

TALLINNA LIIKURI LASTEAED

ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION

Liikuri Kindergarten's goal of pre-school education is to support the children's individuality, creativity and learning through play. We have more than 260 kids attending our kindergarten every year for 27 years now. It means we have 3 daycare groups for kids from 1.5-3 years and 9 kindergarten groups for kids from 3-7 . As the mother tongue of most of the kids is Russian, we want every kid to know national language-Estonian, so from the age of 3 children start learning Estonian through planned studying, everyday activities and games. We want our children to be healthy and we have lots of outdoor activities and also lessons in the pool. We are different from lots of other kindergartens because we participate in lots of conferences, projects(also international) and competitions. We are trying to cooperate with smart technologies and teach kids different techniques of learning, also by playing. The kindergarten also offers many theatrical activities that help develop children minds. Our teacher's materials are often used by other Institutions in Estonia. We want to make our kids, their parents and personal happy and try to live in happy and healthy environment without bullying and arguing. Liikuri kindergarten is located in one of the most beautiful spots of Tallinn with fresh and clean air on the uphill near the sea, great park Kadriorg and Tallinn Song Festival Ground. We try to cooperate with lots of companies, kindergartens, schools and even universities. We have been a base of practice for Tallinn University and Tallinn Pedagogical College for years. Staff is from the age from 25 to 55. Twelve (12) teachers have experience in different international projects, two (2) of them have a working experience as a volunteer. Languages - Estonian, Russian and English.

Our kindergarten participates in the project RED BALL (Reflecting, Empowering, Developing: Becoming Active Lifelong Learner). It is a project based on the theory of School Improvement (S.I) where the progress and development of school itself, and education in general, starts from bottom up. Through S.I we will support active lifelong learning, inclusive practices, reduce of learner's fail, elimination of prejudice and xenophobia. Our vision is to empower ourselves (teachers and pupils) as lifelong learners using multiple ways and tools: learner's reflection, inclusive practices, collaborative learning, non formal and informal education approaches and the study of culture -tradition. Thus all 11 ed. institutions from Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Turkey, Slovakia, Bulgaria,Romania, Italy, Sweden with 2895 pupils from 5 -17 y.o and 238 teachers will share joy of collaboration within and between schools and support ways on ongoing learning and teaching. At this point RED BALL is supported as an acronym because we aim to transform learning into joyful and likeable procedure, as the acronym suggests. Through this collaboration we will manage to build strong connections and friendship between participants (teachers, pupils, and wider lifelong learning community), combating this way any possible prejudice and xenophobia between countries, establishing our european identity and managing school improvement for all. For this purpose, we will study, communicate, collaborate, come closer with project meetings, use media and i-technology, we will implement an ongoing and a final evaluation of the procedure, disseminate our work within and outside of schools, and produce ongoing and final products. 2013-2015 European project VIA LIGHT for the support of the early bilingual education. 2012-2014 In the kindergarten have worked volunteers from differencnt countries: England, Scotland, Japan, Canada and Nigeria from 2003 till 2010.

PROJECT CONTEXT

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PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Activities will take place in mainly in Tallinn, Estonia, but also some free-time and education activities in whole country during the weekends. During the project, the volunteer will communicate with different groups of persons – children, teachers, parents. Person will help in organizing the different events and national celebrations, art-classes, working with different smart-devices (Bee-Bot, Ozobot, Lego education) and all the preparations, which are needed in kindergarten everyday's life.

PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The person, who will be chosen should be open minded and willing to communicate with children and adults. He/she should love to play with children and propose his/her own ideas on which activities to plan for the children.

RISK PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND SAFETY

Our organization will minimize the risks and problems, which can be found on this situation. Also, the mentor will be presented to the person who will always try to help, find solution if needed. If mentor won't find solution, then we have also main management, who will take care of the problems. Also, the volunteer can always turn to his/her coordinating organisation.