

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium



About the Receiving Organisation

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium (Tallinna Kuristiku Gümnaasium) is a municipal school founded in 1984. Our school, where about 650 students are studied now, is one of the largest schools in Lasnamäe – the subdistrict of Tallinn.

The spirit of our school is thoroughly kept by both: the teachers and the students. The students' representation was organized to provide the democratic management of our school and to make our school life more interesting and more suitable for every taste.

At 2012 the school was renovated and partly rebuilt. The greatest changes were made in the sports hall (it has become much bigger and changed its location), we also got a spacious library and a large auditorium hall. There are computers and video projectors in all classrooms. Overall the schoolhouse is technically well equipped. The football pitch and the running track received a new coat. A larger parking lot was built at the main entrance.

All the students study English from the very first year. For all students we offer free of charge after-class activities, such as folk dancing, ball games and athletics. In our large gym you can play handball, basketball and other games.

For some extra fee primary school students can attend after-school classes, where they can learn, play and stay at school until 5 pm.

Altogether there are 78 employees working at Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium, 60 of whom are teachers. The volunteer will partly work with primary teachers, IT-manager and head teachers. Most of the time the volunteer will work with school youth worker/social pedagogue who will be the volunteers tutor and will be responsible for EVS.

Context

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium is located in the capital most developed city in Estonia – Tallinn. It is now a very beautiful modern city with ancient buildings & fantastic sightseeings, a popular tourist destination. Tallinn is situated on the coast of the Baltic Sea, and has a population of about 440 206 people according to statistics in 2016. The spoken native language is Estonian, but English, Finnish and Russian are also widely understood. Tallinn combines a lot of enterprises, businesses, organisations, etc. Governmental institutions and representatives of international organizations are situated here as well. Detailed information to be found on www.tallinn.ee

Lasnamäe is the most populous administrative district Tallinn. The districts' population is about 119,000, the majority of which is Russian-speaking. Local housing is mostly represented by 5–16 stories high panel blocks of flats, built in the 1970–1990s. Lasnamäe is usually referred to as a bedroom community.

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium (TKG) is an Estonian-speaking school, there are about 1/3 of students from families with Russian or other background. TKG a classical big schoolhouse filled with ordinary Estonian students and teachers.



Proposed Activities for the Volunteer

To the volunteer we wish to provide primary youth work and pedagogical experience. To us it is important to create the working environment and content with the volunteer. Here are some examples of the tasks or possibilities of actions:

- activities concerning the project 'Enterprising School' ('Ettevõtlik kool'). The project's aim is to help students to be more active, initiative and responsible for one's own actions.
- activities concerning the project 'School Inviting to Move' ('Liikuma kutsuv kool'). The project's aim is to reduce the 'sitting-time' of children and youngsters and to create an environment or opportunities for students to move more during the school day.
- establish and supervise an after-class club for students. For example drama club or club with sports or IT (robotics, programming etc). There are also technical equipment for making a school radio or TV.
- organize or help to organize school events such as National holidays, Teacher's Day, School's Birthday, Halloween, World-education week, Christmas celebrations, Valentine's Day, School's Song and Dance Festival.
- organize or help to organize active breaks for primary school students.
- help to provide discipline at breaks (in halls and cafeteria).
- help at study visits and excursions (take place in Tallinn and all over in Estonia).
- being a support person (confidant) for students.
- help to guide the after-school program.

Profile of the Volunteer

We will be pleased to get applications from anyone who are:

- ready to work with children and have enough patience;
- willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities;
- friendly and open-minded;
- aged between 18 and 30 years;
- optimistic and cheerful.

Working experience is not required. Most importantly the volunteer should be fond of children and have optimistic and cheerful nature. All sorts of artistic, musical, pedagogical or sports related skills are welcome as they can be implemented in educational and extra curricular activities of the school.