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Organisation description

Tallinn Linnupesa Kindergarten has 50 year history. Kindergarten belongs to local municipality. Our name is Linnupesa- nest, from that name we have vision- Cozy nest for everyone: COZY- play areas, playgrounds, friendly atmosphere; NEST- cozy environment; EVERYONE- our kids, workers, teachers, parents, partners, friends etc.

It consists of twelve kindergarten groups (children aged 1,5 to 7 years). 24 pedagogues work in kindergarten. Besides working with curriculum on daily basis, our kindergarten especially focuses on children's healthcare, environmental awareness, outdoor learning and preparation for school. We have nice traditions: days with family, sport activity days, visiting theatres and concerts and they are visiting us, hikes and excursions during spring and summer also we have twice a year cafes where kindergarten gathers money for some big things- right now we gather money for shelters where we could do our outdoor learning sessions.

We also cooperate with other organisations. Every month we have some theatre groups visiting us. With children we are visiting museums and other great places which supports their learning (police). There are several music, dance and sport lessons for children which are held also in our kindergarten so these are very popular- parents doesn't need to ride their kids around the city.

Every day with every weather kids spend some time outside.

Kids and personnel can eat three times a day. Dishes are good and nutritious.

Project context

Linnupesa Kindergarten is a municipality kindergarten in Tallinn, capital of Estonia. Kindergarten works in 12 groups: three groups for small kids: 1,5 to 3 years and nine for children aged 3 to 7. There are 53 teachers and employees. Our kindergarten values outdoor education and cultural traditions. The kindergarten is working eleven months one month on summer time we have a break. The international volunteer could bring an international awareness to the life of children and also employees. Tallinn is capital city of Estonia and as Estonia is member of EU it would be nice to give personal experience to children starting their early years. Volunteer could be as assistant of kindergarten teacher, music teacher or at sport activities in hall or outside. Workers of kindergarten will support volunteer initiative to make children learning more exiting.

The day in Kindergarten is following:

7:00-8:30 gathering and games

8:30 breakfast

9:00-12:00 lessons, musical or sport activities, outdoor learning/games/walks

12:30 lunch

13:00-15:00 sleep

15:00 free time or teacher assigned activities

15:30 substantial snack

16:00-18:00 free time/ teacher assigned activities/going home

Proposed activities

Volunteers tasks:

Working 5 days a week about 7h per day.

Taking part our meetings and in the beginning introducing himself/herself to our organisation personnel.

Taking part every day activities in our Sunbeams (Päikesekiire) group and helping teacher with artworks.

Taking photos and videos in our daily activities and putting together a blog- with a help of teacher or assistants.

Directly assisting the children

Individual work

Preparing teaching devices if necessary

Taking part in the study visits (expeditions), in outdoor education and in the movement activities Assisting the teachers in the preparation of the traditional house events - sports days, study visits, field trips, excursions, etc.

We aren't requiring working experience 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;
- ready to do teamwork.

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.

Volunteer would be fully included in organising the events. Volunteer has an opportunity to use modern teaching materials and tools.

Profile of the Volunteer

A person whom we expect in our institution is definitely child-friendly and has a desire to work with children. We are looking forward to someone who wants to be a part of our a team. He/she has to be open-minded, ready to be part of a team and ready to cooperate. Also it

would be a good thing if volunteer has innovative, initiative and interested in using different methods in teaching process, likes to sing, play, do sports, dance. Volunteer should be aged between 18 and 30 years and speaking English on a basic communication level.

Support

Accommodation will be arranged by coordinating organisation MTÜ EstYES or by our kindergarten. Volunteer will be placed in flat or dorm that correspond to normal Estonian living standards. 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.

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 teachers or administration of the kindergarten. Linnupesa kindergarten 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 and of course with work matters as well. 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 Linnupesa 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.

