**Tallinna Kuristiku Gymnasium**

**Introduction**

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium is a municipal school founded in 1984. The school, where about 920 students are studying now, is one of the largest schools in Lasnamäe – the subdistrict of Tallinn.

In 2012 the school was renovated and partly rebuilt. The greatest changes were made with the sports hall, 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 very well equipped. School’s latest focus has been the idea of how to make the territory more attractive and active for the students. We have got a small adventure park, lots of swings and climbing attractions, beach volleyball courts, running tracks and also some good conditions for making outdoor classes during nice weather.

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, robotics, science, technology, drama club, etc. In the large gym, it's possible to play handball, volleyball, basketball and participate in athletics training.

Tallinn Kuristiku Gymnasium is taking part of the Green School program, where the mission is to create a global community of learners, making our world more sustainable. The school is one of the Active Movement Schools, which means that we value making students' school day more active through active lessons and active breaks. 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.

To them, it is important to create a working environment and cooperate with the volunteer. Most of the time the volunteer will work with the school’s youth worker who will be the volunteers' tutor.

**Location**

Lasnamäe – 20 minutes by bus from the Tallinn city center. The public transport connection is very good.

**Work tasks or possibilities of actions**

* Planning the activities concerning the project “Active Movement School (Liikuma Kutsuv Kool)”
* Planning or helping to plan and conducting active lessons
* establish and supervise an after-class for students. For example drama class, arts, activities with sports or IT (robotics, programming etc). School is well equipped with technology
* 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 etc
* organize or help to organize active breaks and outdoor breaks for primary school students
* help to provide discipline at breaks (in halls and cafeteria)
* help at study visits and class excursions (taking place in Tallinn and all over in Estonia)
* being a support person (confidant) for students
* help to guide the after-school program
* help to conduct all-day-school, play and help students with their homework

**Benefits of volunteering**

* Experience in primary youth work and pedagogy
* Experience in planning different events and activities

**Requirements for the volunteer**

* Fond of children (ready to work with them and have patience)
* Optimistic and cheerful nature
* Communicating easily with co-workers
* Willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities
* Not afraid of leading games to big groups of young students
* Friendly and open-minded
* Punctual
* Flexible in working hours
* Not afraid to take initiative

All sorts of artistic, musical, pedagogical or sports-related skills are welcome as they can be implemented in educational and extracurricular activities of the school.