



Volunteer in Estland – 10 month December 2018 – September 2019 - together with two other volunteers, kindergarten and youth center

In Kohila are 14 different subordinating organizations related to education and culture under local government and over 7000 people. The population of Kohila is growing due to it is located nearby Tallinn. We have a very good bus and train connection with Tallinn and Rapla. Our community has a rich cultural life and people are active and initiative themselves. We have been hosting volunteers for over 10 years. Since 2017 we have as hosting and coordination organization our local government, so invite 3 volunteers and can provide more attention to their needs. We provide volunteers with the apartment, language course, and mentor. Kohila Open Youth Center has over 10 years of experience in hosting volunteers.

The project's purpose is to broaden the world vision of youth and kids in Kohila community. In the project we want volunteers to develop key competencies: social and civic skills, mother tongue and foreign language skills, digital skills, cultural awareness, learning skills and sense of initiative. These skills can be achieved through such activities: cooperation with people from different cultures with different languages, introduction of our/volunteers' country and language, the involvement of volunteers in youth work and different educational levels, usage of different kinds of ITC equipment for sharing the knowledge and gaining new skills. The short-term goal is to offer variety and diversity in everyday life for the youth center. Provide the ability to use foreign languages for both young people and employees. The long-term goal is to promote tolerance between different cultures in the local community, to improve the popularity of learning and using different foreign languages.

We call three volunteers for the service mainly at the same time. The first volunteer arrives in October (from Germany), the second one in November (from Russia) and **the third volunteer**

in December. They should be mentally and physically ready to work with kids and youth. Communication is in English or Russian languages. We are interested to get the basics of the other foreign languages. We value robotics, programming and ITC using skills, sports, music, art and creative skills. Participants apply by sending CV and motivation letter to the sending organization. The best candidates will be invited for a Skype interview. The volunteer is involved in the different development and entertainment activities in the youth center, like sports, music, creative activities, learning languages, media, and ITC. The volunteer can choose activities he/she is able to guide. The volunteer can support kids who have learning difficulties. **The service is in the Kohila youth centers and in kindergarten Sipsik it will be 10 months long (December 2018- September 2019).**

All above-mentioned activities will develop volunteer's cooperative, organizational, communication, ITC, and foreign language skills and will broaden his/her world vision and cultural knowledge. There are many different ethnic communities in Kohila and involvement of volunteer will be a good opportunity to improve communication and respect between them. A project can be considered successful if volunteers have achieved their learning goals and key competencies have improved. The indicator is an analysis of the goals set for arrival. As a result, volunteers receive a Youthpass certificate. Linguistic skills have improved on all participants. There is a positive feedback on the EVS and we want to continue it. Participants in the project will have a better understanding of the cultural characteristics of Russia and Germany.