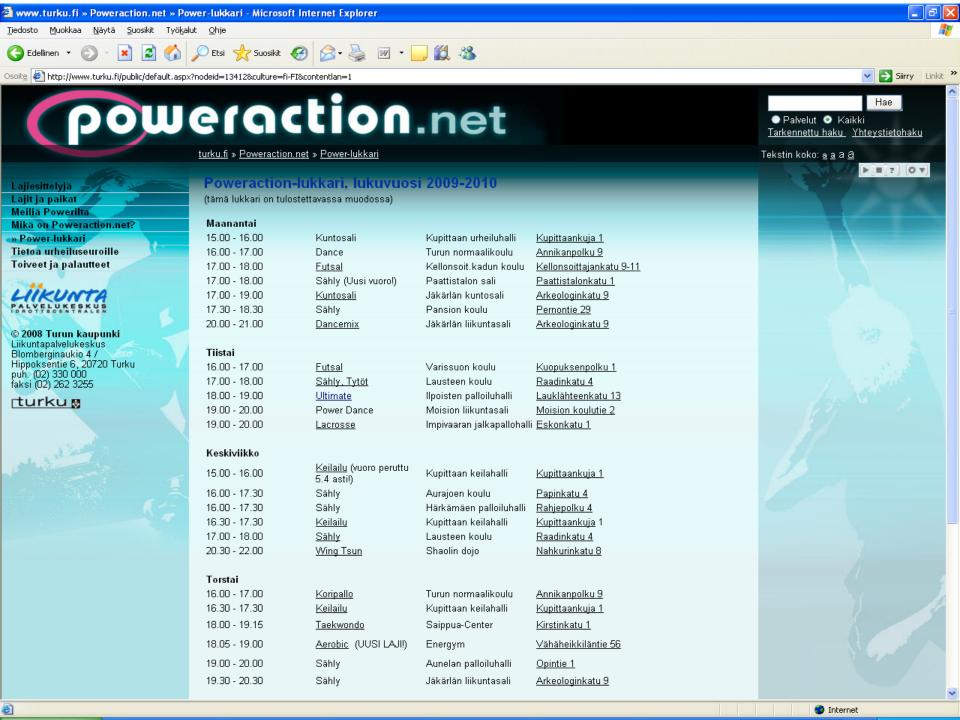
Instructor always present and advising, equipment available / can be borrowed

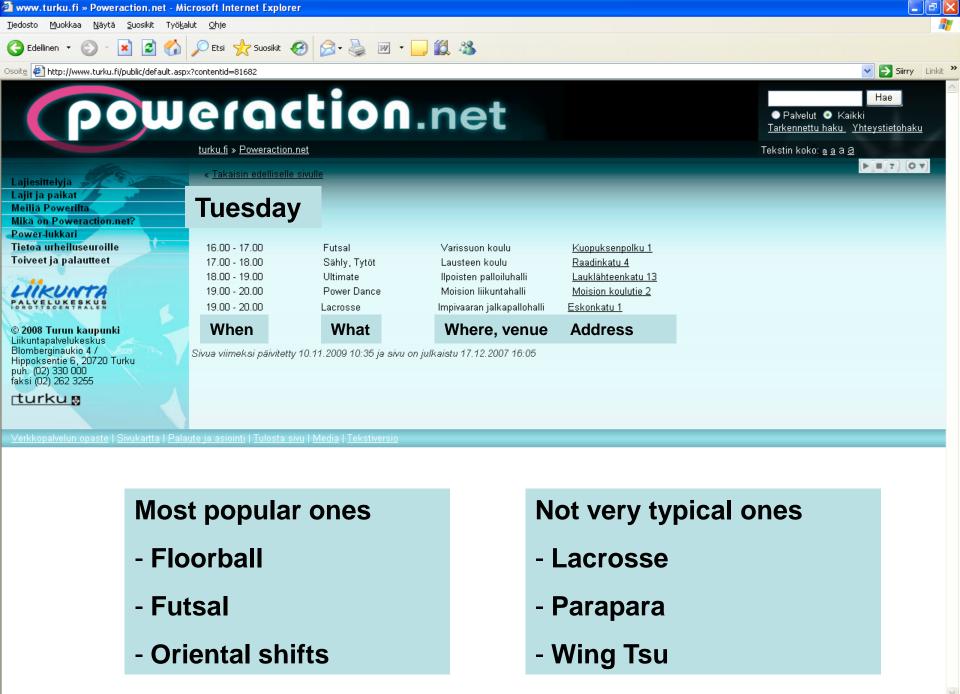
Since 2003, following school year (Autumn / Spring) schedule (2010 also summer)





























### **HOW - Administration**

Coordinated by City of Turku Sport Services unit

City compiles the curriculum and co-operates with the NGOs / Clubs and provides the marketing materials (posters, passports, website etc)

Services are produced by Sport NGOs / Clubs, now more than 20 NGOs / Clubs involved

City pays 15 € / hour to NGOs/ Clubs

Most of the shifts instructed by NGOs / Clubs, only few by the city employees

Special attention on the more deprived city areas = more possibilities / shifts





### Marketing

The most important channel is <a href="https://www.poweraction.net">www.poweraction.net</a>

Schools / pa education teachers distribute "a passport " to everyone in target group and market the action

Passport includes the curriculum

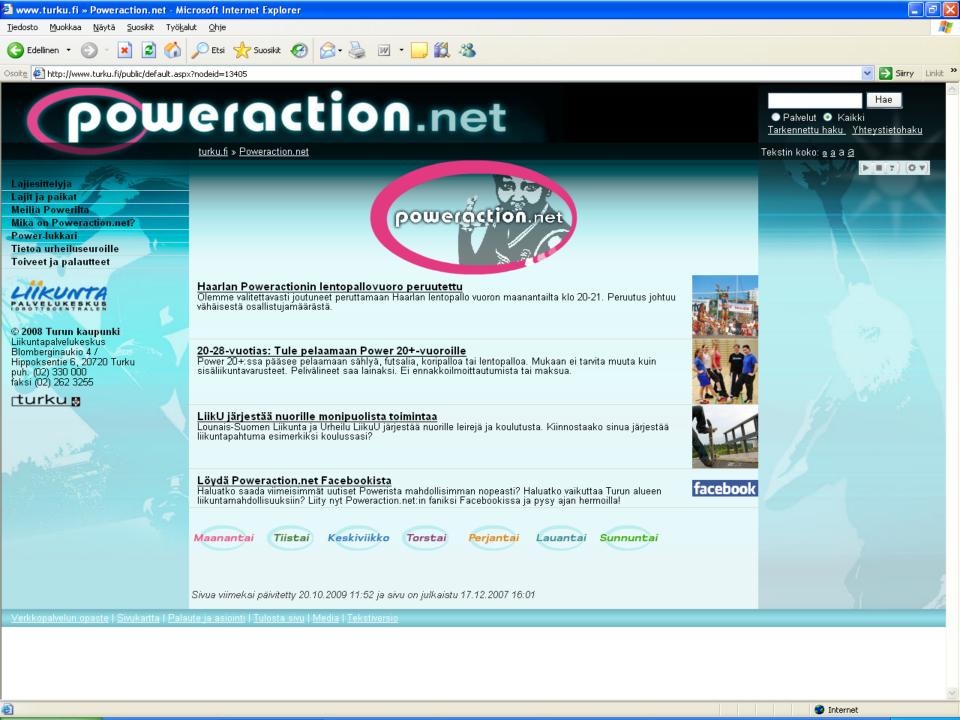
Passports and information available in various info points in the city

Face-to-face distribution between young people

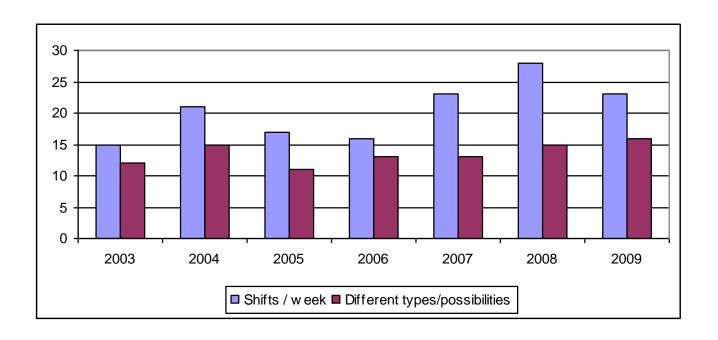
Co-operation between the NGOs/club and city, but also between NGOs/clubs







## Deveopment of shifts and possibilities/week 2003-2009



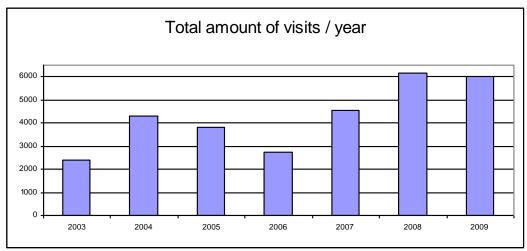
The offer of possibilities has been between 10 to 15

Shifts / week has varieted depending on the facilities free for the action

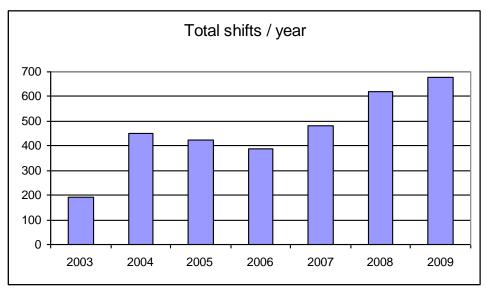




## Amounts of visits and shifts / year 2003-2009



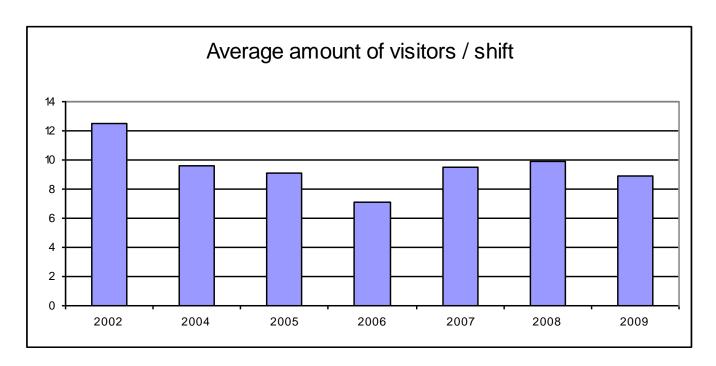
Total amounts of visits and shifts / year has increased during the years







## Average amount of visitors / shift 2003-2009



There is no clear trend of decrease or increase of visitors / shift

This is due to the different amount of shifts between the years and the offer of possibilities

Space / place for more participants







### Results and further development

Important to come with friends – difficult to predict what comes popular

Sport NGOs / Clubs see this as a possibility to enhance young people in their activities – they are very willing to continue and develop Poweraction further - include offers to shops and/or free tickets in the passport

Marketing depends very much on the activity of PA teacher

A big opening event will be organised in Autumn where young people can come and try the variety of possibilities in Poweraction

Involvement of young people in planning will be increased - "branding" – Poweraction is cool to belong to

More attention to multicultural offer/possibilities







### Thank you for your attention!

