



## Organisation description

Loitsu Kindergarten in Tallinn is located in the capital city of Estonia – Tallinn.

Loitsu Kindergarten is meant for preschool children to provide basic education and day-care. Kindergarten will assist children's family to support youngsters' growth, progress, knowledge gathering and kids' individual identity.

Loitsu Kindergarten in Tallinn is multicultural. We are dedicated to teach Estonian language to Estonian children as well as children from other nationalities. Studying and teaching is held in a playful way. We also arrange educational outdoor trips.

We encourage healthy lifestyle among children and their families with many other Estonian kindergartens. In our house, we have swimming pool where we teach children to swim and we also arrange musical education, singing etc.

Children can take part in different activities in our kindergarten. We offer sport related activities, dance lessons, art classes, possibility to learn English and Estonian.

We have 11 different groups in our kindergarten. Three of them are nursery groups (children up to age 3), 2 mixed groups (children of different ages) and 6 groups for children in similar ages (children whose age is between 3 and 6).

In every group we have three staff members/employees. In most of our groups there are two teachers and one assistant. In nursery groups we have one teacher, one support teacher and one assistant. All together we have 40 employees (teachers, support teachers, assistants, speech therapist, management members and cleaner). People in our institution are very innovative and friendly.

The Kindergarten is open from 6:30 to 18:30 on weekdays.

The day in Kindergarten is following:

6:30 children come to kindergarten, free time, games, teacher assigned activities

8:35 breakfast

9:05 lessons, musical or sport activities, swimming, outdoor learning, games, walks

12:30 lunch

13:15-14:45 reading a book for children, sleep

15:00 free time, games or teacher assigned activities

15:45 evening snack

16:15-18:30 free time, games, teacher assigned activities/children going home

We are doing a lot of cooperation with many other kindergartens and institutions to give interesting skills and knowledge to our children. Many exciting events are taking place. We write, initiate and take part of different cooperation projects.

We study a lot while being outdoors and in the wild.





We have interesting and fun events from which other kindergartens can also take part in.





Our rooms are children friendly, safe and will support the growth of the children.



Our children also have an opportunity to perform outside of kindergarten.



Every year we hold a Kindergartens Day of Athletics in Lasnamäe Kergejõustikuhall (Lasnamäe Athletics hall).



We have many traditions.



Our kindergarten became 35 years old in March.



More information: <http://www.tallinn.ee/est/loitsu-lasteaed/>

## **Project context**

Loitsu Kindergarten is located in the capital city of Estonia – Tallinn. People in Tallinn are very friendly. Main languages spoken here are Estonian and Russian. Most of the younger generation can also speak English.

Close to our kindergarten are many shopping centres, Lindakivi Cultural Center, jogging trails. It is three-minute walk to a MyFitness where there are different sporting possibilities (gym, group training etc.). Tallinn Song Festival Ground (3 km), city centre (6 km), Kadriorg park (5 km) and many other interesting places are quite close. Public transportation is very good.

## **Proposed activities**

We are searching for volunteer who is active, creative and who really likes children.

Volunteer will have the chance to get to know and take part in kindergarten everyday work and projects. The main tasks for the volunteers is to instruct children, help children if needed, play with children and help with organizing events. It is good opportunity for the volunteer to study Estonian language. Especially because we offer education in Estonian to children whose mother tongue is not Estonian. One of the very good parts of this programme is the possibility to find out a lot about the Estonian culture and manners.

Because we have many children, employees and parents in our kindergarten whose mother tongue is Russian then it would be very positive if volunteer could speak Russian (in addition to English). Russian language skills are not a must.

## **Profile of Volunteer and Recruitment Process**

The selection process will be carried out by our kindergarten in cooperation with our coordinating organisation MTÜ Noortevahetuse Arengu Ühing EstYES.

We will be pleased to get applications for participation from anyone who:

- wants to work with children from ages 5-7
- is active, creative and who really likes children.
- is between ages 18-30
- is prepared physically and mentally to work with children at the ages 5-7
- is prepared to communicate children with different cultural backgrounds.
- it is very positive if volunteer can speak Russian (in addition to English).

## **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 on working days.

Loitsu kindergarten will give the volunteer the opportunity to learn Estonian language, because we offer education in Estonian to children whose mother tongue is not Estonian. One of the very good parts of this programme is the possibility to find out a lot about the Estonian culture and manners.

## **Risk Prevention, Protection and Safety**

Tallinn Loitsu Kindergarten ensure:

- that the volunteer work is safe and 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 if needed;
- that the volunteer will get all the practical and psychological support from the staff.
- Problems and Conflicts would be avoided and/or solved using continuous communication and listening to all parties.