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## **ESC-1019 ESTONYA GÖNÜLLÜLÜK PROJESİ KATILIMCI ÇAĞRISI**

<b>Project Dates</b>	: October 2024 – July 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn, (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: IZUM HOBBY SCHOOL IN TALLINN

### **Introduction**

The hosting organisation is a mobile youth organization, which has been active since 1994 in the field of youth in Tallinn, Estonia. The role of the organization is to promote non-formal education involving youngsters starting from the age of eleven in different activities on local and international levels and provide a variety of activities for self-development.

The main activities and topics of the center involve youth cultures (theater, music, dance, and art), organizing workshops and entertainments for youngsters (Flash mob, forum-theater, juggling or different types of games), media and communication – intercultural learning through international projects, especially with the support of the Erasmus+ programme (Youth Initiatives, Youth Exchanges, Training courses, EVS projects). Often the activities are in cooperation with municipalities or cultural, social, volunteer organizations.

This project is providing the volunteer an opportunity to learn and develop through working with children and youngsters in the youth organization, having a direct contact with local ethnic minority community and a possibility to impact them directly. The environment in the center is bilingual, in addition to Estonian, the young people also speak Russian and English.

The organisation encourages the volunteer to take initiative in carrying out activities and, through implementing her/his ideas in work with children and youth, to develop herself /himself and skills for future life.

### **Location**

The biggest part of work will be focused on the youth in Tallinn in the host organisation. However sometimes work will be in the second territory of organization Vihasoo – suburban camp Vihasoo (Tammispea village). There will be organized children camps and different projects for children and youth, where the volunteers will have the biggest part. The volunteers will have all services for work in both territories.

### **Benefits of volunteering**

This is individual volunteering which means the aim is to provide the volunteer opportunities to realize their own ideas and aspirations in action through working with the youth.

## Activities

Main activities in our organization will include:

- Working with the youngsters and children in our NGO as well as our local partners (other NGOs and schools);
- Working in urban and suburban camps during school holidays;
- Teaching language and leading events on introducing volunteer culture to the local youth and anyone interested;
- Organizing and taking part in various projects, workshops, events, entertainment activities together with youngsters;
- Leading workshops on different topics, all developed by the volunteer with help of NGO staff.
- Take initiative and realize own ideas in action (write own local project, organize event for children or other entertainment).

The main focus of work will be in the organisation, where the volunteer will try first-hand the methods of non-formal education. The personal timetable will be created in accordance with her/his needs and desires, but it will be flexible and available for revisions, if needed. Monthly reflection meetings are planned with the volunteer to follow his/her learning development based on the 8 competences in the YouthPass certificate.

## Participants Profile

The aim of the organisation is to develop activities for children and youngsters who visit the center. The volunteer would be expected to appreciate young people, interact with them continuously, really take interest in them and in the activities. The volunteer would have to be proactive when interacting with the youth, take initiative in carrying out new ideas on his/her own but also help others in the process as well. Willingness to face challenges head on and also take responsibility are important qualities for the volunteer. The volunteer would be a vital part of the hosting organisation of teachers and youth worker.

**Project Dates** : September 2024 – May 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Keila (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** :1 (One)

**Project Name** : LÄÄNE-HARJU HUVIKESKUS

## Introduction

The organisation is a public youth center located in the north-western part of Estonia. The organisation coordinates the work of seven youth rooms based in different small towns. Local young people aged 7-26 are welcome to join wide range of leisure activities organised by the permanent staff or initiate their own projects. The volunteers will be assisting a team of youth workers in daily activities of the centers in various locations giving a chance to see many places including beautiful nature and meet people around Lääne-Harju county. The youth worker provide task related support and guidance to the volunteers by always work with them. Developing ideas and taking initiative is encouraged and fostered. The core values of the organisation are inclusion, cultural diversity and promotion of non-formal education. The organisation is open to host international volunteers who would become part of their community.

## Location

The organisation coordinates the work of seven youth rooms based in different small towns: Paldiski, Rummu, Padise, Klooga, Vasalemma, Laulasmaa and Ämari. The volunteers will visit different locations in every week and help with daily activities of the center. The volunteers will be housed in a shared flat in a small town in Keila which is located near Tallinn. There is a good bus and train connection between villages in the area as well as with the capital.



## Work tasks

The typical working hours are 13 – 20.00.

The volunteer will mostly work with youngsters aged 7-15. Every youth center is a bit different but the ones in the villages have between 3 – 12 children at one time, the one in the town has more. The volunteer will always work with our youth workers. The volunteer is expected to help our youth workers with daily activities, such as communicating with youngsters, playing board games, arranging movie nights, doing art and craft workshops, planning outings, etc. Taking own initiative is encouraged and if the volunteer wishes to organise own events for the young people such as cultural evenings, cooking classes, sports games, hikes then that is very welcomed. There is always support available from the tutor as well as from our team of youth workers.

## The main responsibilities of the volunteer

- Assisting youth workers plan and host various events and activities;
- Developing, coordinating and promoting leisure activities for young people;
- Creating possibilities for youth initiatives, free self-expression and creativity;
- Empowering young people to participate in work camps thus developing working culture and promoting employability;
- Promote youth activities and Erasmus+ programme.

## Volunteer profile

- Happy to work with children and youth.
- Responsible and communicative.
- Have positive attitude and an open mind.
- Able to take initiative and lead your own activity.
- Willing to work at evenings.



- Ready to share a flat with another volunteer.

## Benefits of volunteering

The organisation employs a team of committed and professional youth workers who are willing to support the personal development of the volunteers during their stay with whatever is necessary. It is possible to provide emotional support, coaching and help with adjusting and designing the ESC experience.

The volunteers will be part of ESC training cycle organised by Estonian National agency focusing on personal development and intercultural learning.

## Practicalities

Reimbursement: Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the distance calculator.

Food allowance: The volunteer will receive 180 eur a month for food

Pocket money: The volunteer will be given 5 eur per day

<b>Project Dates</b>	: September 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Lihula (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: LÄÄNERANNA YOUTH CENTRE

## Introduction

The host organisation is an institution managed by Lääneranna municipality Government. The structural units of the youth center are youth rooms or youth houses (commonly known as youth work units) located in different areas of Lääneranna municipality. The youth center coordinates the youth work of Lääneranna municipality through youth work units and in cooperation with educational institutions.

The organisation in coordinating youth work in Lääneranna municipality. The main objective is to support young people, help them to create possibilities to volunteer in local and international level and we are quite involved and trying to be more in Youth in Action (Youth Exchanges, Erasmus+, etc.). In previous year we coordinated many projects, involving more than hundreds of local youngsters in volunteering in local society and as well abroad. We are engaged promoting Europe and its values to the local youth community. The institution works mainly with young people aged 7-26. The mission of the institution is to empower youth work in Lääneranna parish to achieve their full potential, to create opportunities for young people to contribute in local community and grow up to be responsible citizens. We are standing for educational approaches that privileges Non-Formal Education (NFE) as a methodology and encourage the use of experiential methods (learning by doing), surprising activities (art/provocation), including information and communication technologies

(ICT), and finally, using music and outdoor activities (sports and nature) as tools for more active involvement of young people in our activities,

## Location

The organisation is located in Lihula town, Pärnu county, Estonia.

## Your main responsibilities will be

The arriving volunteer will have the opportunity to help out at the local school and youth centers around the Läänemaa municipality.

Main tasks of the volunteer will be as follows:

- organising and hosting a language and culture club at the local school. The main objective of the culture club will be to provide the opportunity for the local youngsters to get to know the culture, heritage, history and language of the volunteers' home country. The activities will be prepared, chosen and managed by the volunteer themselves.
- Doing youth work in Lihula Youth house. The volunteer will interact with local youngsters that come here after school, help out around the youth center and host an activity once a week: the activities itself will be for the volunteer to decide ( painting, crafts, music or photography related, football club etc.) The main objective of this is to develop new skills and competences of the local youngsters and try out new things.
- Writing a column about ESC and volunteers' life at least 2 times a month for Lääneranna Noorteportaal. This will increase the visibility of the project, raise awareness about Erasmus plus and opportunities of the programme among local youth and help the volunteer to reflect back on how their ESC journey is going on a regular basis.
- Doing youth and culture work at Lõpe klubi one day a week. In Lõpe we have a wonderful youth and culture center where there is plenty opportunities to apply yourself creatively and socially while helping out with organising and running events for the whole community of Lõpe and surrounding areas.
- Helping out with organising youth activities in Kõmsi noortetuba. In Kõmsi there is a small space for the youngsters to come together which would really benefit from outside help; exposure to the foreign culture and language would mean a lot for the local kids, The volunteer will be able to plan and organise

## Benefits of volunteering

We have a team of very dedicated, friendly and helpful youth workers in our county who are ready to support the volunteer on their stay here with whatever is necessary. I am sure almost everyone says so when inviting the volunteer here, but we really do mean it. We are excited to share our culture, language, heritage and everything we can with you!

We will offer the position of Mentorship to one of our local youngsters: if this way the volunteer will have an easier time connecting with and getting to know the local youth.

We are not very strict in terms of how the tasks should be done; there will be a lot of opportunities for the volunteer to take initiative and creative decisions when it comes to organising their work hours and actions on a weekly basis. We want the volunteer to be able to genuinely contribute a piece of themselves and their culture to our community, hence we will try to be supportive and motivational to our best ability, but not set any rigid frames so that the volunteer can take responsibility and initiative in designing their ESC experience.

The volunteer will have a pretty diverse set of work tasks in different establishments around the county. This will allow the volunteer to get acquainted with the local culture, language, customs and people on a wider scale. And vice versa; in this way the results of volunteers working here will reach a wider range of local people.

The volunteer will be able to enjoy the beautiful Nature of West Estonia, from the coastline and the Baltic sea, to the Matsalu nature reserve and serene bogs and woodlands. We will provide the volunteer with a bike to help you on your adventures around the Lääneranna parish.

## Participants Profile

- **Readiness to work with children and youth.** This is the most important thing about the whole project. The volunteer needs to be interested in youth work or be comfortable with working with kids aged 7-18.
- In the institution we try to base our work around the principle of supporting, guiding and uplifting our youngsters, but not necessarily doing and organising everything for them, as developing a sense of initiative and entrepreneurship in our youngsters is very important for us. Hence you must be ready to be a team player and take a supporting role while organising events and activities with the youth. This might require at times patience and understanding.
- Be also comfortable with working individually when needed.
- Be prepared for the realities of living in rural Estonia. The winters are dark, the weather is moody and the local people are sometimes a little bit cold ( not all, we promise! but it might take some time to get used to.) The towns in Lääneranna municipality are quite small, there are not many shops, cinemas or nightlife here. But we do have beautiful nature to make up for it 😊
- Drive to try new things and work together with the local community for the good of the community.
- Be comfortable with using social media and have an interest for photography or videography. We have a lot of equipment in the Lihula noortemaja for you to use and create with.

**Project Dates** : October 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Laulasmaa (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : LAULASMAA SCHOOL

## Introduction

The hosting institution is an organisation which is made up of three schools and three kindergartens at Laulasmaa, Klooga and Lehola. The school and the kindergarten at Laulasmaa are the biggest. The school has 280 pupils and 85 employees, and provides primary education. The kindergarten has 126 children from the age of 1 to 6. The schools at Lehola and Klooga are smaller and each have around 60 students. The kindergartens at Lehola and Klooga both have about 50 children.

The institution maintains and develops Estonian culture by paying attention to Estonian language and the study of culture. In addition to the traditional subjects, the students learn folklore, crafts, art, folk dances, choir songs, music etc. Also, the children take part in hobby classes, contests and other projects.

To boost entrepreneurship and digital competence, the institution provides additional lessons on mathematics, entrepreneurship, career education, informatics, robotics and IT. The organisation cooperates with *Information Technology Foundation for Education* (HITSA) to complement their own digital equipment park and to train teachers. The students have successfully participated in the Robotics (Junior) First Lego League and Robotex.

The institution knows that non-formal learning is important. During breaks, the school offers the children a variety of activities. For example, every Wednesday there is a disco: children can dance which promotes health. The children have outdoor breaks, where they play outside. At the end of school day, the younger children have an after-school program to do their homework, play or do art. In addition, the children can participate in a wide range of hobby lessons: glass, wood, technology lessons etc. There have been different workshops in the school, and the school is ready to teach skills which can help the children in the future.

The school organises thematic weeks and other activities to value healthy lifestyles. Every year in April, it celebrates World Health Day by focusing on various health topics. For the institution, it is important that the children and the staff take care of their health. It has activities for the parents and the teachers: orienteering, sport games, outdoor activities etc.

## Location

Laulasmaa is a village in Northern Estonia on the shore of Lahepere Bay and is 29 km away from the capital. The village got its name after its sand that has been mentioned to sing („laulma“) under the foot. There are about 700 residents living in Laulasmaa.

The beach is just 5-minute walk from the school. The school is surrounded by beautiful pine forests. In walking distance of the school are Laulasmaa SPA with saunas and pools, hiking trails, disc-golf trail and Arvo Pärt Center.

## Your main responsibilities will be

- Present your own culture
- Practice English/German/Russian/or some other language with the pupils or teachers and parents in hobby groups
- Help to organize many different school events
- Help at field trips
- Help to guide the after-school program
- Organise a hobby group according to your own talents (art, music, sport etc)
- The institution knows that non-formal learning is also important. During breaks, we try to offer children a variety of activities.  
For example, every Wednesday there is a disco – children dance, move and it promotes health. We have outdoor breaks, where children play outside. We would like to bring more youthwork and non-formal learning to our school.
- At the end of school day we have after-school program for younger children, (where they can do their homework, play or do art).  
In addition wide range of hobby lessons for children. The activities are different – for example glass, wood or technology hobby lessons. There have been different workshops in our school and we are always ready to learn new skills, that can help children in the future.



Volunteers do not fulfill the tasks of great responsibility, eg they should not take the role of teacher / assistant teacher and plan and implement the activities of the formal education institution curriculum, but can contribute to the creation of additional activities and opportunities in formal education institutions (extra-curricular activities, hobby groups, etc.).

## Participants Profile

- Ready to work with young and older children and has patience
- Willing to be involved in youth work
- Friendly and open-minded
- Proactive, willing to be an active part of the school

While choosing volunteers, special attention will be paid to young people who are either unemployed or have fewer opportunities another way, and for whom the experience of international volunteering would be even more useful and valuable. However, it is of major importance that the volunteer understands the hosting organisation's purpose and is willing to work with its target group.

**Project Dates** : October 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Tallinn (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : TALLINN CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK (LILLEKÜLA AND MÄNNI SHELTER)

## Introduction

The host organisation is a welfare organisation, where children who have been left without parental care or have behavioral or substance abuse problems, get professional help.

Children are hosted in these two shelters for various reasons, most common are vagrancy, home negligence, family violence, parental alcoholism or drug abuse, parental unemployment or loss of residence due to family poverty. Most of the children are brought to the shelter by the police or child protection worker.

The staff that works directly with the children consists of the manager of shelter, nine social workers and a nurse who all aim to provide the children a safe environment which helps to foster their personal development. Approximately 75% of shelter children are sent back home after their stay in the Shelter. If necessary, they remain under the supervision of the welfare worker.

This organisation has two centers in Tallinn.

## Location

One of the shelters is in Nõmme subdistrict in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Bus connection is very good – it takes approx. 20 minutes to get to the city centre. This area is surrounded of big park and forest, which is a beautiful sight every time of year.

The other shelter is also situated in Tallinn, in the district of Lilleküla which is about 10 minutes away by bus from the historical center of Tallinn. It is located in a quite busy area and is easily accessible from any location of the city.

## Your main responsibilities will be

After on-arrival orientation meeting aimed at the integration of the volunteer to local realities and explanation of aims and activities of the host project, the ESC volunteer will be carrying out the following tasks:

- Looking after the children and youth and helping staff in teaching them different useful skills
- Running additional educational activities in the house using its own facilities
- Teaching children foreign languages through joined games, songs, sport, any other activities indoor and outdoor, which the ESC volunteer will be running
- Presenting his/ her home country and its culture as a part of intercultural learning
- Arranging children's outings, e.g. culture visits, excursions, hikes, picnics, etc.
- Playing with children

Participation of motivated ESC volunteer is seen as an exciting innovative element refreshing the daily routine and bringing additional educational value to the pedagogical process. The main idea is to provide assistance and support local personnel in daily work, particularly in running various educational and free time activities for the children and youth. It is also to provide some experience and practice of foreign languages and intercultural learning both for children and local personnel. At the same time it gives valuable field experience of the social and youth work to the ESC volunteer accepted to the project.

A lot depends on volunteer's personality and mutual agreements. We expect the volunteer to be working from Tuesday to Saturday and sometimes on mutual agreement to work on Sundays because the children are more available then for different activities. In that case volunteer's two free days will be during the week. Together with the volunteers the goals and objectives of the ESC will be set. Weekly plans will help set the frames and organise time. Since Tallinna Laste Turvakeskus has a long experience with volunteers, we know how to support and empower them. Our psychologists can also help with extra counselling if needed.

## Participants Profile

- We will be pleased to get applications from anyone who are:
- Ready to work with children and youngsters and have enough patience;
- Ready to understand and accept that the children/youngsters often come from difficult family and social background;
- Friendly and open-minded;
- Courage to take initiative;
- Playful;
- Optimistic;
- Responsible
- Ability to speak Russian language is a big help, as this is the native language of many children in the Shelter.

Working experience is not required. Most importantly the volunteer should be fond of children and have optimistic and stalwart nature. All sorts of artistic, pedagogical, musical or sports related skills are welcome as they can be implemented in educational and free time activities.

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<b>Project Duration</b>	: 8 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINN KIISUPERE KINDERGARDEN

## Introduction

The kindergarten has 7 groups of children from age 1,5 to 7 years old. We are located in three different buildings and the volunteer will be working with children aged 18 months to 3 years. We are multicultural kindergarten, with a wish to learn about different countries and cultures. The volunteer would enrich the kindergarten everyday life.

- We aim to develop children in different areas:
- General physical development
- Educational activities
- Musical and physical skills
- Cognitive skills
- Self-service skills
- Self-management and social skills
- Play skills

## Location

Our kindergarten is situated in Tallinn city center, capital of Estonia.

## Your main responsibilities will be

The volunteer can contribute in organising events and assisting teacher making decorations, helping children taking part of educational activities, playing with children in classroom and playground, taking part of field trips, helping children getting dressed, washing hands, going to toilet and drying hands.

The volunteer is also encouraged to organise events to introduce his/ her country and culture to children, parents and kindergarten staff. Also to have regular meetings with other volunteers in local kindergartens and organising events in each others' kindergartens.

## Benefits for the volunteer

The volunteer gains basic knowledge of child development and the system, how a primary education organisation in Estonia works. Has an opportunity to organise events for children as well as families and teachers.

## Participants Profile

- Motivated to learn about Estonian pre-school education
- Motivated to work with children
- Cheerful, self-conducting, open
- Speaks at least intermediate level of English

<b>Project Dates</b>	: October 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 8 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINN KULLATERA KINDERGARTEN

## Introduction

The host organisation is a municipality kindergarten which has been established in 1950. There are 9 groups in the kindergarten. Educational activities will take place in Estonian language. The kindergarten has joined with the program "Temptation free kindergarten" and the network "Health Promoting Kindergarten".

In daily activities they have mission: a kindergarten that cooperates with a playful, creative and innovative approach. Principal value: child- centered, safety, openness, reliability, humanity.

Kindergarten activities keywords are safety, innovation, values, traditions, lifelong learning and caring of cooperation.

Education and schooling process: child-centered playful learning. Kindergarten teaching activities keywords are child-centered approach, playfulness, using new methodics and innovative approach, considering the child's natural interest, development and accepting kids ideas. Kindergarten implements inclusive education, supports children's individual/ speech development, offers different options to take part hobbies. Kindergarten support children's wishes to take a part of exhibitions and competitions.

## Participants Profile

- Ready to work with children, is calm and patient with children
- Tolerant and ready to face new challenges in a new environment
- Friendly and open-minded
- Speaking English on a basic communication level;
- Optimistic and cheerful.
- Open to new ideas .

## Your main responsibilities will be

- Helping the teachers in everyday indoor and outdoor activities and feasible participating in learning activities
- Assisting kids in dressing for going out to play into the yard
- Helping kids before and after mid-day sleep and during their meals
- Joining the groups to their visits to museums, art exhibitions, sport events etc
- Sharing his/her own culture
- Participating in the traditional kindergarten events
- The volunteer can offer and conduct linguistic, cultural, artistic and movement activities based on his or her interests, skills and desires, independently and in collaboration with the kindergarten team

## Benefits for the volunteer

- Volunteers have the opportunity to learn about various educational robots and smart gadgets, and to assist teachers in transforming educational activities with educational robots
- Opportunity to learn a new language
- Learning how to work with kids and in a team

## Location

Kindergarten is located in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Tallinn is situated on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, in north-western Estonia. It takes around 10 minutes by bus to get to the city center.

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<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINN KULLERKUPU KINDERGARTEN

## Introduction

The institution was established in 1963. At present, there are four groups – each group of 20-24 children, altogether around 90 children aged 1,5 to 7 years old.

One of the priorities is innovation, to be modern. The kindergarten has joined the projects

”Free of Bullying“ and Eco school. The importance of environmental protection is attached to everyday life. In addition to the daily learning activities taking place in kindergarten, there are also music and sports. The kindergarten has a nice outdoor area and several events are held outdoors.

The main purpose of the organization is a high-quality basic education for children. The mission is to welcome every child in their friendly family and to provide pleasant conditions for a child to contribute to the development of their personality. It is important to know that every child would feel welcome, safe and positive among the kindergarten family throughout the day and would be happy taking part in everyday learning activities. The cooperation with the parents is very important hence many events involve families as well.

There are 20 people working in the kindergarten and 10 have a BS degree of education. All of our teachers have pedagogical education, in addition to the long experience of working in kindergarten. The teachers are open-minded and want to extend their knowledge by getting to know people from different cultures and nations.

## Participants Profile

- Cheerful and optimistic
- Active, ready to propose ideas
- Ready to work with kids and have enough patience
- Speaking English on a basic communication level
- Friendly and open-minded
- Creative and with an environmental-friendly mindset

All sorts of artistic skills are welcome as they can be used kindergarten's educational activities. Also love for outdoors would be great, as the kids spend a lot of time outdoors.

## Your main responsibilities will be

- Helping the teachers in everyday indoor and outdoor activities
- Participating in learning activities
- Everyday help for the smaller kids – dressing, going outside, etc
- Accompanying kids groups to the museums, sports events, exhibitions etc.
- Presenting his/her culture

## Benefits for the volunteer

- Working with children, the volunteer will learn about the Estonian culture and values. She/he will also learn Estonian language in immediate environment – the children are very good teachers and they use simple and necessary vocabulary. Certainly, she/he will know the traditions of our organization.
- While working with children, the volunteer will learn about different pedagogical approaches, methods we use in our everyday life;
- she/he will learn how to communicate to different children, and develop their patience and tolerance.

## Location

Tallinn Kullerkupu Kindergarten is located in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia on the coast of the Baltic Sea. The native language is Estonian, but also English and Russian are widely known.

Kullerkupu Kindergarten is in Kristiine District, not far from the city center. This district is valued for nearby parks and a quiet environment. The seaside and the Old Town are in walking distance. Kindergarten has also good transport connections with the city center.

**Project Dates** : October 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Tallinn (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : TALLINN LAAGNA KINDERGARTEN-SCHOOL

## Introduction

The host organisation combines kindergarten and elementary school. Their aim is to provide education for disabled children and teach them social skills so that they will be able to manage on their own in their future lives. They give opportunity for children's development providing secure, joyful, comfortable atmosphere and using individual approach to every child.

Their target group consists of 36 school children with special needs, aged from 7 to 17 years old and regular activities include lessons in accordance with compulsory educational programmes, followed by different activities provided by teachers, therapists, and others. Children usually stay at school until 6 p.m. After obligatory classes they have rest, lunch break and optional leisure activities, including indoor and outdoor games; after that they usually do their homework with the help of teachers on duty and then go home.

## Participants Profile

- Ready and willing to work with kids with special needs
- Sociable
- Considerate
- Cheerful

All sorts of artistic skills are welcome as they can be used in art lessons and other therapeutic activities.

## Your main responsibilities will be

- Supporting the personnel in **looking after the children and running daily tasks** – helping staff during the lessons and free time
- **Playing with children**
- Helping staff to organize leisure time activities.

Mainly the assistance of the volunteer is needed during the breaks and after lessons to organize different **indoor and outdoor games** with children. These could involve different **table games, ball games**, etc. During the lessons sometimes our children need **individual assistance** in performing such simple tasks as opening books, taking a pen into their hand, switching on a computer etc. There can also be such moments when some children experience emotional breakdowns during the lesson, and they need to be taken out from the classroom and calmed down individually.

Volunteer will be encouraged to propose his/her personal micro-projects/ initiatives related to the theme of this ESC project, which will be supported by the host and coordinating organisation in all ways.

## Benefits for the volunteer

Gaining some skills and knowledge about working with children with special needs – learning about their needs and abilities, understand their and their parents' psychology

Learning and understanding the process of integration children with special needs into social life

## Location

The project takes place in Lasnamäe, a subdistrict of Tallinn – the capital city of Estonia.

Geographically the school is conveniently located with the city center – it takes about 15 minutes to reach it by bus.

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<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINN RAINBOW KINDERGARDEN

## About the hosting organization

The host organisation is an educational institution, which provides pre-school child care and education. The working language of the institution is Estonian.

We have a total of 11 groups which are distributed as follows:

9 groups for children aged 3-7 years;  
2 groups for children aged 1,5-3 years.

Vision: The institution values health promotion and teaches environmental sustainability, where a professional and trustworthy team organizes child-centered learning, providing the child with the necessary pre-school knowledge and developing the child into a happy learner.

Mission: The institution is aiming to provide joyful days for the child and peace of mind for the parents, that the child is kept and protected in a kindergarten, which values health promotion and a supportive environment for diverse development.

Our values:

CARE – We care about each other and show interest and willingness to help children, parents, and co-workers.

HEALTH – We pay attention to a healthy diet and lifestyle. We encourage the child's emotional, social, mental and physical development through various health promotion activities.

COOPERATION – We support communication between adults and children based on mutual trust. We are open and happy partners for different interest groups.

SAFETY – We create a safe, playful and developing environment for children.

## Participants Profile

Volunteers are expected from all walks of life. If you consider yourself as a person who is passionate about education and adores helping children and young people – we are waiting for you.

## Your main responsibilities will be

The volunteer's job depends largely on what the individual wants to do. There are indefinite possibilities to help teachers and parents with variety of tasks.

We have provided below a list of possible tasks for the volunteer:

- Plan and carry out activities for the children in cooperation with the teachers.



- Plan the free-time activities for the children.
- Help preschoolers with reading and numeracy.
- Share your culture to children, parents, teachers and the community.
- Help children with everyday skills to improve their development; such as dressing, eating, cleaning etc.
- Help teachers aides with camps and excursions.
- Working and helping in the study garden.
- Conducting outdoor learning and exercise activities.
- Increase the opportunities for outdoor learning and play movement(sport) games with kids.
- Participate in kindergarten events. Opportunity to show your performance skills (musical, theatrical, athlete, cooking etc.).
- Decorating the interior of the kindergarten according to the season.
- Cooperate with the parents, plan and carry out conversation evenings with parents.
- Opportunity to cooperate with the community and youth center of Haabersti district.

## We Expect

We expect the individual volunteering have the following personalities: compassionate and kind; conscientious and responsible; enjoy helping others, playful and care about children; want to help kids feel confident and happy. We await an individual to develop themselves in the areas of their likings.

Also, we hope the volunteer would like to share the organization some of their skills or passion, for example: their culture, music and arts, science and technology, sports and health, gardening and food.

## Location

The kindergarten is located in Tallinn, Estonia. Specifically, it is located in the Haabersti district. The kindergarten has a spacious courtyard with a mini-stadium and a bicycle playground, as well as, a gym, which provides numerous possibilities for physical activities. In close proximity to the kindergarten is Öismäe Pond with a green park. The adjacent park is offering a chance for heaps of outdoor study opportunities, study visits, sport activities and hiking road.

**Project Dates** : October 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Tallinn (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : TALLINN SHELTER FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

## Introduction

The organisation opened its doors on January 1, 2001. Its main objective is to ensure a safe and secure growing environment for children and young people without parental care and to support families with disabled children. The institution provides several different social services, with the biggest and most substantial of the provided services being the substitute home service.

The institution is divided into 13 units: one of them is Shelter for Children and another is Shelter for Mothers and Children, both of which have hosted EVS and ESC volunteers already since 2005.

**The main objective for the institution** is to protect **mothers and children**, but also to help mothers to get back their **self-confidence and independence**. Reasons for seeking assistance is mainly due to the problems with housing, family relations, and domestic violence. The shelter helps mothers to manage and organize their lives, find a job, register at a food bank etc. It is also important just to listen to their problems and to give them advice.

## Location

The institution is in Tallinn, in the district of Nõmme, which is about 20 minutes away by bus from the historical center of Tallinn. The area is surrounded by a big park and forest, which is a beautiful sight every time of the year.

## Your main responsibilities will be

The volunteers' main tasks are spending time with kids in the shelter, helping with organizing birthdays, holidays, special events, making crafts and decorations with the kids and mothers, helping shelter with different everyday tasks. The volunteer has the opportunity to visit various cultural institutions with families. The exact tasks will be agreed on together with the tutor. Some examples of the proposed tasks are:

- Running different workshops for the mothers and children in the institution (e.g. drawing, handcrafting, singing, sewing)
- Helping to organize and search different possibilities to expose the works or the achievements made by the mothers and their children in the Shelter (e.g. exhibitions)
- Introducing one's culture and running cultural evenings as a part of intercultural learning
- Organizing events in the institution: (e.g. movie evenings, reading books, teaching one's mother tongue, cooking with the mothers and their children etc.)
- Helping to organize Estonian National holidays and the birthdays of the mothers and their children
- Organizing outdoor activities (using resources of beautiful Nõmme nature – a perfect place for skiing in winter, picnics or cycling in summer)

The volunteer will be encouraged to propose one's personal projects/initiatives related to the theme of this ESC project which can be supported by the host organization.

The volunteer can take part in local as well as in international training activities related to one's service.

The working hours will be around 7 hours a day from 10:00 or 11:00 (depends on the agreement between the volunteer and the tutor). The total working time will be around 30-35 hours a week. The volunteer will have 2 sequence days off per week. Volunteers will be working under the supervision and with support of local pedagogical staff.

## Benefits of volunteering

- The volunteer can acquire practical and social skills while interacting with mothers and children.
- Volunteer gets social work experience.

The volunteer can work in a great team.

- The volunteer can practice Russian and Estonian languages.

## Participants Profile

- The motivation for working with children.

- Experience in working with children or adults.
- Be open-minded and interested in work at social organisation.
- The volunteer can speak Russian at an intermediate level because the social workers at the center know only Estonian and Russian and at the same time, most mothers and children are Russian.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: October 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 8 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINNA KRISTIINE KINDERGARTEN

### About the hosting organization

The main goal of the kindergarten is to support families in preparing children for school and to teach and develop children's physical, mental and social skills. The values of the organisation are openness, creativity, tolerance, respect, caring and courage. The kindergarten has 12 classes for 1.5-7 years old children. The main activity is to teach children creatively through play. The kindergarten is in a green district of the Estonian capital within walking distance or short public transport trip from downtown.

By including an international volunteer in our kindergarten, our goal is to improve together our main values through intercultural learning and get a fresh bystander view of our organisation. At the same time, the volunteer can contribute with innovative ideas to engage with children, parents, teachers and the community.

### About the project

The volunteer takes part and observes the activities each morning and has the opportunity to observe other classes too. In the early days the volunteer has fewer tasks in the teaching process and later has the opportunity to plan whole morning activity if he/she is willing. Afternoons are mostly free, but it can change due to events and weeks plans. The volunteer can participate in kindergarten events, which are planned in the beginning of the school year and are marked in the event plan, which is given in the beginning of the service. In addition, various trainings/classes are organized by kindergarten for teachers and by teachers, which the volunteer can participate in. Also once a month, a teachers' information session takes place, where an overview of upcoming events and important information is provided, the upcoming tasks are discussed and the process of carrying out various projects is observed. Theme events with parents take place throughout the year, in which the volunteer can contribute or organize them if he/she wishes. Few weekends can include events with parents or with teachers. The volunteer has the opportunity to help to improve implementation of projects like "Free of bullying", "Eco schools" and "Health promotion". We will organize meetings with other volunteers nearby if possible. A volunteer can organize community events, such as an afternoon event for children and parents with another volunteers nearby (from other kindergartens, schools or youth center).

### Benefits of volunteering

- Learn the basics of teaching
- Learn about teamwork

- Gain confidence in dealing with children
- Get to know international projects such as „Free of Bullying” and „Eco-Schools”

### Your main responsibilities will be

- Contribute to daily kindergarten activities
- Enrich the children’s and staff worldview with your culture and language
- Add your vision in organizing events for children
- Participate in class field trips to explore Estonian culture and nature

### Participants Profile

- Open-minded
- Motivated to work with children
- Creative thinking
- Ready to represent his/her country
- Open to learn the basics of the Estonian early childhood education.

**Project Dates** : October 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 8 months

**Project Venue** : Tallinn (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : TALLINNA PÄIKESEJÄNKU KINDERGARDEN

### Introduction

The hosting organisation is a kindergarten in Tallinn which is an educational institute for children. They have 2 separate buildings and all together 7 groups of kids. There are 155 kids in the kindergarten, from ages between 2-7 years.

Kids learn through playful activities inside the class and outside on different topics – math, Estonian, environment and science, arts and craft activities, robotics, and programming. We also have music lessons and physical education (for everyone) and for extra activities parents can send the kids to ceramics and art class, dancing, singing or yoga lessons. A big part of our learning environment is that we put a big emphasize on also learning outside of the kindergarten, which means we visit a lot of museums, parks, theaters etc.

Kindergarten has many means to make learning fun and modern – easy access to the city, creativity room with lots of art and craft supplies, IT-technology (teacher’s computers, tablets, different kind of educational robots, interactive board etc). Every year we have many traditional events, where all the

kids, teachers and parents are involved. We all enjoy the preparation part as much as the event itself.

## Participants Profile

- **Warm and friendly volunteer**, who shares **the love of children** as much as we do.
- **Open-minded, creative, independent, and innovative young person**, who shows initiative, brings new ideas to our kindergarten, comes up with fun activities and takes part of our events with enthusiasm.
- **Curious person** who is eager to learn new things but also to share about their own culture.
- Enjoys **being outside**, no matter the weather.
- **Willingness to learn a bit of Estonian** through **playful activities with children**.

PS: volunteers who speak **Portuguese, Italian or Spanish are especially welcome to apply**, as the teacher with whom the volunteer will be working with speaks Portuguese and understands also Spanish and Italian – **besides Estonian and English of course** 😊

But of course, they appreciate all languages and cultures, as long as **you have the motivation!**

## Your main responsibilities will be

The typical tasks for the volunteer would be helping teachers in everyday **indoor and outdoor activities** and participating in learning activities. The volunteer will join in our visits to museums, art exhibitions, sports events, outings. He/she will introduce his/her country, nation and cultural traditions to our children, parents and staff (e.g. easy games and dances for children, national food). The volunteer will participate in our **traditional kindergarten events** and **folk calendar celebrations**.

Volunteer is a part of a team whose task is to assist the teacher in the learning process. The duties are:

- Directly assisting the children individual work preparing teaching devices if necessary.
- Taking part in the study visits, in outdoor education and in the movement activities.
- Assisting the teachers in the preparation of the traditional house events – sports days, play nights, folklore festival, health mornings, study visits, field trips etc.

Volunteer would be fully included in organizing the events. Kindergarten is equipped with an innovative and modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools. We have computer network and Wi-Fi hot spots, which facilitates the use of ICT tools. This enables to diversify the learning activities. ICT tools are used actively in learning, creating learning materials, making animations and videos with children etc.

## Benefits for the volunteer

The volunteer will get an opportunity to explore how **to work with and teach pre-school children**. They will learn **cooperation skills, flexibility, innovative teaching methods, self-analysis skills and self-management skills, responsibility, self-confidence, creativity and acceptance of different cultures and people**.

## Location

We are located in the center of the capital of Estonia – Tallinn. The population of the city is around 400 000 people. Tallinn is a beautiful and lovely town on the shore of Baltic Sea. The kindergarten is about 10 minutes away from the city center and has good connection with public transportation.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: October 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 8 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tallinn (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: TALLINNA TIHASE KINDERGARDEN

## Introduction

The main goal of the kindergarten is to provide high-quality preschool education. It is important for the organisation to make the children feel welcome, safe and positive throughout the day and happy to take part in learning activities. The priority for the kindergarten is an outdoor education.

In addition to the daily learning activities taking place in the kindergarten, the children can participate in different activities like dancing, sports, music, playing zither and English lessons. The kindergarten follows many traditions like Christmas fairs, kindergarten's birthday and Estonian Independence Day. In addition to celebrating traditional activities in kindergarten, national and international health days are very important, e.g. Heart Week, Bread and Milk Week etc.

The kindergarten has 4 groups of children between the ages of 2 and 7. The maximum number of children per group is 24 and each group has 2 teachers and an assistant. The staff is made up of 18 people. All the teachers have a pedagogical education. The kindergarten also has a music teacher and a physical education teacher.

The teachers have annual conversations with the parents to provide feedback on the child's development. The teachers are open-minded and want to extend their knowledge by getting to know people of different cultures and nations. Also, the culture and customs of our own nation are of great importance to our organisation.

The kindergarten cooperates with other organisations, such as nearby kindergartens, different theatre groups and their district government. Since June 2016, the kindergarten belongs to a network of kindergartens aiming to educate children on health.

## Participants Profile

- Ready to work with children and has patience
- Friendly and open-minded
- Willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities
- Speaks English at least at a basic level
- Optimistic and cheerful

## Your main responsibilities will be

- Help teachers with lessons and games for children
- Prepare lessons and materials for activities
- Help to prepare festivals, holidays and exhibitions
- Prepare a presentation about own country
- Organise different events for teachers, such as culture clubs
- Take part in different activities, such as parties, excursions, study trips etc
- Assist kids (getting dressed for the outdoor activities, having meals)
- Gather up toys or books after play time

The volunteer can participate in the activities and is expected to offer own ideas and be creative. The volunteer will be residing with one age group but has an opportunity to work with other age groups as well. The volunteer will have an experienced tutor, who will always be ready to help and give good advice about everyday life in the city and the country.

## Benefits for the volunteer

- Getting working experience with children aged 2-7 years
- Having an opportunity to share his/her experiences
- Having an opportunity to learn Estonian language and practice using it
- Learning about Estonian history and culture

## Location

The kindergarten is in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia on the coast of Baltic Sea. Tallinn has about 400 000 inhabitants. The native language is Estonian, but English, Russian and Finnish are also widely understood. Tallinn was founded about 1000 years ago. Now it is a beautiful modern city with ancient buildings and fantastical sights. The city is very popular touristic place. The kindergarten is in Kristiine District, not far from city centre. This district is valued for nearby parks and the Old Town is only 2-3 stops away by bus. The kindergarten has a good public transport connection with the city centre.

**Project Dates** : September 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 9 months

**Project Venue** : Võru (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : VALGA KINDERGARDEN KASEKE

## The hosting organization

The host organisation is a kindergarten in Valga which is an establishment for children that offers primary education and daily care to 1.5 up to 7 years old children. It is opened during workdays from 7 am to 6.30 pm. Most of the educational activities are held in the mornings according to daily schedule, for example music and training lessons. Warm food is served for children three times a day. From 1 to 3 pm are silent hours where children can sleep or rest. After that is playtime or time to do some individual activities. There are also parties and events for different public and national holidays.

The kindergarten is taking part of many different projects – drama lessons for the children, promoting healthy lifestyle etc.

## Activities

- Taking part in planning the daily activities and schedules according to his/her abilities to conduct different activities
- Playing with children and giving more individual approach to kids
- Helping teacher with everyday activities

Volunteer who is joining our team is going to have the opportunity to work with children in different age groups. Most of all we would like he/she to be working with children in a group at the age of 3-4. As in every group there are children who will need more attention and individual approach then

we are seeking that the volunteer is a teacher's aide who will help and engage with children who need extra support and attention doing the daily routines.

## Participants Profile

- Motivated to work with children
- Motivated to learn about Estonian pre-school education
- Playful, patient and friendly
- Readiness to communicate

It would be a benefit to have ability to play some instrument or to have some other extra assets. Especially good would be if he/she could share knowledge – teach it to children and also to the kindergarten personnel.

## Location

Valga is county town that is situated in South of Estonia next to Estonian-Latvian boarder. Valga is the administrative center of county and the most southern town of Estonia. Together with Valka (Latvian town) it forms united combined city situated on the banks of the river Pedeli. There are about 13 000 people in combined. Valga has had variety of different nations throughout the history. There are five schools, four kindergartens, , culture house, museum and many different dining places. In culture house there is modern cinema, where also 3D movies are shown. There are lots of different concerts, shows and other interesting events throughout the year.

## Learning outcomes

- Learning to cope with children group up to 22 kids
- Learning how to organize work, time and events
- Learning how to conduct group work and events in the whole kindergarten
- Possibility to see and take part in the collaboration made with the parents and with other institutions in the city

**Project Dates** : September 2024 – June 2025

**Project Duration** : 9 months

**Project Venue** : Viljandi (Estonia)

**Number Of Volunteer** : 1 (One)

**Project Name** : VILJANDI PEREKODU CENTER

## About the hosting organization

The hosting organisation is an institution with different departments and services for children and young people with mental or physical disabilities in Viljandi County. Regular activities in the organisation are aimed to provide everyday care and counselling, helping to raise children's and young people's awareness of themselves. It is run in cooperation with the specialists such as therapists, psychiatrists, social workers and youth-police. There are around 80 staff members all together in the institution.

The organisation provides services such as: childcare, (child) support, rehabilitation, substitution and aftercare. In the main building there is a nursery and a school for children with severe mental



or physical disabilities from the age of 1.5 to 19. Childcare services are offered to disabled children after school time. Support services for disabled children who need personal services to support them in their everyday activities. The rehabilitation centre serves about 115 children a year. The rehabilitation team has a psychologist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, creative therapist, social worker, special educator and speech therapist. For substitution services, there are family homes and an apartment for orphans and kids with special needs. Each family has their own educator. Most of the children go to school and kindergarten during the daytime. In their free time, many children go to hobby schools.

The organisation wants to give them the possibility to experience a similar lifestyle as their contemporaries in biological families. Aftercare service is for studying and with youngsters up to the age of 25.

## Activities

The volunteers role is to support the educator, daycare or be a support person while doing activities with kids and youngsters.

Everyday work is with kids who have special needs, including kids with physical disability. Activities can range a lot from helping kids to learn, deal with everyday tasks, and play with them. Doing arts and crafts and musical activities are very welcomed! Volunteer can also participate in study visits and help to organize different outings and excursions. The volunteer is expected to be a friend and role model for these children and help them to understand the delight of life. It is important to teach these children to evaluate their surroundings to find their way. Mostly the volunteer is helping out on workdays, occasionally there is help needed on weekends.

The main complex for work is Jaagu kindergarten and school, created for kids with special needs. Currently, there are 40 students. Kids study on 4-6 people groups, there are educators and support staff to help with that. Every student has a personalised curriculum, the main focus goes on developing social skills and communication. A volunteer is expected to be open and ready to learn extra pedagogical approaches, such as picture communication etc. Students also use different methods, and playful additions (such as robotics) and spend time outside.

## Participants Profile

- Speaks english or Russian
- Willingness to work with kids with special needs and disabilities, kind and playful in nature.
- Wants to learn and educate themselves, open for teamwork, responsible, flexible.
- Previous knowledge in working with kids or having some experience in pedagogics comes in handy.

## Location

All the buildings are located within 3-7 km of the Viljandi city centre and are easily reached by free public transport. Viljandi is the sixth largest city in Estonia and is located in southern Estonia. It is 161 km from Tallinn and 81 km to Tartu. There is a very good bus and train connection with the capital and other cities. There are many cafes, restaurants, shopping centres, a library, a theatre, the university and alternative places—a bowling centre, an ice-skating hall, a cinema, fitness clubs and other entertainment opportunities in Viljandi. Also, Viljandi has beautiful nature and lots of

culture. The rural atmosphere of the town is balanced by the Cultural Academy of Viljandi which organizes many events in town—concerts, dance performances, plays etc.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: September 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Võru (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: VÕRU KINDERGARDEN OKASROOSIKE

## About the hosting organization

The hosting organisation is a municipality kindergarten in Võru. The curriculum is developed in accordance with the national curriculum for preschool institutions and the unique characteristics of the kindergarten. Based on the kindergarten's curriculum, each group creates an annual activity plan. There are 5 groups for different ages of children groups. The kindergarten is based on play, fairy tales, nature conservation, creative activities, and experiential learning, providing a mentally secure growth environment for children. It upholds values of friendliness, compassion, creativity, and unity.

Every week at the kindergarten brings a unique experience. Diverse topics and events can fill the week, offering different activities with the children. Volunteers actively engage in a variety of events, spanning festivals, exhibitions, tours, themed weeks, charity initiatives, and more.

Once a week, the volunteer can work with children aged 7-17 at the local youth center. Additionally, they occasionally share customs and traditions from their country with pupils at Võru primary school.

## Activities

- Participating and helping teachers in games and lessons with the children
- Preparing materials for the lessons and activities
- Helping music teacher in the class
- Preparing and helping out with different events
- Assisting the kids while dressing up
- Outdoor activities while outside playtime
- Helping kids before and after mid-day sleep and eating

Learning activities are structured around extended projects that explore topics relevant to the child's immediate environment and surroundings. These projects typically involve both research and artistic endeavors, with topics ranging from polar bears to jam-making. Our emphasis lies in the process rather than solely on the outcomes. In these learning activities, volunteers collaborate with teachers and children to lead projects and contribute to the planning process by offering ideas to address children's inquiries. It's crucial for volunteers to actively support the entire project duration, working closely with the children until its completion. Once a project concludes, volunteers transition to a new group to embark on another project. During the interim period between projects, volunteers collaborate with the music teacher.

## Participants Profile

- Enthusiastic and prepared to engage with young children

- Eager to learn the Estonian language
- Approachable, optimistic, and receptive
- Proactive and supportive

## Location

Võru County with its hills and valleys and its forests is one of the most beautiful regions in Estonia. The town of Võru (founded in 1784) is situated in South-East of Estonia, on the bank of lake Tamula, It is the centre of Võru County. The distance to capital city Tallinn is 280 km but to second biggest town Tartu only 69 km from Võru.

There are one high school, 2 primary schools, a sport-school, a music-school and many hobby groups, a library and a sporthall, also other clubs and pubs in Võru.

In summer the best place for swimming is lake Tamula or numerous other lakes around the Võru. In winter there are nice hills where is good chances to skiing and snowboarding. There is also possibility to do extreme biking, hiking and other sport.

## Learning outcomes

The volunteer will acquire insights into child education, fostering cooperation with both adults and children, as well as honing performance and self-reflection abilities. Given the kindergarten's emphasis on tradition and the natural world, it aims for these values to resonate with the volunteer. Interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds presents an opportunity for the volunteer to cultivate tolerance.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: September 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Võru (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: VÕRU KINDERGARTEN PÄKAPIKK

## About the hosting organization

The host organisation is a municipality kindergarten in Võru. Kindergarten works in 10 groups: two groups for small kids: 1,5 to 3 years and eight for children aged 3 to 7. The kindergarten values outdoor education and cultural traditions.

Besides working with curriculum on daily basis, the kindergarten especially focuses on children's healthcare, environmental awareness, local studies and preparation for school. They have nice traditions like days with family, sport activity days, visiting theaters and concerts, hikes and excursions during spring and summer.

The day in Kindergarten is following: 7-8.30 gathering and games; 8.30 breakfast; 9-11 lessons, musical or sport activities; 12.30 lunch and mid-day sleep; 15-16 games, 16.30 dinner and games.

## Activities

- Participating and helping teachers in games and lessons with the children
- Preparing materials for the lessons and activities

- Helping music teacher in the class
- Preparing and helping out with different events
- Assisting the kids while dressing up
- Outdoor activities while outside playtime
- Helping kids before and after mid-day sleep and eating

The task of the volunteers is to help the kindergarten personnel in their daily work with children. She/he can work in one age group or share the work between different groups depending of volunteer interest or ability. She/he will never work alone but under supervision and guidance of kindergarten group teacher. She/he can propose her/his own ideas – teaching games and songs, dances, are exhibition etc. Also sharing her/his culture is welcome.

## Participants Profile

- Motivated and ready to work with small kids
- Motivated to learn Estonian language
- Friendly, positive and open-minded
- Active and helpful
- Interest in music and arts are an advantage.

## Location

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Võru has had already few ESV/ESC projects and this will give possibility to get more information about different spheres of voluntary work and to spend time together.

## Learning outcomes

Volunteer acquires different childcare and preschool pedagogy skills: supporting children playing and social skills, conducting learning activities, organizing events. Volunteer can also use their creativity: experiment different ideas in art activities, room decorating, events organization. Volunteer can develop her presentation skills and courage, communication skills and initiative and sense of duty.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: September 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Võru (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: VÕRU PUNAMÜTSIKE KINDERGARTEN

## About the hosting organization

The host organisation is a municipality kindergarten in Võru. There are 11 groups in the kindergarten: three groups for kids ages from 1,6 to 3 and eight for children aged from 3 to 7. There are 54 employees. In one group there are children with various special needs. The kindergarten has over 20 years' experience working with such group.

The kindergarten has more than 40-year history and besides regular state program it follows traditions like days with family, sport activity days, visiting theatres and concerts, hikes and excursions during the year. It is the only kindergarten in Võru to teach swimming as it has its own on-site pool.

The staff members are good friends and at times enjoy activities together such as treks, parties and organising interesting and exciting events. Many of the staff participates in organising Võru City Council events. The kindergarten holds classes for adults to learn the zither, an Estonian folk musical instrument.

## Activities

Each week in the kindergarten is different, there are different topics and different events that take place. Volunteer takes part in various events: festivals, exhibitions, tours, theme weeks, charity events, etc.

The activities in the afternoon/evening depend mainly on volunteer's own interests. It is also possible for her to take part in folk dance lessons, aerobics, women choir, mandolin orchestra etc. The possibility to go to swimming pool or a sport centre. In summer the best place for swimming is lake Tamula or numerous other lakes around the Võru. In winter there are nice hills where is good chances to skiing and snowboarding. There are possibilities for biking, hiking and other sports also.

## Participants Profile

- Motivated and ready to work with small kids
- Motivated to learn a new language
- Friendly, positive and open-minded
- Active and helpful
- Interest in music and arts are an advantage.

PS: the hosts would be especially happy to receive a volunteer also speaking German, as the teachers in the group have both previously learned German! 😊

## Location

Võru County with its hills and valleys and its forests is one of the most beautiful regions in Estonia. The town of Võru (founded in 1784) is situated in South-East of Estonia, on the bank of lake Tamula, It is the centre of Võru County. The distance to capital city Tallinn is 280 km but to second biggest town Tartu only 69 km from Võru.

There are one high school, 2 primary schools, a sport-school, a music-school and many hobby groups, a library and a sporthall, also other clubs and pubs in Võru.

In summer the best place for swimming is lake Tamula or numerous other lakes around the Võru. In winter there are nice hills where is good chances to skiing and snowboarding. There is also possibility to do extreme biking, hiking and other sport.

Võru has had already few ESV/ESC projects and this will give possibility to get more information about different spheres of voluntary work and to spend time together.

<b>Project Dates</b>	: October 2024 – June 2025
<b>Project Duration</b>	: 9 months
<b>Project Venue</b>	: Tartu (Estonia)
<b>Number Of Volunteer</b>	: 1 (One)
<b>Project Name</b>	: WELFARE SERVICES NÕVA UNIT IN TARTU

## Introduction

The institution is a state-owned enterprise which provides social welfare services to adults with special needs. The enterprise was established in 2007. The organisation has many different little units.

The goal of the organisation is that the clients have an active and positive day no matter of their age, gender or disability. It provides opportunities for the clients to do activities like walking, games, dancing, singing, art and handicraft. The personnel monitors clients' health and development, provides medical care, teaches them basic skills and encourages every person to be as independent as they can.

The institution has been working with volunteers for years and there are volunteers yearly in different units. The volunteers can share their experience and thoughts with each other – the organisation can help arrange these kinds of communications and gatherings.

## Location

The organisation is in Tartu, the second largest city in Estonia. Tartu has one of the Northern Europe's oldest universities and is a home for creative and scientific culture; there is always something happening from theatre performances to concerts and festivals. The city also has a vibrant international community. Slogan of Tartu is "The City of Good Thoughts". More about Tartu: <https://tartu.ee/en>

## Your main responsibilities will be

The hosting unit offers community living service and daily assistance. The unit is designed for clients with a mental disability to feel comfortable. The center has 10 customers and the clients live in apartments, 3-4 people in each.

The unit has 2 workers to support the residents in everyday life activities: cooking, housekeeping, visiting a doctor and public offices, organising free time activities and planning the journey to work. Twice a week they go shopping to buy food for home cooking. The clients participate in public events

organized by the local community and private events organized specially for them by the supervisors. The goal is to help the clients to be as independent as possible. The supervisors are working in shifts from 8.00-18.00. From 18.00 – 8.00 they have the phone duty, so the clients can ask help if needed.

The organisation offers supervision and guidance for the volunteer from experienced staff. It also appoints a tutor to monitor the volunteers' daily duties and deal with task-related issues and questions that may appear throughout the project. The volunteer and the tutor discuss together possible activities and compose a working schedule.

Volunteers most important work will be helping staff in everyday activities and accompanying clients in community events.

We are expecting volunteer to:

- support and guide clients in their work assignments,
- support clients in using services in the local community (cinema, theater, public transportation etc.),
- organize and carry out gatherings and groups for clients (sports, handicraft, photography, cooking, movie nights, reading etc.),
- organize and help activity coordinators in arranging different functions and parties or spring bees, birthdays etc,
- help activity coordinators in their everyday work,
- make suggestions in enhancing our services.

The working time will be around 35 hours a week. The volunteer will have 2 days off per week either during the business days (from Monday to Friday) or at the weekends and additionally 2 days off per month.

Before coming to the service, it is recommended for the volunteer to learn basic Estonian.

## Benefits of volunteering

- Learn to cope with a new language and cultural environment
- Learn about Estonian Culture and traditions
- Learn about the life of people with special needs and different disabilities
- The experience can help to determine the future field of work

## Participants Profile

- Committed to the project and willing to support the clients
- Independent and active, positive, open-minded, flexible and willing to learn
- Reliable, responsible and initiative

## Nasıl başvuru yapılır?

- 1. İlk olarak, [www.genclikcalismalari.org](http://www.genclikcalismalari.org) adresine giderek üye girişi yapınız ve ardından ilgilendiğiniz ilanı seçiniz.
- 2. Başvurunuzu yapmadan önce, "**Ek Dosyalar**" bölümünde yer alan bilgilendirme paketini dikkatlice okuyunuz. Bu adımdan sonra, sayfanın sağ tarafında bulunan "**Başvur**" butonuna tıklayınız.
- 3. Başvuru için istenilen belgelerin her birini (İngilizce Europass CV ve Motivasyon Mektubu veya Başvuru Formu) ayrı ayrı "**Dosya yükle**" alanından yükleyiniz. Dosyaların PDF formatında olmasına dikkat ediniz.
- 4. Belgeleri yükledikten sonra, "**Sonraki**" butonuna basınız.
- 5. Başvurunuzu tamamlamak için "**Başvuru**" butonuna tıklayınız.
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