

TALLINNA KULLERKUPU KINDERGARTEN

(Tallinna Kullerkupu Lasteaed)

Organisation description

Our kindergarten has been established in the year 1963. At present, our kindergarten are four groups, each group of 24 children. We have to age groups, 3-4 years old , 4-5 years old , 5-6 year old and 6-7 year old groups .



Our priority is learning outdoors . We have a nice outdoor area . We have joined the project " Temptation for free kindergarten ." In addition to the daily learning activities taking place in kindergarten, we also have music and sports. The main purpose of our organisation is high-quality basic education for children. Our mission is to welcome every child in our friendly family and to provide pleasant conditions for a child to contribute the development of their personality. It is important for us to know that every child would feel welcome, safe and positive among us throughout the day and would be happy taking part in everyday learning activities. In order to succeed in our mission we hold important to communicate and cooperate with the child's family. We also cooperate with other organisations, such as different theatre groups, our district government, etc.



There are 17 people working in our kindergarten and 12 of us have the BS degree of education. They teach and take care of children aged 3-7. All of our teachers have pedagogical education. In addition to the long experience of working in kindergarten. For us it is important to cooperate with the family, thus leading teachers annually through the development of conversations with 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, for our organisation the culture and customs of our own nation is of great importance.

Project context

Tallinn Kullerkupu Kindergarten is located in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia on the coast of Baltic Sea. Tallinn has population of 430 00 inhabitants. Native language is Estonian, but also English, Russian and Finnish are widely understood.

Tallinn was founded about 1000 years ago. Now it is a very beautiful modern city with ancient buildings & fantastic sightseings. City is very popular touristic place.

Kullerkupu Kindergarten is in Kristiine District, not far from the city centre. There are 4 groups of children, aged 3-7 in our kindergarten. All in all there are 96 kids and they all live nearby. This district is valued for nearby parks and quiet environment by our parents. Also, the seaside and the Old Town are in walking distance. Our kindergarten has also good transport connection with the city centre.

Proposed Activities

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 personnel (e.g. easy games and dances for

children, national food). The volunteer will participate in our traditional kindergarten events and folk calendar celebrations. For the volunteer it should be a good opportunity to learn and practice the Estonian language and culture.

Profile of Volunteer and Recruitment Process

Selection of volunteers will be done by our kindergarten in cooperation with our coordinating organisation MTÜ Noortevahetuse Arengu Ühing EstYES.

Working experience is not required but we will be pleased to get applications for participation from anyone who are:

- ready to work with children and have enough patience;
- friendly and open-minded;
- willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities;
- aged between 18 and 30 years;
- speaking English on a basic communication level;
- optimistic and cheerful.

Most importantly the volunteer should be fond of children and have optimistic and cheerful nature. All sorts of artistic skills are welcome as they can be used kindergarten's educational activities.

Support

Accommodation will be arranged by coordinating organisation MTÜ EstYES. Volunteer will be placed in flat that correspond to normal Estonian living standards. Volunteer will have either single or double room and common rooms: equipped kitchen, WC, shower/bathroom and living room. Normally in Tallinn volunteers share a flat with other international volunteers and use local city transport to go to work. Volunteer will be provided with monthly pocket and food money and they will buy and prepare their own meals.

The volunteers will receive orientation information before their arrival about volunteering in Estonia, practical information about the country and cultural advice. It will be given by EstYES project coordinator Diana Paade.

After arrival to their projects volunteers will be introduced their work and tasks by their tutor who will be providing task related support throughout the project. Volunteer will never work alone, he/she will be always guided by tutor, teachers or administration of the kindergarten. Volunteers will have weekly evaluation sessions with their tutors, on later stage during the EVS the evaluation sessions can take place once in 2, 3 or 4 weeks depending on volunteers' needs. Coordinating organisation EstYES is asking volunteers to fill in a monthly questionnaire to monitor the course of their voluntary service and get involved in any case necessary. To accomplish their ideas, volunteers will get support they need from the receiving and also from coordinating organisation.

Personal support is also arranged by coordinating organisation EstYES through regular meetings with EVS responsible Diana Paade and the mentor. Each volunteer will be provided a mentor - support person who is not in any direct way connected to volunteer's projects. Mentor is a person to who volunteer can turn to in case of any personal questions or problems. Personal support will be partly provided by the tutors as well.

The coordinating organisation EstYES in cooperation with the receiving organisation is responsible for administrative support.

Kullerkupu kindergarten also tries to encourage, advice and support the volunteer in daily matters – how to have a way with our culture, how to get to know Estonians, how and why might our daily life be different from their home country. We would also like to introduce the basics of Estonian language to the volunteer.

Risk Prevention, Protection and Safety

We try to observe and prevent any problems, conflicts or dangerous situations daily. In case of any occurring problems we try to solve them by discussions between the parties involved. If necessary we will contact the coordinating organisation EstYES.

Tallinn Kullerkupu Kindergarten will ensure:

- that the volunteer work is safe and it has been assessed for risk
- that every effort is made that project meets high health and safety standards
- that the volunteer is trained and familiar with the volunteering work and have access to adequate safety equipment when needed
- provide a mentor for volunteer, to whom she can turn in case of problems, doubts, concerns, etc.
- ensure regular meetings with project supervisor to discuss the course of EVS project and see where the shortcomings are and how potential problems can be resolved.
- that the volunteer will get all the practical and psychological support from the organisations's staff or from professionals
- that in case of crises it will be dealt at once with full seriousness on high professional level with the use of all previous experiences collected during decade of dealing with EVS projects.