

# Workcamps in Finland

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## **ALLIANSSI YOUTH EXCHANGES**

Allianssi Youth Exchanges is a non-profit organisation working for global understanding and youth empowerment. Founded in 1993, Allianssi has assisted over 20 000 young people gain global understanding through international mobility programmes. Our aim is to give young people a chance to do concrete work with others from different backgrounds and ethnic origins and widen their world view.

### **MISSION**

We believe international volunteering and intercultural exchanges enhance the knowledge and skills of young adults remarkably. We work in close co-operation with our partners to offer interesting programs for learning, volunteering, training or working in different countries. We promote intercultural learning, global awareness and diversity and highlight the importance of equal opportunities for all young people irrespective their backgrounds.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Usually most volunteers in our camps are 18-25 years old even though there is no upper age limit on most camps. The volunteers come mainly through our European partner organisations, but in most camps there is usually representation from other parts of the world as well.

### **WORK**

The work is very often practical like organising activities and events, maintaining buildings, doing nature and environment related tasks such as removing invasive plants or tidying hiking trails or working with young people and children. The main aims of the camps is to encourage and increase intercultural learning between the volunteers and the hosting community. No special skills are required, only motivation. The working hours are 30-35 hours per week. Most camps are arranged in small communities in the beautiful Finnish countryside.

### **CAMP LEADER**

An Allianssi camp leader is present in most camps. They are either a volunteer with work camp experience or a student of youth work. In some camps there is a local camp leader nominated by the camp host.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Accommodation is simple and modest, with basic facilities such as kitchen, toilets, shower and laundry washing. Usually volunteers should bring their own sleeping bags. In most workcamps, meals are prepared by volunteers in small teams. Our aim is to offer mostly plant based food, but this also depends on the camp host.

### **ACTIVITIES**

There are plenty of opportunities to visit local places of interest and enjoy Finnish countryside, lakes and forests. And a Finnish sauna, of course! Many camp hosts are local associations so there is usually local involvement in the activities.

### **REGISTRATION FEE / DOCUMENTS**

Vitlycke camp in Sweden and the Huhtamo film festival camp in Huittinen have a registration fee of 50 euros to cover administration costs. The volunteers are expected to pay the registration fee through bank transfer or paypal one month before the camp.

Vitlycke camp requires a one page motivation letter together with the application. In all camps where there are activities with children the selected volunteers are required to provide their criminal record check one month prior to the camp start.

## **HEALTH ISSUES**

The volunteers are NOT insured by the organisers. Since the travel to the work camp and theft of personal property should also be insured, we expect all the volunteers to take their own travel insurance for the whole duration of their travel. In addition, we expect all volunteers from EU countries to take the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them.

If the volunteers have any special needs related to their physical or mental health, please let us know in advance so that we can find the best way to support them.

No drugs are allowed at Allianssi camps under any circumstances. The use of alcohol might be restricted in some camps.

## **LANGUAGE**

The language on all our camps is English and all volunteers are expected to be able to communicate at least on a basic level in English. It is quite widely spoken, so you will manage in English almost everywhere in Finland.

## **WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU**

Since the work is usually practical we recommend that the volunteers bring with them sturdy shoes/boots and working clothes and gloves which can get dirty. Bring enough warm clothes for cool evenings. Swimming gear is important to bring with you since there are plenty of opportunities for sauna and swimming in a lake. A sleeping bag is a must for most camps. The volunteers are encouraged to bring some snacks from their home countries for the international evenings!

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability is a vital core value to our organisation thus we wish all the volunteers taking part in a work camp in Finland take this into consideration. Both the hosts and volunteers should do their best in taking care of our environment by for example recycling, saving energy, leaving no trace, eating plant based food, supporting local products and respecting local culture. Travelling by green means of transport is strongly encouraged and we are happy to provide resources and tips for travelling to our projects by land. We believe volunteering is an opportunity to learn new, sustainable ways of working and living. Our goal is that our participants act for a more sustainable and equitable society. Low-emission travel and other environmentally responsible choices may seem like small steps, but they have a big impact.

If you want to know more about sustainable participation, please visit our website:

<https://www.nuorisovaihto.fi/allianssi-youth-exchanges/sustainable-participation/>

Test your carbon footprint:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/consider-your-impact/carbon-calculator/>

## **EYA - European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice**

This year we organise several camps which are part of the EYA -project supported by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme of the European Commission. EYA project aims at empowering European youth to make their voices heard by the decision makers on climate justice issues, through building a structured path at European level for the engagement of youth. The project engages young people in expressing their vision on the Europe they want and on climate justice; increase knowledge and awareness on climate justice issues, improve competences in concrete actions for climate justice in three key related issues: energy transition, greenwashing, biodiversity. As part of this project, volunteering camps, workshops and campaigns are organised in the project countries. Green travelling to EYA camps is encouraged. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey to EYA camps in Finland will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€.

More info on the EYA project

<https://www.nuorisovaihto.fi/allianssi-youth-exchanges/projects-and-exchanges/eya-european-youth-in-action/>

## **FINLAND**

Finland; Suomi in Finnish, is situated between Sweden to the West, the tip of Norway in the North, a long border with Russia to the East, and Estonia to the South, across the Gulf of Finland. Finland is the northernmost country in the world after Iceland. But the climate is not as freezing as that might suggest, partly because of the warming influence of the Gulf Stream. During summer even sunbathing is possible as temperatures range from 16°C to 25°C. There may be some rainy and chilly days too, and therefore the volunteers should have proper outfit for working outdoors. Finland has a long coastline. The archipelago to the south and south west of the country contains around 30,000 islands. Finland is also the land of lakes, almost 200,000 at the last count. Two thirds of the country is covered by forest. In terms of land area, Finland is the seventh largest country in Europe while the population is only about five million. Finland has two official languages: Finnish and Swedish. The currency unit in Finland is the Euro, but it is usually possible to pay by card almost everywhere.

## **USEFUL LINKS**

<http://virtual.finland.fi> (General information about Finland including links for local travel options)

<https://finland.fi> (Things you should and shouldn't know about Finland)

<https://www.facebook.com/AllianssiYouthExchanges> (Our official Facebook page in English)



## WORKCAMPS IN FINLAND 2025

| Camp   | Name                  | Location           | Dates           | Type       | Vols | Age   | Fee (€) |
|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|------|-------|---------|
| ALLI01 | World Village EYA     | Helsinki           | 20.-30.5.2025   | FEST/ENVI  | 12   | 18+   |         |
| ALLI02 | Leinikki              | Vantaa             | 1.6.-13.6.2025  | KIDS/SOCI  | 6    | 18+   |         |
| ALLI03 | WHV Rock Carvings     | Tanumshede, Sweden | 8.6.-22.6.2025  | CULT/ENVI  | 7    | 18-35 | 50 €    |
| ALLI04 | Karelian culture camp | Uukuniemi          | 23.6.-6.7.2025  | ENVI/CULT  | 4    | 20+   |         |
| ALLI05 | Pitkis-Sport          | Kokemaki           | 28.6.- 7.7.2025 | SPORT/KIDS | 6    | 18-35 |         |
| ALLI06 | Tipula EYA            | Laitila            | 29.6.-13.7.2025 | ENVI/CULT  | 10   | 18+   |         |
| ALLI07 | Huhtamo Film Festival | Huittinen          | 13.-29.7.2025   | CULT/FEST  | 15   | 18+   | 50 €    |
| ALLI08 | Lastu EYA             | Lapinlahti         | 31.7.-14.8.2025 | ENVI/CULT  | 10   | 18+   |         |
| ALLI09 | Kukukuu EYA           | Kuru               | 3.-17.8.2025    | ENVI/RENO  | 12   | 18+   |         |
| ALLI10 | Alpo Savannah EYA     | Kauhajoki          | 3.-17.8.2025    | ENVI/CULT  | 7    | 18+   |         |
| ALLI11 | Camp DinosaurRock     | Mikkeli            | 10- 21.8.2025   | FEST       | 8    | 20+   |         |
| ALLI12 | Nature Camp EYA       | Poytya             | 15.-24.8.2025   | ENVI       | 10   | 18+   |         |

**ALLI01 World Village EYA Helsinki 20.-30.5.2025 ENVI/CULT 12 vols 18+**

**P:** Finnish Development NGOs Fingo is the umbrella organisation of 270 Finnish civil society organisations (CSOs) engaged in development cooperation, sustainable development and global citizenship education. Fingo and its Member Organisations promote sustainable development and global justice and work to make life fairer – everywhere. Fingo organizes the yearly World Village Festival which is Finland’s leading event for global action for the whole family, a free cultural festival, a food carnival and a trade fair for sustainable development. World Village raises global challenges and solutions, increases understanding and provides concrete ways to take action to create change. Expected number of visitors is 50 000 during the weekend 24.-25.5. There will be dozens of program concerts, discussions, workshops. In the festival area hundreds of different organisations and institutions and other actors present their work. This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is environmental responsibility and greenwashing.

**W:** World Village Festival is committed to continually improving its environmental efforts. There is only vegetarian food for sale. The festival strives to minimize waste, allowing only recyclable containers. The festival is committed to recycling all waste. The volunteers of the festival are carrying out several different tasks. The first three days the festival area is built up. This means carrying fences and tables, setting up tents, installing signs and banners, distributing the waste containers and helping with area decoration. During the festival days many volunteers are needed in the team which keeps the festival area tidy and in the recycling team which takes care that the different types of litter end in the right containers. After the festival, volunteers work with take-down work such as taking down banners, signs and decorations. After the festival volunteers will move to a seaside camp centre and have time to relax and discuss the study theme which is environmental responsibility and greenwashing.

**A:** The first week volunteers will stay in a hostel near the festival site in central Helsinki, after the festival the group will move to a lovely accommodation by the seaside.

**L:** The camp happens in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Suvilahti event area which is a former power plant area that has been taken over by several cultural actors for festivals and events. Volunteers will get to enjoy nature and the sea which are never far away in Helsinki.

**T:** The closest airport is Helsinki-Vantaa. Helsinki can be reached by ferry from Tallinn and Stockholm.

**SR:** The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers but open for all. Green travelling is encouraged. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel

grant up to 100€.

ALLI02 Leinikki Vantaa 1.6.-13.6.2025 KIDS/SOCI 6 vols 18+

P: Vantaan Jarjestorinki is an organization that supports and connects associations in Vantaa. It serves as a network for local groups and works to improve the conditions for associations by organizing networking meetings, training sessions, and offering free meeting spaces at the Leinikki Civic Activity Center in Simonkyla. They also organize free weekly community events, ranging from a crafts club, community cafe, Men's group, Senior cafe, children's afternoon club, and similar activities to people living in the area.

W: From Spring to Autumn our electronic Babboe coffee bike roams around providing people free of charge refreshments, food and a place to chat and connect with local people. The food is surplus food from wholesalers prepared by Leinikki. During summer they also have a children's summer camp where volunteers play games and do crafts with children aged 7-11 years old. The volunteers will contribute to both of these projects while having an exciting opportunity to be a part of our community. They will get to be part of the camp, play football and other games, and spend time outside with the children. The volunteers will also be riding the electronic coffee bike so they can have a nice chat with people and provide them refreshments.

A: The volunteers will sleep in double rooms in Leinikki. The accommodation also has a common area with sofas as well as toilets and showers. There is a large kitchen area where the volunteers can prepare food.

L: Simonkyla is close to Tikkurila in Vantaa, adjacent to Helsinki, renowned for its cultural attractions and recreational facilities. Nature is nearby: a forest with gym equipment is right around the corner and there is a national park with a lake for swimming, and kayaking. Volunteers can borrow bicycles for the duration of the camp in order to explore the area.

T: Helsinki - Vantaa airport is very near to the camp location. Helsinki can be also reached by ferry.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The volunteers need to know how to ride a bicycle. A criminal record extract is required.

ALLI03 WHV Rock Carvings Tanum 8.6.-22.6.2025 CULT/ENVI 7 vols 18-35

P: WHV Rock Carvings in Tanum project is organised by Vitlycke museum in Tanumshede in west Sweden. Vitlycke museum is a knowledge and experience centre in Tanum Unesco World Heritage site - an area of about 600 rock carving art sites. Here you can experience world class rock carving art and explore the Bronze Age world.

W: The volunteers will help with the green area maintenance in the bronze age farm and around the rock carvings. The group should be ready for hands-on activities and working outdoors. The volunteers also assist in preparing for the summer solstice event, which is held during the camp. Those midsummer preparations include picking flowers, dressing the maypole, and talking to our visitors about the event.

A: The accommodation is located between the museum and a forest. There are small cottages with bunk beds and cooking facilities. Bathrooms and showers are located in a nearby building. The volunteers will cook most of their meals together as a group.

L: Countryside on the west coast of Sweden. Around the world heritage area there are forests and lakes and lots of hiking trails. Not far from Tanum lies the coast, with restaurants, shops, beaches and beautiful cliffs by the ocean. In their free time the volunteers will have the opportunity to get to know Swedish nature, the world heritage area and on certain occasions go to the popular seaside town of Grebbestad. On Friday it is midsummer, and you will have the option of participating in a midsummer celebration. A traditional Swedish midsummer is best celebrated on the west coast of Sweden, so you are definitely in the right place to experience it!

T: The closest airports are either Gothenburg airport (Sweden) or Oslo Gardermoen airport (Norway), both of which are located about 2 hours from Tanumshede. You can get to Tanum by bus or train.

SR: The volunteers need to have interest towards World Heritage and prepare themselves before

the camp in order to tell about the World Heritage projects in their home countries. One page motivation letter together with the application is needed. The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. Registration fee 50€.

**ALLI04 Karelian culture camp Uukuniemi 23.6.-6.7.2024 ENVI/CULT 4 vols 20+**

**P:** The local host is an association located in a small Uukuniemi village. They maintain a community center and organize various events at the local school and in the surrounding area.  
**W:** The work for volunteers is designed to be diverse. On rainy days, tasks include cleaning and organizing the school and its garden. On sunny days, volunteers will remove invasive plant species (such as wild lupine and Himalayan balsam) from roadsides and clear overgrown areas. Additionally, volunteers will assist in setting up and dismantling traditional celebration events, helping in the community cafe, and other related tasks. The work is a mix of hands-on outdoor activities and indoor maintenance, ensuring a meaningful and engaging experience for all participants. Most importantly the volunteers will be able to immerse themselves into this lively and welcoming community with rich cultural traditions.

**A:** Accommodation is provided in a traditional Finnish countryside house with four bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, and a sauna. Volunteers will prepare their own breakfasts and snacks as a group. Lunch will be provided on-site at the work locations. The local host prepares the daily dinner with the assistance of volunteers.

**L:** Uukuniemi is located in South Karelia, on the shores of the beautiful Lake Pyhajarvi, near Parikkala, Kitee, and Savonlinna. This region is home to some of Finland's purest lakes, rolling landscapes, and a warm-hearted rural community. Here, you can experience the magic of Midsummer at its best! In your free time you can try canoeing, paddleboarding, swimming in crystal-clear waters, mountain biking and hiking through Eastern Finland's most scenic landscapes as well as cozy evenings by the campfire with new friends. There might even be an opportunity to spot rare birds while enjoying the peaceful wilderness

**T:** Helsinki-Vantaa airport. You can take a train from Helsinki to Kesalahti station. The journey takes approximately 4-5 hours. You can also take a bus from Helsinki to Parikkala. Helsinki can be also reached by ferry.

**SR:** The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay.

**ALLI05 Pitkis-Sport Kokemaki 28.6.- 7.7.2025 SPORT/KIDS 6 vols 18-35**

**P:** Pitkis-Sport is the largest children's sport camp in Finland, with hundreds of participants and a large number of national volunteers. This year the theme of the camp will be nature. The kids will be able to try over 40 different sports activities during the camp. The program includes e.g. rugby, American football, lacrosse, taekwondo, Sport Chanbara and Highland Games. The ages of the children participating in the camp will be mainly between 7 and 15 years old.

**W:** The volunteers will act as assistant sport instructors in the English speaking children camp, where the kids can try a variety of sports. The volunteers will be working with a group of children who speak English as their mother tongue or want to learn English. Their tasks involve guiding the children in the camp area, helping with meals and transitions. The volunteers make sure that the children move safely in the area, stick to the schedule and act according to the rules. The volunteers will also assist the cooking team to prepare breakfast for the children and distribute food. Working clothes will be provided by the camp host.

**A:** During the camp the volunteers will sleep in tents in the camp area. The participants need to bring their own sleeping bags. Meals will be provided by the local host.

**L:** Pitkajarvi is a lake close to the town of Kokemaki about 200 km north-west from Helsinki. Kokemaki is a beautiful small town with a long history. Pitkajarvi is a popular spot for recreational activities. There are two national parks nearby and other interesting sights that the volunteers can visit during their free time.

**T** Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry. Kokemaki can be reached from Helsinki by train or bus in 3-4 hours.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. This camp is especially suited for volunteers who have experience with children. A criminal record extract is required.

ALLI06 Tipula EYA Laitila 29.6.-13.7.2025 ENVI/CULT 10 vols 18+

P: The Cultural Organisation of Tipula pursues to provide the residences for artists from various fields and develop the activity based on the needs of the creative work. They also organize concerts, camps and events in Tipula and further productions of publications and exhibitions.

The organization upkeepes an old garden of self-grown and near-by produced food, surrounded by forests, old farmland and wheatfields. Their goal is to reach out to create international bonds, to enhance ecological values and sustainable, environmentally friendly way of life.

This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is sustainability, greenwashing and circular economy.

W: During the first week of the camp the volunteers will do gardening work and prepare for the Open Gardens -event. During the second week the participants will renovate and paint old barn doors. The volunteers will get to know the sustainable way of living of the host organisation and learn more about the themes of the camp through tasks and activities.

A: The accommodation will be organized in rooms of 2-4 people. There will be a shared sauna, shower and toilets. The volunteers will cook their own meals in small teams.

L: Tipula is a small village, surrounded by forests and agricultural land. The nearest cities are Laitila, Rauma and Turku. The west coast of Finland is the oldest part of the country. There are many historical towns for the volunteers to visit, as well as beautiful nature to explore.

T: The closest airports are Helsinki-Vantaa and Turku. Laitila is 3,5h from Helsinki and 1h from Turku by bus. You can also arrive in Helsinki or Turku by ferry.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The camp is not suitable for volunteers with allergy to animals as there are cats and dogs in the camp area. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€.

ALLI07 Huhtamo Film Festival Huittinen 13.-29.7.25 FEST/CULT 15 vols 18+

P: The camp is organized in connection with the Huhtamo International Film Festival, a renowned cultural event celebrating its 5th anniversary in 2025 run by a non-profit association.

W: Volunteers will be involved in two main activities: assisting with the festival's organization and participating in the production of the feature film Pigtown. Tasks include event setup, assisting with screenings and logistics, as well as working on the film set as production assistants, extras, or helping with props and set decoration. This unique opportunity provides hands-on experience in both cultural event management and independent film production.

A: Participants will be accommodated in shared rooms in a local school or the festival lodging facilities. The volunteers will sleep on beds and mattresses. The volunteers will cook their own meals in the kitchen. The ingredients will be provided, focusing on nutritious and locally sourced food that will be plant based whenever possible.

L: Huhtamo is a picturesque rural village in western Finland, known for its scenic landscapes, traditional wooden buildings, and strong local culture. The area is surrounded by forests, lakes, and farmland, offering a peaceful atmosphere with a vibrant cultural scene during the festival. The nearest major city is Tampere, approximately 80 km away, offering modern amenities, historical sites, and a lively arts scene.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Huittinen can be reached from Helsinki by bus in 3h or by train via Tampere. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. This camp is especially suitable for volunteers interested in filmmaking but no previous experience is required. Registration fee 50€.

ALLI08 Lastu EYA Lapinlahti 31.7.-14.8.25 ENVI/CULT 10 vols 18+



P: Architecture and environmental culture school Lastu is an art and construction activity center in Lapinlahti. It was founded in 1993 and is maintained by an association. Their mission is to support and develop architectural and environmental cultural education and promote the appreciation, understanding and nurturing of old and newer built cultural heritage. Their aim is to help people to create a relationship with nature and offer tools to nurture and care for the environment.

This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is biodiversity.

W: The volunteers will have tasks that help increase biodiversity in the areas surrounding Lastu and other sites nearby. This will be achieved by building living fences, building pens and shelters for sheep, and creating works of art from living materials. The volunteers will also be creating moss graffiti and seed bombs. They will help the host with sustainable renovation of buildings and also try out textile repair and patching by sewing durable bags. The volunteers can delve into traditional skills such as carpet weaving and spinning in workshops during a local one day family event called Vasikkasavut.

A: The accommodation is organized indoors as communal living in a summer house or classrooms with access to bathrooms. If you want, you can also sleep in a tent. The volunteers have access to the kitchen and they will cook meals together.

L: Lapinlahti is a small municipality with around 9000 inhabitants located in an area called Northern Savonia. The area has lots of beautiful nature, and is famous for having lots of forest and lakes. During the free time, it is possible to go swimming in the lake, visit art museums, flea markets, shops, a parkour park, outdoor gym, and discover different nature attractions and hiking trails nearby.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Lapinlahti is located close to the city of Kuopio, around five hours from Helsinki. There is a direct train connection from Helsinki to Lapinlahti. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€. A criminal record extract is required.

ALLI09 Kukukuu rehab center EYA Kuru 3.-17.8.202 ENVI/RENO 12 vols 18+

P: The camp host is an association Opastyopaja working in the social work field. They are going to open a rehabilitation centre Kukukuu in the Autumn. The purpose of the residential centre is to support young adults with difficulties for rehabilitation periods.

This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is sustainability, greenwashing and circular economy.

W: During the camp the volunteers will assist in renovating a building which will become a rehabilitation center for youngsters and young adults with different challenges. The rehab centre Kukukuu will open in the autumn and there is still work to be done in the building and yard to make it ready for the new residents. The volunteers should be ready to get their hands dirty as they will be painting the bedrooms, planting a nice garden, and working in the yard and the greenhouse. The volunteers will also be able to practise their skills in upcycling by fixing and decorating textiles such as recycled T-shirts.

A: The volunteers will cook the meals together with the hosts. The accommodation is in shared rooms for two people.

L: Camp's location is Kuru, 55 kilometres from the nearest big city, Tampere. Kuru is a pretty traditional small village of 3000 habitants but in summertime habitants triple because of the summer residents move to their cottages. Kuru has beautiful nature with lakes and forests. There are hiking trails nearby as well as a national park Seitsemien. The volunteers will have a chance to visit the historical sights in Tampere.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport or Tampere airport. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry. If you arrive

in Helsinki, you can reach Tampere easily by train or bus in about two hours. The volunteers will be picked up from Tampere.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€.

ALLI10 Alpo Savannah EYA Kauhajoki 3.-17.8.2025 ENVI/CULT 7 vols 18+

P: The local host is an association that maintains the Alpo savannah which is a sculpture park created by DIY artist Alpo Koivumäki. They repair, restore and preserve the sculptures he made from waste materials. They want the sculptures to be admired by visitors in the future as well. This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is energy transition.

W: The participants will clear and tidy the environment and separate waste materials for future use or for recycling. One day volunteers will have a workshop on how to make art from recycled materials. The host is very nice and innovative and takes good care of the volunteers. They will organise interesting visits to nearby sights and events. The energy transition topic will be shared and discussed. There will be some interesting visits to local energy sources such as fuel peat producers who are changing their activities from fuel peat to more sustainable options.

A: Shared accommodation in a cottage by a small clear lake within a walking distance from Alpo Savannah. The cottage has a sauna and a good beach for swimming. All meals will be plant based and cooked together.

L: The Alpo savannah is located in a rural setting in the village of Nummijärvi far from shopping centers and city life, but with great surrounding nature. Finnish idyll at its best. The nearest town Kauhajoki is 30 kilometers away.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry. It takes about 4-5h to reach Kauhajoki from Helsinki.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€.

ALLI11 Dinosaurock Mikkeli 10.-21.8.2025 FEST 8 vols 20+

P: This camp is organized together with a cultural association Mukula which has organised cultural festivals with international volunteers for about 20 years, these camps have been really successful. This year the festival will take place in a new exciting location with popular artists.

W: The volunteers will assist in building a festival called Dinosaurock in Mikkeli. During the festival there will be various tasks such as keeping the area tidy, but also free time to enjoy the interesting festival program. After the festival there will also be work dismantling the festival.

A: The volunteers will stay in shared accommodation or in cabins in the area of Visulahti, a camping resort in Mikkeli. Volunteers will prepare some meals together in small teams, some meals will be provided.

L: The festival and the camp are held in Mikkeli, Finland, next to the largest lake in Finland, Saimaa. The camping resort Visulahti is mostly a summer destination for families that also has an aquatic park. There will be a possibility to go swimming and discover the local nature.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry. It takes about 2-3h to reach Mikkeli from Helsinki by bus.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay.

ALLI12 Nature Camp EYA Poytya 15.-24.8.2025 ENVI 10 vols 18+

P: This camp is organized together with the Municipality of Poytya and the local 4H-club. The local organisations have again joined forces to organise an international volunteering camp in order to give local youth international experiences. The host also has a nature exhibition centre called Luontokapinetti in the village of Ylane.

This camp is a part of the project European Youth in Action: policymakers for climate justice, supported by the CERV programme, improving competences in concrete actions for climate justice. The horizontal theme of this camp is biodiversity.

W: The volunteers will get many opportunities for intercultural encounters in this camp related to nature and youth in the countryside. Volunteers should be prepared to present their own country and its culture to local children and youth during visits to local school and youth houses, or when organising international events for the young people. The volunteers will get a chance to get to know the local nature and biodiversity through environmental activities and discussions with local environmental educators.

A: Modest hostel-type accommodation with a large common space, own sleeping bags needed. Showers in a separate building. Volunteers will prepare their meals together in small teams.

L: Ylane is a small village surrounded by lakes and forests in Western Finland, about 190 km from Helsinki. The nearest city is Turku, which is a beautiful old city with a medieval center. During their free time the volunteers can participate in various activities such as sauna, swimming, canoeing, berry picking and fishing. There are several national parks in the area providing excellent possibilities for hiking.

T: Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Helsinki and Turku can also be reached by ferry. There are daily buses from Turku to Ylane.

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay. The EYA project is primarily targeted to European volunteers. Volunteers traveling by land (bus or train) for most of their journey will be eligible for a travel grant up to 100€. A criminal record extract is required.