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# International youthwork 2016

Brief overview of international  
activities run by Hyvärilä youth  
centre



## Overview

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Find out more about our recent international activities. This year Hyvärilä has been involved in international exchanges, development projects, international internships for the youth and youth workers, and, continuing long history of international volunteering, in sending and hosting EVS volunteers.

### For young people:

- School exceeds borders
- Horizontti

### For volunteers and youth workers:

- Shadows in the nature
- Role of youth workers in a refugee crisis





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## School exceeds borders

In 2016 we continue cooperation between Finland and Russia, creating opportunities for school students to learn more about the neighbor country, visit each other and see what life on the other side of the border is really like. The project is aimed at building connections between youngsters and overcoming prejudice



### Visiting Finland - meeting peers and enjoying nature!



#### October in Hyvärilä

Young Russian students from Finno-Ugorian school spent a week learning Finnish handicrafts, visiting schools and improving their Finnish skills

#### November in Metsäkartano

34 students of Petrovskaya school came to Metsäkartano to visit their peers from Rautavaara school, and learn more about Finland through non-formal learning activities

#### November in Hyvärilä

20 more visitors from Russia came in November. This time, it was the Centre of Education and Culture, exploring the Finnish culture and building meaningful connections for future cooperation

### Visiting Russia - a "taster" for more cooperation!



#### Oulu and Nurmes schools visited Sortavala and Petrozavodsk in May

47 Finnish participants visited schools, youth centres, museums and sights, discovering Russia together

#### Laanila and Kuusamo schools to Sortavala! November

26 youngsters travelled to Russia to explore Sortavala region and Russian cooking, games, and music

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#### December in Hyvärilä

Youngsters from the Petrozavodsk Children's palace were the last group of 2016 to visit Finland, local schools, and getting inspired from expanding their horizons





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## Horizontti

**Horizontti project** is a learning opportunity for young people from **Germany**, which offers:

- ✓ International experiences
- ✓ Working experience abroad
- ✓ Improving English language skills
- ✓ Personal development opportunities

*The 60-day program includes a week-long orientation course where participants learn about Finland and its customs, take a short language course, and visit nearby sights*



### After orientation week participants started their internships in:

- Horse stables Mannen Ratsuila
- Porokylä school
- Hyvärilä youth centre
- Newspaper Ylä-Karjala
- K-market Nurmes
- Kyrölä nursing centre
- APAJA youth workshop

*Implemented in cooperation with  
LeeWerk-WISA*



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# Role of youth workers in a refugee crisis

September, Hyvärilä Youth Centre



## 24 Participants

supported by 2 trainers came from:

Finland  
Slovenia  
Italy  
Spain  
Greece  
Ireland  
Portugal  
France



## Main outcomes as formulated by the participants:

- Young people, regardless of their status, nationality or the values they hold, will be treated in an inclusive manner by a youth sector which upholds its core values in the delivery of services to all young people.
- Young people will be in a position to grow and develop in a Europe which embraces diversity and promotes equality of opportunity and inclusion for all people, and in particular for those who are vulnerable in society.
- Youth workers will actively engage in the promotion and implementation of core human rights values in both their work and society in general, resulting in a more inclusive Europe where people feel valued and respected

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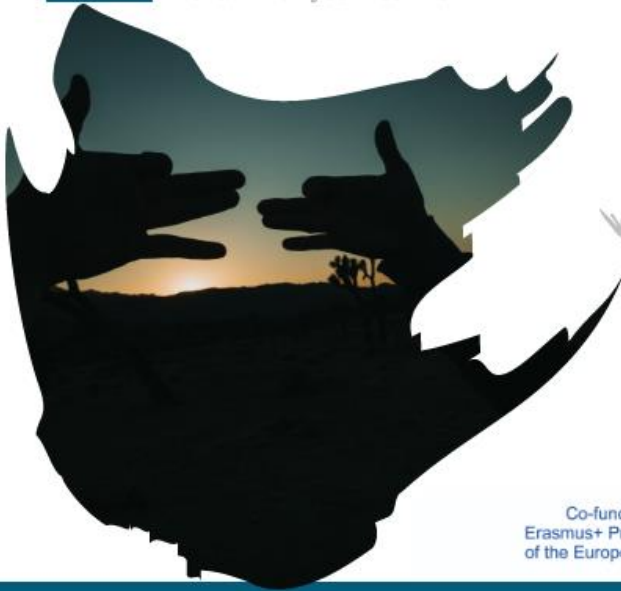
## Shadows in the nature

Job shadowing project in Finland for improving skills and knowledge in the field of environmental education for a youth worker from Slovenia.

- ✓ Working with youth groups during camp schools
- ✓ Exploring youth workshops activities in Nurmes
- ✓ Visiting educational organizations
- ✓ Discovering eco-farm work
- ✓ Exchanging knowledge with professionals



3 weeks of intensive learning by doing, exploring Finland and environmental education methods of a Finnish youth centre



## International breeze in the East

### EVS volunteering



Hosting and sending international volunteers to support local communities and youthwork in Nurmes and abroad

### Volunteer tasks



Supporting youth workers with daily activities in Youth house, during camp schools. Visiting schools and running international hours with youth groups. Helping with maintenance and organizational activities.



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