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I am carrying home with me the feeling of being integrated with different cultures & millions of big hygs









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Actually, you already know me. Every month, I am in a different project and the previous one was a volunteering project. However, my new video about EVS Finland is almost ready! You can see on my channel. <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqIsIZgvjpLoRZgkvClY59w/featured?view_as=subscriber</u>

In first week, there was an arrival-training and I was trying to know other participants that are from Hungary, Spain, Luxembourg and Italy. Firstly, even if living with 10 people in a cottage, I didn't want to leave from here in the recent days. After first week, we worked for preparation on Kokkola Cup that we need to cut the grass, organize tables and chairs in the schools, carry some stuffs and so on. Sometimes, it was boring and difficult to carry some foods and drinks to the schools. I was fulfilling the duties as a volunteer day by day.



Preparation for Kokkola Cup



We cooked a pasta on the street.

Also, we had holiday that was for 4 days. Put the holiday in second week of the project was logical because the holiday may make us closer. The plan was hitchhiking as far as Turku and Helsinki and then to go to Tallinn. Also, we did it in 4 days I had amazing memories. First day, we divided into two groups as hitchhikers group A and B and we met Vaasa at night. We were so hungry that we cooked pasta on the street! While we were eating pasta, the weather was so rainy because of that we set up our tent in the garage!



We set up our tent on the garage!

Next day, we went to Turku and we went around the city center and then at that day, we stayed someone's house thanks to couch surfing app. Hitchhiking and finding a couch surfing was an adventure because I was meeting lots of new people and transportation and accommodation was free for us. During the holiday, we slept in the tent, even in Tallinn, we slept in front of the port.



Tallinn, Estonia



Turku, Finland



You know what? Turkish team are famous in local gazette!

After return to home, Kokkola Cup with the children started. We helped to organize the kiosk, to prepare of lunch and watched the matches. Of course; after the holiday, working was difficult during the day but I am a volunteer in there and I should have adapt to work. We cut the tomatoes that they were too much and also, I prepared almost 200 sandwiches for children with Gamze and Asensio from Spain. We have become a master of making a sandwiches!



Kokkola Cup

We are a master of cutting tomatoes!

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Youth can do it! EVS volunteers in Juku Camp

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The next event was Juku Camp I really enjoyed after Kokkola Cup. I was with the children during the Juku Camp that was like a holiday for me. Every day, after the breakfast, we had action scenes. In the action scene, we were instructor for children. We were telling the games but generally, children didn't understand what we meant because they didn't speak English. That's why the leader of every hippo-group was translating what we said. Due to communication was difficult, I decided to dance with the children on the next days. I had fun and danced with the children and my friends, we also danced damat halayı :D We sang a song every day and I was going to beach every night after the children sleep.



Juku Camp, Kalajoki



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While we are singing a song to children

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Towards the end of the project, my feelings is complicated. It was just 6 weeks but it has made feel more than 6 weeks like a long term. While I am writing this youTHelegraph in my home, I feel the same feelings. Even if I missed my home, my country and my family, at the same time, I didn't want to leave from here. As it writes on the photograph, I am carrying home with me the feeling of being integrated with different cultures & millions of big hugs. I would like to say thank you millions times to S&G, Youth Centre Villa Elba and everyone who make my day during the project! We lived together even if we are from different countries and cultures. Yes, we did it, youth can do it!

Lastly, for the video about volunteering, don't forget to visit my Youtube channel!

