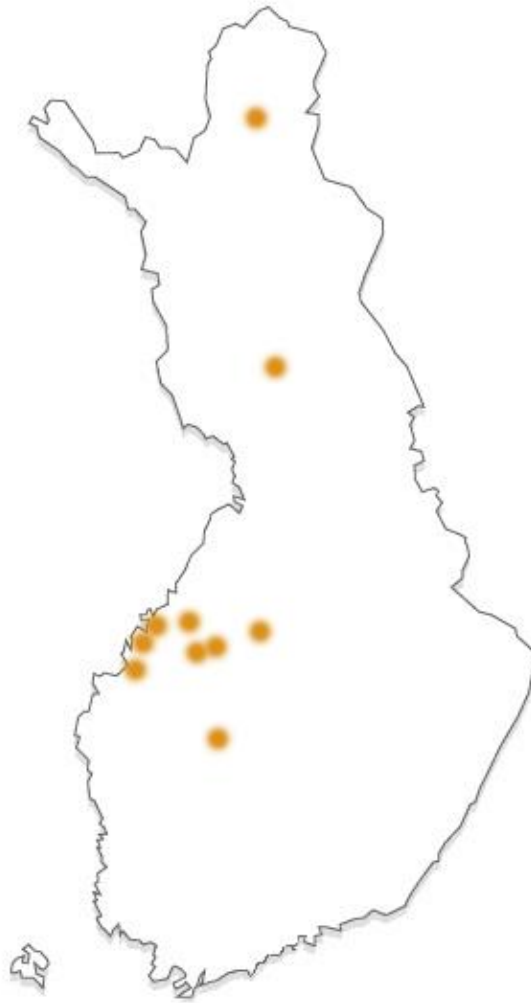


# EVS IN FINLAND



List of projects coordinated by Youth Centre Villa Elba



Dear Partners,

Youth Center Villa coordinates a strategic EVS-project that will receive 60 volunteers to Finland between 1.9.2017-31.8.2020.

This project aims to help small communities in Finland to get positive experiences from other cultures, and the EVS program is a great tool for this.

The receiving organisations varies from youth houses, schools, and kindergartens to youth- and hobby associations. During the projects, the volunteers work with the everyday tasks of the receiving organisations as a part of the working community. Each hosting project with its' specific tasks are listed later in this letter.

As the strategic input in this project, we create with the help of the volunteers International Club activities in rural areas. The idea is to make internationalization a part of everyday life for young people as well as youth work in municipalities and organizations. We also want to ensure that young people in rural areas have an equal opportunity to internationalize and support young people's independence, social responsibility and life management by providing information, counseling and counseling.

We are looking for persons who want to develop their own skills through international activities, improve their language skills and develop their leadership and interaction skills. They are interested in youth, education or social affairs and want to be acquainted with the field before they are studying or perhaps graduated already in the field and in need of work experience to improve their employability.

Strategic EVS project has the same financial rules as normal EVS projects: Travel costs are compensated according to distance and pocket money is 4 € / day. We pay sending organisations 30 € / month for sending costs.

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## Youth department of Seinäjoki

The City of Seinäjoki youth services provide teenagers with guided leisure-time activities, clubs, camps, trips, influence groups and online services. The activities are open for all teenagers. We have trained youth workers who are in charge of the activities. The main purpose of Youth Department of City of Seinäjoki is to organize the specified services ordered in the Youth Legislation for young people under 29 years of age. We are also supporting organisations and action groups with grants and in other ways, youth information and counselling services, as well as, multi professional and international cooperation. The Youth Department works closely with other youth work organisations, in the field of social work and education.

### Hosting 2 volunteers autumn 2019

#### **Proposed activities:**

The Youth Services department provides hobbies and activities for young people, under the age of 29, living in Seinäjoki. Youth Services are available to young people in many ways: through the internet, organized events, youth clubhouses, schools or their own hobbies. The voice and opinions, activities and living conditions of young people are important to us.

During the EVS project, EVS volunteers can instruct games, perform, teach different things about their countries and just interact with the young people. Each volunteer service will be planned as an individual project. Activities can vary, depending on the skills and interests of the volunteers.

#### Project 1:

Volunteer will work at Seinäjoki Youth Department and take part in everyday activities. The volunteer work with children's theatre groups, circus workshops and in "Jojo", a meeting place for young people.

#### Project 2:

Volunteer work at the Department of civic engagement and competitiveness offers an assistant work with events and city marketing (local / national /international level). Work is also involving with new webpages of city and it includes photographing projects. Volunteer can also organize own international events and create his / her own project with own interests and competences.

#### **Profile of the volunteers:**

#### Project 1:

We are looking for a volunteer interested to work with children and youth. The volunteer must be motivated to do international volunteer work, as well as to learn country's language and culture. Working in another country with a foreign language requires flexibility, cooperation and initiative.

#### Project 2:

We are looking for motivated volunteer to work with marketing and office work. Volunteer will be working as a team member in different teams so positive attitude, independence and flexibility will needed. Working with marketing and photography requires creative thinking and self-expression.

**Practical arrangements:**

The volunteers live in a student apartment, Marttilan kortteeri. The receiving organisation takes care of the apartment interior design, curtains, carpets and other textiles. Marttilan kortteeri has laundry, where can self-do laundry.

The receiving organisation give money for dining direct to the volunteer, the sum is 150€/month. The volunteer can buy food at the market and bring own food to workplace (if possible dining in workplace). In student apartment is a kitchen, where volunteer can prepare meals.

## Youth department of Ranua

Youth, sports and culture office of Ranua is a governmental, non-profit unit, which works under the Municipality of Ranua. The youth and sports office is responsible of the local youth club, music facilities, camping site, exercising areas, camping Centre and youth workshop among many other places and events. Working together with the local organisations, schools, projects and local authorities, youth and sports unit is strongly concentrating on international issues and European dimension. The office has a very a wide range of tasks. It provides activities and events for the youth and at the same time develops new projects to enliven the variety of choices.

### Hosting one volunteer autumn 2019

#### **Proposed activities:**

The Ranua Youth, Sport and Culture office offer wide range of activities. The volunteer will work mainly with youth activities in the youth house, but there will be also activities with local schools, and youth- & sport associations. The volunteer take part in the everyday work tasks: In the youth house play games and organize clubs, activities and event together with visitors. In schools the volunteer can make presentations in different lessons, help the schools to organize field visits etc.

The main goals of youth, sport and culture office of Ranua are to improve young peoples' living conditions, health, international activities and to improve avocation, culture and free time activities. One of the Youth, Sport and Culture office aims is also the prevention of youth's smoking and usage of alcohol and drugs. This work includes close contacts with local schools and youth organisations. All the activities of the office are aiming for drug free life. There is also possibilities to participate in photography projects.

#### **Profile of the volunteer:**

We are looking for a social, open-minded, motivated and active young people. The volunteer should also have a sense for initiative and be able to live independently.

#### **Practical arrangements:**

The volunteer live in a student house, with own room and share kitchen and bathroom with others. The volunteer get a lunch at working days, and food money 120€ / month for other meals.

## Youth department of Kaskinen

Youth department of Kaskinen is part of Kaskinen town structure. Their aim is to provide Youth and Sport services for young people. By the Youth Work Act of Finland municipalities have to serve all children and young people from 0 to 29 years old. The youth department maintains the youth house for children and youngsters. It is a place where young people can play different games, look videos, listen music and play billiard. There are also rehearsal rooms for bands. Further tasks of the youth department are after-school clubs and –activities and close co-operation with the local secondary school and kindergarten.

### Hosting two volunteers for 12 months from August 2019

#### **Proposed activities:**

The basic workplace is the youth house and youth office at school. The visits in schools will be a part of the volunteers' work, however, up to now this was rather an eventual task. The right volunteer might be able to develop this cooperation. It is also possible that the volunteer helps in the language-lessons in the schools if the language skills match with the schedule and the level of the schools (this could be several lessons per week). There is also the possibility that the volunteer teaches his/her language(s) in an own course in the youth house.

Volunteer's normal tasks are working with young people in Youth Activity Center, organizing evening happenings for young people in local surrounding villages. Visit in schools, afterschool club for children. The week schedule changes between school, youth center and with other happenings. Sometimes the volunteer may have to work on weekends, holidays: eastern holiday, Christmas holiday, summer holiday.

#### **Profile of the volunteer:**

The volunteer is wished to be motivated to meet new people and work together with young people and children. Previous experience in working with youngsters and children is regarded as a benefit. Kaskinen is small town surrounded by countryside. We wish that volunteer have flexibility for living in the small community in the countryside. It would be great help for integration if young person is interested of sports and outdoor activities. We would like him/her to have basic knowledge English

#### **Practical arrangements:**

The board and lodging is arranged in a local family that is especially interested in hosting an international volunteer at their home. The volunteer is treated as a family member with same rights and responsibilities as other family members. The volunteer has an own room. During workdays, the volunteer get lunch in the local school. The volunteer get 50 €/ month food allowance to cover meals when for an example travelling.

## Halsua and Veteli 4H club

4H in Finland arranges leisure activities for children and young people between ages 6 and 28. Six-year-olds easily find new interests in the 4H club, where children learn new skills together under the guidance of a club leader. We encourage young people aged 13 and older to start their own projects. We also teach them skills that will be useful in working life, give them the opportunity to get their first work experience and support their first steps as entrepreneurs.

4H is an international organisation through which young people can learn about the world for themselves, by taking part in an exchange programme or attending our international events and courses.

### Hosting one volunteer from May 2019

#### **Proposed activities:**

4H in Halsua, Veteli and Kaustinen commonly host an EVS volunteer to work with our activities: clubs, courses, camps, happenings for children and young people. In the 4H organisation, children and adolescents grow to become responsible and enterprising adults. The activities take into account the different stages of children's development, focusing on learning by doing.

The 4H Club instils practical skills and knowledge with the help of professional instructors. Training and courses provided by 4H further build on these competencies. The activities help children become active citizens, entrepreneurs and employees.

#### **Profile of the volunteer:**

The volunteer is wished to be motivated to meet new people and work together with young people and children. Previous experience in working with youngsters, children and folk music is regarded as a benefit. We would like him/her to have a basic knowledge on English.

#### **Practical arrangements:**

Volunteers will be living in the student house with students of the high school. The volunteer will have own room and share kitchen and bathroom with other students.

The host organisation will arrange for the volunteer to eat at a canteen or in a host family or will give them money to buy their own food and ensure they have access to facilities to prepare it. The volunteer will have breakfast and supper at the student house and lunch/dinner at the school.

## Youth department of Lapua

The Youth Department of Lapua Town is a local authority and our aims are to assist the youth and develop youth conditions. We are liaising with Youth Associations. We work with the Youth House management. We are responsible for the maintenance of leisure places and camps. We organise free time activities, do consultations and work with international relations. The main group we work with is youth between 8 – 16 years, for international matters youth over 16 years.

One of the Youth office aims is also prevention of youth's smoking and usage of alcohol and drugs. This work includes close contacts with local schools and youth organisations. The implementation of the purpose is based on communality, solidarity, equity and equality, multiculturalism and internationalism, healthy life styles, and respect of life and the environment.

### Hosting 1 volunteer from autumn 2019

#### **Proposed activities:**

The aim of the project is to bring internationality for Lapua youth and youth work. This will exist by giving a chance for Lapua youth to meet a young person from other culture. The volunteer will also be a good representative of a young person who has taken his/her chance to visit other country and to learn about other culture and language. One of the aims is to courage and motivate young people to use their possibilities to take part in international activities and study languages.

Previous volunteers have been working mainly in Youth Department but also assisting in local kindergarten, visit in language lesson in schools, visit in global education activities, doing projects in swimming pool-, culture office, 4H- club, done different brochures and videos. We can offer many interesting activities and use volunteers own strengths and talents in the project in the future. This is the best way to have more promotion for EVS program in our town and region.

#### **Profile of the volunteer:**

We are looking for a social, open-minded, motivated and active young person. The volunteer should have a sense for initiative and be able to live independently. Volunteer should be interested to work with children and young people.

#### **Practical arrangements:**

The volunteer will live in a host family (having own room) or at a student home. The volunteer will have breakfast and supper in host family or s/he can make it him/herself, in which case the volunteer will be given an account to a local grocery store, which s/he can use to buy food. Lunch will be served at the local school or the volunteer will be given food vouchers by the organization to dine elsewhere. Dinner will be served either in family or in work placement or the volunteer will be preparing it him/herself.



## Kokkotyö Foundation

Kokkotyö-foundation is an organisation specialized in activating persons with challenges in finding employment. It supports and trains individuals in their working skills and in coping in their everyday life. The aim is to encourage them forward into working life or studies and give them learning opportunities and work experience. The target group is adults. Kokkotyö-säätiö has 10 workshops with employed personnel working together with the trainees. The workshops offer products and services to their clients (individuals, associations and companies) and the workshops serve as a tool in training the working skills. Also all the trainees have an individual trainer helping them with different issues in their personal life.

### Hosting 2 volunteers, start and length of project can be negotiated

#### Proposed activities:

##### Sewing-media& secondhand workshop:

Most work is made with sewing machines, but also crafts by hand. The workshop is coaching and activating the participants, and the methods are: Sewing, repair sewing, patterns drawing on fabric, fabric cutting, foundation's own production, recycled crafts

Work is done by hand, with small machines and on computers. The workshop is coaching and activating the participants, and the methods are: Signs and stickers, engraving, graphic design, textile printing, product packaging, foundation's FB-pages, web shop, recycled crafts

The workshop has two employees, work coach and production worker, and 10-15 trainees between 17-60 yrs. The trainees are with different backgrounds and abilities and therefore have individual working times.

##### Wanha Markku, Kaustinen

The Wanha Markku workshop is located in Kaustinen, a community of 4300 people 45 km from Kokkola. Kokkotyö has a recycling shop and other activities for trainees. The daily activities include: work in the shop, restoration of furniture, looming and other handicraft. There are 4 employees in Wanha Markku and about 25 trainees ages varying between the range 17-60. The trainees are with different backgrounds and abilities. Therefore, trainees have individual working times.

#### Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for a social, open-minded, motivated and active young person. The volunteer should have a sense for initiative and be able to live independently.

#### Practical arrangements:

The living arrangements for these projects can be a host family or private apartment. Most probable accommodation will be in shared rooms, and volunteers should understand that we cannot guarantee private rooms for anyone.

## Pedersöre kommun

Pedersöre is a bilingual municipality with Swedish as its main language. The municipality located in Ostrobothnia borders in the north to Larsmo, Nykarleby, Jakobstad and Kronoby. The southern part of the municipality is neighboring municipalities Kauhava and Evijärvi. The municipality's total area is 823 km<sup>2</sup>. Youth work is an important part of the municipality's areas of responsibility for the population consisting of very many under the age of 30. The municipality has many villages where the associations have their own youth houses. Youth department supports youth associations. Together we organize activities for children and young people. The school sector is an important partner. The youth workers work closely with schools. The youth agency's staff consists of 2 persons a` 50%. We have hourly paid and volunteer associations. We also have youth clubs guided by part time workers and volunteers.

### Hosting 1 volunteer, start as soon as possible

#### Practical arrangements

The board and lodging will be arranged in a local family/school area or in rented flat with other volunteers. During workdays the volunteer will get lunch in the working place. During weekends and vacation days the volunteer will be paid a small amount of money to arrange dining. Youth Services will arrange bus tickets for the volunteer to use to come to work. And also, if needed, the workers offer a lift.

#### Profile of the volunteer

We are looking for a social, open-minded, motivated and active young person. The volunteer should also have sense for initiative and be able to take contact with different kinds of kids and youngsters. The volunteer is asked to show their criminal records before starting to work. While we have an open place for new volunteer, we check the applications and the young candidates interested in our projects, ask some more questions concerning for example motivations and then choose the most suitable person for our work team, for the tasks and region.

#### Proposed activities

The volunteer will be helping the staff at youth houses. Normal tasks are working with young people in youth club, visit in schools, taking part of young peoples free time activities and education. At the youth houses the volunteer will take part in all the daily tasks, and be there for the children and young people, help them with different things, organize happenings, events, courses etc.

By working together with Finns in a Swedish speaking environment the volunteer gets to know Finnish- Swedish lifestyle and culture very well. We wish the volunteer to be open-minded, active and self-imposed. The volunteer needs to take contact to kids and youngster and be able to understand their behavior and different backgrounds. No physical demands, just the volunteer will work in several places.

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## Pietarsaaren kaupunki

Youth service of Pietarsaari is a part of city of Pietarsaaris services. We are responsible supporter of all youth in our town. Our aim is to support youngsters' social skills and their growth to an independent life. Co-operation, equality, safety and education are our keywords in our activities. All of our activities we do without drugs. We speak Finnish and Swedish at our youth centre. Our main activity place is youth activity center Tupakkamakasiini. Youth centre is a place for kids and youngster aged 7-18 years. We are open on Monday afternoon only for kids aged 9-12 years. From Tuesday till Friday evening the youth centre is open for youngsters. We have different kind of structured activities and clubs for kids and youngsters. We have also much co-operation with local upper level of comprehensive schools. There works four youth leaders in the youth centre and one youth secretary as a boss. There are also two youth leaders who work in a school project with pupils who have problems for example with their studies, health, free time etc. We have also a café in the youth centre. There are two workers. There's also a janitor in the house. Pietarsaari is a city in Ostrobothnia on coast of Baltic sea. There are nearly 20 000 inhabitants in Pietarsaari. Almost half of them has Finnish as their native language and the other half has Swedish as their native language. Distance between Pietarsaari and Helsinki is 460km. The nearest cities are Kokkola 40km and Vaasa 100km. The nearest airport is located in Kruunupyy which is 30 km from Pietarsaari. The main employments in Pietarsaari are services and industry. One of the biggest employer is UPM (paper mill). There are plenty of gardens and parks to visit. One of them is just in the middle of city, Koulupuisto (School park). It's a botanical garden of about 800 different species of plants. It's founded on 1932. There are also museums and other interesting historical places to see in Pietarsaari. Fäboda area is very popular free time place in the summer time. There are very good changes to exercise in Pietarsaari. There is for example ice hall, swimming hall, soccer hall, gyms and very good changes for outdoor activities. The weather can be cold and windy during the autumn and winter time. More information of Pietarsaari you can find from

<http://www.pietarsaari.fi>

### Hosting 1 volunteer, start as soon as possible

#### Practical arrangements

The volunteer will have a rented flat with another volunteer. Sometimes she/he can live with the local family. There is an shared bedroom, kitchen and bathroom with the other volunteer. During workdays the volunteer will get one warm meal. Other meals and during weekends and vacation days the volunteer will be paid a small amount of money to arrange dining. Youth Services will help the volunteer with warm clothing during winter time. Youth Services will arrange a bike for the volunteer to use to moving around the city and also if needed, the workers offer a lift.

#### Profile of the volunteer

We would like receive a volunteer older than 20 years, gender doesn't play a role. S/he should be able to work at evening time and weekends. We hope that s/he has some experience working with

kids or/and youngsters. Our activities accusses ability to be an adult and consistent. All special skills (for example music, dance, art, act, sport etc.) are benefit. We hope to receive a volunteer who has his / her own life in balance so s/he would be able to help our clients because some of our target group has special needs (school-leavers, drug / alcohol problems, broken families etc.). We are open to work with any partner.

### **Proposed activities**

The volunteer will be helping the staff at youth centre. Normal tasks are working with young people in youth club, visit in schools, taking part of young peoples free time activities and education. At the youth centre the volunteer will take part in all the daily tasks, and be there for the children and young people, help them with different things, organize happenings, events, courses etc.

In the summertime we have day camps for kids aged 8-10 years at the local water park Fanta Sea. The aim of our youth centre is to offer children and young people a safe environment to spend their free time in and the staff have an important role when working with the clients of the youth centre. Exact tasks depends on interest of the volunteer.