



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERING

TEAMS: BUILD TOGETHER, FINLAND

In Youth Centre Marttinen, we are implementing two different volunteering group activities. **The first one will be held in autumn 2019 (October - November)** and one will be held in spring 2020 (approx. January).

Both activities will bring together 10 volunteers from Slovenia, Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Estonia + 2 volunteers from Finland for each volunteer group to Marttinen Youth Centre, Virrat, Finland. In total 24 volunteers will be hosted in Marttinen, for two volunteering groups.

Youth Centre Marttinen, located in Virrat, Finland, is one of the 9 youth centres in Finland approved and supervised by the Ministry of culture and education. The Finnish Youth Centres are international course, camp and tourist centres that are specialised in youth activities. The youth centres offer special knowledge of youth work, educational and adventure activities and international events. We have worked since 10 years hosting long-term EVS in our centre, and determined that ESC is a great way to support our surrounding communities international education, and offer learning opportunities for young people.



Name of the project	Build together
Type of the project	European Solidarity Corps, Volunteering teams
Hosting organization	Youth Centre Marttinen, Virrat, Finland

Partner organizations	Country (2 volunteers / country)
Mladinski center Zagorje ob Savi	Slovenia
Associacao Check-In-Cooperacao e Desenvolvimento	Portugal
Association of Estonian Open Youth Centres	Estonia
Beyond 96 Youth Club	Ireland
Asociacion Cazalla-Intercultura	Spain

Venue

Youth Centre Marttinen, Virrat, Finland (+ surroundings, especially with A2)

Mobilities

A1 "Coffee with world", " 11.10.2019 – 6.11.2019

A2 "mARTtinen" Early spring 2020

Accommodation

The volunteers will be living together in our log cabins in shared rooms. The cabins are located in the main venue of Marttinen, nearby the lake. <https://www.marttinen.fi/accomodation/log-cabins/>

Support

- 2-3 pre-departure meetings between sending organisation and volunteers
- On arrival training at the very beginning of the project



- Mentoring sessions by a mentor
- Daily reflection sessions to integrate information and share learning outcomes
- Pocket money 5 € / day
- Daily food served in our restaurant
- Support from sending organizations
- On going support from 2 professional youth workers of Marttinen youth centre
- Flexibility in supporting to volunteers special needs (individual support when needed)
- Evaluation meeting for volunteers in home countries after returning from ESC- project

Travel arrangements

- Reimbursement of travel expenses up to budget (see below)
- Flight arrangements must always be approved by the hosting organization
- Volunteers (/together with their sending organization) are responsible for -searching for adequate flights, respecting the mobility dates and the traveling budget. In case of going over the budget each volunteers are responsible for paying extra expenses
- Flights can be bought either to Helsinki Vantaa or Tampere (Pirkkala) Airports. All the travel documents need to be kept save for reimbursements by the hosting organization.

Budget for traveling

Slovenia	275€
Portugal	530€
Spain	530€
Estonia	180€
Ireland	360€



Volunteer's profile

- Youngsters (18 - 29 years old) with fewer opportunities facing economic obstacles, social obstacles, with cultural differences, geographical obstacles, educational difficulties and health problems.
- Those, who wouldn't normally (in their life) to be part of international activities. They are coming from challenging backgrounds.
- The volunteers have to have the motivation to be part of about three week-long project
- Willing to work in a small group in a small town or more precisely in youth centre
- Willing to communicate in English
- Volunteers will be selected by their motivation by the support organisations working directly with the young people they are selecting. We as an applicant trust you know best who to pick, and for who each activity would work in the best way possible.

In your words volunteer's profile will be:

"Unemployed young people or young people with fewer opportunities, young people looking for new possibilities, young people we are working with on day to day basis with mentoring / coaching them."

"We would engage participants involved in our Youth Guarantee program, who are at that moment not studying or learning. They might come from different places in Estonia and face economic, social and/or geographical obstacles. "

"Those, who don't have any international experiences yet. Most of them are students, drop-outs or unemployed and often still want to be active citizens, yet facing some social challenges in their life"

"At least a couple of volunteers together to support each other, since they're with fewer opportunities: geographically disadvantaged, economically, they usually speak really poor English, never travelled abroad."



"We would be sending young people from some of the most marginalized areas in Dublin, having ongoing problems and traumatic pasts in their lives."

Mobilities

Activity 1 "Coffee with world" – 11.10.2019 – 6.11.2019

The first part of the project would bring together 12 volunteers to Marttinen Youth Centre, Virrat, Finland. During the one 25-day long ESC project the volunteers are going to work on increasing the cultural awareness through organising international activities in the rural area surroundings of Marttinen Youth Centre. There will be multiple visits around the venue in small teams. The volunteers will have an active role in setting up workshops both in the surrounding municipalities youth houses and schools, working together with our regional partners. In evening there will be conversation workshops with volunteers and local people of Virrat, where local people can meet and discuss different topics with volunteers over the coffee.

In the end of the three weeks period together with Marttinen crew, the volunteers will launch the Main Event in Youth Centre Marttinen. The idea of the day is to offer international workshops for local youth and students.

Activity 1 "mARTtinen" – spring 2020

The second part of the project would bring together 12 volunteers to Marttinen Youth Centre, Virrat, Finland. During the one 25-day long project the volunteers are going to work on increasing the cultural awareness through organizing an international art camp in Marttinen Youth Centre. The art camp brings young people and international volunteers together to explore different creative methods. The volunteers will have an active role in setting up workshops for final art camp for youth from region. Working together with our regional partners, they will prepare the agenda of creating a final "art camp" in Marttinen youth centre in the end of the activity. The result of the art camp will be visible art piece in Marttinen.



The volunteers will create workshops that will inform the local young people about their international possibilities and show a positive example of going abroad i.e for volunteering during the day and during the evening volunteers have to chance to meet local people and have open discussion with them, to improve language skills of local people and expose them to internationality - hopefully also leading to increased interest towards such activities and learning in the future.

Local need for international projects

There's a great need and willingness in the area and region (i.e. form youth workers and young people) to organise more international activities, but the situation needs to have a "first push", and we wish to make this happen through the "Build together" – volunteering group project. The project will offer the volunteers an opportunity to get to know Finnish youth work in rural area, as well as increase their cultural awareness, team work and project management as a result of engaging in creating the activities planned.

Aim, objectives & impact

The aim of the Volunteering Groups project is to promote and inform young people and youth workers about international possibilities, especially volunteering group as an opportunity for learning and furthermore support local actors and communities to start benefitting from international projects. In order to support the aim, we foresee the following concrete objectives: Volunteers will create non-formal workshops and visits as a team to the regions municipalities, where young people and youth workers can learn about ESC opportunities, about different creative methods, like music, painting, graffiti and others.

- Volunteers will capture / record (video) their own stories of becoming a volunteer and their international experiences / how it has affected them.
- Volunteers will create promotional tools to support the engagement of local level actors towards international activities



- Volunteers will create photos and video from daily activities and inform public about it through social media
- Volunteers will create evening conversation workshop for interested local people

- Volunteers will create an activity day (open doors) in the end of the project for the region's young people and people interested about international possibilities, open door to present the final product of the art camp – new art piece in Marttinen.
- Volunteers will be trained by professionals, and have an opportunity to learn about:
 - Planning, implementing and evaluating workshops, along with initiative taking skills
 - Working in an intercultural team, communication skills
 - Finnish youth work structures and methodologies, including rural youth work, youth policy
 - Leadership and project management skills, along with social and competences

As a result of the volunteer groups project we foresee the following impact:

- More young people and youth workers will be interested to cooperate (together with Marttinen) in international activities, from the area of Pirkanmaa
- Increased awareness of international possibilities as an "alternative route" for learning
- Increase of positive attitude towards internationality and different cultures in the rural area surrounding Youth Centre Marttinen.

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