

Hello, my name is **Pardeep**. I had the amazing opportunity to volunteer with System & Generation in Ankara, Turkey. Thanks to their support and encouragement, I was able to extend my volunteer work and travel to Finland. I am incredibly grateful for this experience and wanted to express my sincerest thanks to System & Generation for making it possible. It has truly been a life-changing journey.

As a volunteer, I had been working for three months with my host organization when they announced that they were organizing a training program at Villa Elba. I was excited to attend the training and learn new skills that would help me in my volunteering work.

On the first day of the training, we had an orientation session where we got to know each other and shared our volunteering experiences. It was great to hear about the different projects that other volunteers were working on and their experiences so far.

The second day was all about volunteering in Europe. We learned about the different programs available for volunteers and the benefits of volunteering in different countries. It was interesting to see how volunteering could lead to personal growth and opportunities for future career paths.

On the third day, we focused on the role of communication in volunteering. We learned how to effectively communicate with our team members and project leaders, as well as how to deal with challenges that may arise while working in a multicultural environment.

Day four was all about Finland. We learned about the Finnish language, culture, and history. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the country where I was currently volunteering and to understand its culture and history.

The final day of the training was focused on the learning experience of being an EVS volunteer. We discussed the different ways in which we could develop new skills, gain experience and make the most of our volunteering experience.

The week went by quickly and before we knew it, it was time for the evaluation. We looked back at everything we had learned and discussed how we could apply our new skills and knowledge to our volunteering work. It was a great opportunity to reflect on our experiences and to plan for the future.

Overall, the training program at Villa Elba was a great success. I am feeling more confident in my abilities as a volunteer and with a greater understanding of the benefits and challenges of volunteering in a multicultural environment.