



Youth work at Ylivieska town

As a volunteer in Ylivieska you will primarily work in the youth center, as well as in general for the youth work in the village. We will have our old youth house "Sputnik 2022" until September, then we will move to a new place in town. In the youth center, you will support the local workers in all kinds of activities. Depending on the day, children and teenagers between 8 and 18 years old will come to the youth center after school or later in the evening. They visit the youth center in their free time and there is always at least one prepared program, which is a game, baking, cooking, watching a movie or sometimes disco. There is also a snack at some opening hours. The program is always prepared in advance and of course, you can contribute with your ideas. There is also billiard, video games, air hockey, ping-pong, kicker, board games, etc. which the children and teenagers can play by themselves or together with you.

Depending on what your interests and hobbies are, you can help to create your own projects, events and courses. In addition to your main work in the youth center, you might also help at school, kindergarten, summer camps or board game evenings at the youth service "Ohjaamo". However, this varies from year to year and will mainly be decided on the spot and with some time.

You normally work between 30-35 hours per week from Monday to Friday. As this is youth work, your working hours are mainly in the afternoon or evening. Sometimes, about once a month, you will work on weekends. You can, of course, take these extra hours for holidays. You should be open to people and creative. As well as being able to bring your own ideas and interests in different projects. We are also open to organize new activities together with you.

Since internationality and knowledge about other cultures is very important nowadays, we think that everybody should have the same chance to gain these experiences. Therefore, the aim of this project is to bring internationality to the village Ylivieska, especially for the younger. We want to motivate and support our young people to speak and learn new languages and to organize international events for them. You will often talk about your culture, language and home country in different places. We will also organize for our volunteers private Finnish lessons.

Our volunteers have separate and private one-room apartments with a small kitchen, balcony and bathroom, in a block of flats. On the ground floor, there is a laundry room and a sauna, with scheduled times for each apartment. Usually we always have two, sometimes three volunteers from different countries. You live together in the same apartment block and have a lot to do with each other.

Ylivieska is in the rather sparsely populated north of Finland. It has about 16,000 inhabitants and is kind of the "center" for the surrounding much smaller villages. Here you can find all kinds of shops, restaurants and bars, what you need for everyday life. Your transportation will mainly be a bicycle because the distances are not far either. Only school buses go through the village, fortunately, the main train route also passes through Ylivieska, so you can easily visit other volunteers around the country or travel around in general. We will also pay you for membership in the gym, which also has a swimming pool.

At the moment we have one free place from August 2022 until July 2023. Waiting for your contact!

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Some pictures of the work and the volunteer trips and trainings:

