

TALLINN ENDLA KINDERGARTEN (Tallinna Endla Lasteaed)



Organisation description

Tallinn Endla Kindergarten was opened in 1952 and is situated in the centre of Tallinn on Endla street. The kindergarten has 65 years of pre-school educational experience. There are 4 groups in the kindergarten: one for children up to 3 years old and 3 other groups for children over 3 years of age. Altogether there are 95 children in our kindergarten. The working language in kindergarten is Estonian. There are 10 teachers, including a teacher of music and a teacher of gymnastics. Tallinn Endla Kindergarten helps to prepare children for school and in cooperation with parents it carries out development, upbringing and education of children, taking into consideration specific features of each child, interests and principles of family education.

Our kindergarten's most important values are: koostöö (co-operation), ausus (honesty), sallivus (tolerance), sõbralikkus (friendliness). Children can participate in different activities in kindergarten: art course, music, football, ceramics, dancing, English and judo. Traditions are implemented into kindergarten work, e.g. Mihkli and Christmas fairs, kindergarten's birthday, Estonian Independence Day etc. Besides celebrating traditional activities in kindergarten, very important are national and international health days, e.g. Heart Week, Bread Week etc. Tallinn Endla Kindergarten belongs to a network of kindergartens aiming to educate children on health. Principle activities: developing a healthy environment; developing a healthy way of living; developing and strengthening cooperation between children and personnel.

More information about our doings and events at kindergarten is available at: <http://www.tallinn.ee/est/endla/>

Project context

Kindergarten Endla is located in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia on the coast of the Baltic Sea. Tallinn has a population of 430 000 inhabitants. The 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 as a touristic place.

Tallinn Endla Kindergarten is situated in the centre of town in an architectural building.

Proposed Activities

There are a lot of different activities in kindergarten where the helping-hand of volunteer is needed. For example, the following events are planned:

- Celebrating Estonian holidays such as different Christmas events and Christmas Fair but also national holidays like Mardipäev, Kadripäev, Vastlapäev etc.
- Visits: visiting fire brigade, health museum, Castle School of Kadriorg etc.
- Trips to nature: Nature School of Sagadi, jogging tracks of Viimsi etc.
- The groups with oldest children will go often to city tour to learn

Foreign volunteer can participate in all activities and offer his/her ideas and be creative with children. Volunteers can make performances with children, sport activities and competitions etc., having of course previously discussed and coordinated it all with the teachers.

Volunteers will have experienced tutors, who will always be ready to help (if there will be some difficulties or problems) or just give good advice about everyday life in our city and country. The tutor will make volunteer understand better about new environment, new people and make her/him feel more comfortable. Volunteers are expected to learn Estonian language and therefore will have Estonian language lessons at the beginning of their voluntary service.



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.

All sorts of artistic skills are welcome as they can be used kindergarten's educational activities.

Coordinating organisation MTÜ EstYES will make the primary selection among volunteer candidates. All volunteer applications approved by EstYES will be forwarded to Tallinn Endla Kindergarten so that we could do the final selection. We are open to work with any competent sending organisation.

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. In kindergarten they will also have the opportunity to eat twice a day on working days.



Risk Prevention, Protection and Safety

Our working environment is very friendly and supporting and the volunteer will have support from his/her tutor, mentor and coordinating organisation.

Tallinn Endla 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.

Tallinn Kindergarten Endla and the coordinating organisation MTÜ EstYES will support the volunteers in any conflict situation and look for the best possible solution.

MTÜ EstYES offers also extra training seminars and gatherings where volunteers can take part and share their impressions and experiences with other volunteers and local community.