

## Member associations of ÖBÍ

- The Icelandic ADHD Association
- As styrktarfélag - Association for people with mental disabilities
- Blindrafélagid, Icelandic organization of the visually impaired (BIOVI)
- The Benefit Society of the Blind
- The Icelandic Association of the Deafblind
- FAAS - The Alzheimers Association of Iceland
- The Cerebral Palsy Society of Iceland
- The Icelandic Association of the Deaf
- The Iceland Dyslexia Association
- Icelandic Kidney Association
- Society of Parents and Benefactors of the Hearing Impaired
- The Psychiatric and Mental Health Prevention Association of Iceland
- The Icelandic League against Rheumatism
- HEYRNARHJALP - Icelandic Association of the Hard of Hearing
- HIV-Iceland
- Hugarfar - Association of people with brain damage & relatives
- The ICELANDIC epilepsy association
- Málbjörg – the Icelandic organisation for stutterers
- The Benefit Society of Children and Teenagers with speech and speechdevelopment disorder
- The MG Society of Iceland
- MND Association of Iceland
- MS Society of Iceland
- PSI – The Parkinson Society of Iceland
- Icelandic Diabetes Association
- Association of rehabilitated spinal injury
- The Icelandic Association of Tuberculosis Chest Patients
- Sjalfsbjorg, the association of disabled in Iceland
- SPOEX - Association of psoriasis and eczema patients
- ISILCO - The Icelandic Ostomy Association
- The Benefit Society of Children with Disabilities
- The Icelandic Tourette Association
- The Icelandic Autistic Society
- Vonin - Guarding the interests of cancer patients



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Nothing about us without us!**

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## The Organisation of Disabled in Iceland

Established in 1961, the Organisation of Disabled in Iceland (ÖBÍ), is the national organisation of disabled persons with the number of member associations totaling 33. The organisation's role is to represent disabled persons and to safeguard their interests, for example regarding legislation and the implementation of law and regulations. The organisation furthermore provides consultation for disabled persons and their relatives. ÖBÍ is also an active participant in cooperation with associations and organisations of disabled persons abroad.

### ÖBÍ's service

- Advice and consultation for disabled persons, as well as for their relatives, regarding their rights and duties, and provision of assistance in communicating with various institutions regarding their rights and interests. The consultants can be contacted either by telephone or meetings can be scheduled through ÖBÍ's office.
- Legal assistance, free of charge, to assist disabled persons, and their immediate families seeking their rights. The attorney does not undertake individual cases except with the consent of ÖBÍ in which instance consideration is made for such a case setting precedence for other disabled persons. Interviews with the attorney are made through the office of ÖBÍ.

### ÖBÍ's role

- Working towards social justice, improved quality of life and good living conditions, irrespective of individuals' physical or mental competence.
- Policy formulation in matters pertaining to the rights of disabled persons, and working in a capacity as an advocate and initiator regarding their interests.
- Being a knowledge center regarding the affairs and interests of disabled persons, and providing consultation and support for ÖBÍ's member associations.

### Entities under the umbrella of ÖBÍ

**Brynja - Housing Fund**, rents out apartments to disabled persons.

Brynja - Housing Fund, Hátún 10c, 105 Reykjavík,  
tel: 00354 570-7800. [www.brynjahus.is](http://www.brynjahus.is)

**Hringsjá**, study and work rehabilitation center for people who are recovering from illness, accidents or other trauma.

Hringsjá, Hátún 10d, 105 Reykjavík, tel: 00354 510-9380,  
[www.hringsja.is](http://www.hringsja.is)

**ÖBÍ workshops**, Örtækni, sewing workshops and cleaning service. The goals of these operations are providing disabled individuals with temporary work in the form of work training and/or permanent employment.

ÖBÍ's workplaces, Hátún 10c, 105 Reykjavík,  
tel: 00354 552-6800, [www.vobi.is](http://www.vobi.is) - [www.ortækni.is](http://www.ortækni.is)

### ÖBÍ's collaboration partners

**The Computer Center (TMF)** for disabled persons provides consultation and courses for individuals and professional groups regarding software and specialized equipment.

TMF, Háaleitisbraut 13, 108 Reykjavík,  
tel: 00354 562-9494, [www.tmf.is](http://www.tmf.is)

**Fjölmennt, continuous education and knowledge center**, providing courses for disabled persons, as well as consultation for study at other education institutions.

Fjölmennt, continuous education and knowledge center, Vínlandsleid 14, 113 Reykjavík,  
tel: 00354 530-1300. [www.fjolmennt.is](http://www.fjolmennt.is)

### Education funds

**The Sigríður Jónsdóttir Education Fund**, further information: [www.obi.is](http://www.obi.is)

**The Oddur Ólafsson Fund**, further information: [www.brynjahus.is](http://www.brynjahus.is)