



***Volunteering team project***

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for Success***

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## *Welcome to Villa Elba!*

During the project, volunteers from various European countries will be divided into two teams. One team will carry out summer camps that are open to local and refugee children. Children can spend time together at the summer camp doing traditional summer camp activities such as playing, singing, swimming and dancing.

Another half of the group will work in a nearby island Trutklippan. The work is mostly physical work like painting and restoration work on the island and Villa Elba.



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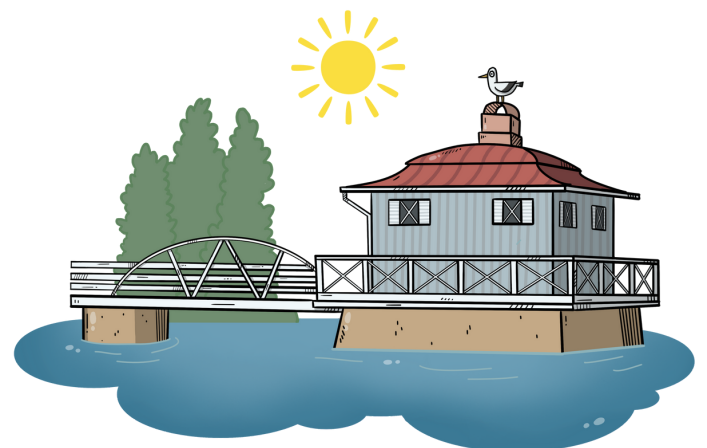


## *Villa Elba*

Youth Centre Villa Elba is a National Youth Centre supported and observed by the Ministry of Education. We are specialised in youth work and our function is to develop the methods used in the field of youth work. We work under the Finnish law covering youth work and by the Ministry of Education.

Our goal is to offer youngsters the possibilities of learning in multicultural environment and finding their own strengths and abilities through international activity.

Our work consists of international mobility for young people and those working with young people, voluntary services, training courses, International Club activities, advice and guidance on international programmes, project activities and coordination of volunteering projects.



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## *Profile of participants:*

The participants are young people seeking new possibilities to their lives. The volunteers can be unemployed, face educational, economic, social or physical challenges or have low language skills. We wish that the volunteers are interested in doing summer activities with children. There is no need of previous experiences just the interest to try it out and learn more!

### *We offer the volunteers:*

- a chance to live in a new culture
- possibility to do volunteer work for the local community
- a chance for intercultural learning
- a project where you can use your creativity
- opportunity to meet other international volunteers and make friends
- development of skills and abilities

### *Volunteers should be prepared for:*

- work with kids indoors and outside
- changes
- mosquitos in the forest
- adventures
- new experiences

### *We expect from volunteers:*

- flexibility
- respect
- ability to follow the rules and schedule



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## *Villa Elba project staff:*

### *Work leader:*

Is in charge of instructing the volunteers in daily work tasks. Supervisor organizes the work and gives instructions how to do the work.

### *Support persons:*

Support the volunteers during the whole project. Their task is to help volunteers to fulfill their commitments and to support them to manage their everyday life: cooking, cleaning, free-time activities etc. In case of problems, the support persons are available 24/7.

### *Mentor:*

Helps the volunteers to get to know the local community and meets the volunteers regularly to help them to reflect their learning outcomes. Mentor presents free-time activities and helps volunteers to find meaningful things to do in their free time.

### *Project administration:*

*Project coordinator* deals with administration: applications, final reports and collection of travel documents, organizes practical arrangements like pickups from train station or airport, accommodation and other practicalities.

*Office clerk* deals with the financial issues; pays the pocket money, and makes payments to sending organisations.

*Development manager* has the overall responsibility for the project.



### ***On-arrival training:***

First 2 days of the project will be on-arrival training in Youth Centre Villa Elba. The aim of the training is to get to know other participants and learn about European Solidarity Corps. Volunteers will learn about aim of the project, intercultural learning and about their rights and responsibilities.



### ***Support measures:***

Extra support is available for volunteers 24/7 during the whole project. The support persons helps with everyday issues (cooking, cleaning, shopping), to get familiar with local community and culture, helps in difficult situations and supports the volunteers to reflect on their learning outcomes. There will be organized mentoring meetings weekly and volunteers are entitled to take part in the mentoring meetings.



# Tasks

## Summencamps

Half of the group of volunteers will carry out summer camps that are open to local and refugee children. Children can spend time together at the summer camp doing traditional summer camp activities such as playing, singing, swimming and dancing.

Camp is easy and simple way to bring together children from different cultures. Through games and activities it is easier for the children to get to know each other. These shared experiences often lead to long-lasting friendships.

At all the camps there will be a camp leader working as a camp leader so the volunteers are not responsible of the camp by themselves. Volunteers will plan and lead, with help of the camp leader (work leader), different kinds of workshops and activities for the summer camps. Together with the staff of Villa Elba, the volunteers will ensure a safe atmosphere for the campers. This means that volunteers are also expected to be responsible and reliable adults for the campers, follow safety rules and be mentally present during working days. It means for an example that you cannot use your mobile phone during working hours, your focus is on the children at all time.



## *Summercamps*



### *International Summer camp 10.-13.6.*

- Summer camp for local and refugee children with traditional summer camp activities
- Language, culture, games
- From the age of 7 onwards



### *Nature Adventure camp 17.-20.6.*

- Nature activities like 'outdoor skills' and making food outside
- Nature art activities
- Stand Up paddling, kayaking and mountain biking
- For children ages 10-14 year olds



### *Beach camp 24.-27.6.*

- Beach activities like swimming, making sandcastles and playing beach games
- Beach disco
- Smoothie bar
- Beach volleyball tournament
- Paddling and SUP-boarding
- From the age of 7 onwards





## *Tasks*

### *Trutklippan*

Half of the group of volunteers will work on a nearby island Trutklippan for the whole project. The work is mostly physical work like painting and restoration work on the island and Villa Elba.

Trutklippan is a beautiful small island at the sea near Villa Elba. Trip to the island is done each day with a boat.



## *Tasks*

### *Trutklippan*

During the project, volunteers learn to do physical and practical tasks on the island, like:

- Do treatment of sauna surfaces and treatment of sauna decks
- Painting and restoration work of the buildings on the island
- Refurbishing various types of outdoor areas
- Use of the most common tools
- Use of personal protective equipment, take into account occupational safety



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## *Working hours :*

The volunteer will work 5 days a week, approximately 35 hours. The working hours are usually from 9-16 including lunch break, but sometimes work times can vary depending on events that we are taking part in. In that case, work can also be in evening time for example from 14.00-20.00 or 7.00-14.00.



## *Meals:*

During on-arrival training volunteers will get breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack from our kitchen. After that lunch is served during working days and volunteers get food money to prepare the other meals themselves.



## *Accommodation*

Accommodation is organised in Youth Centre Villa Elba in beautiful summer house Villa Marina by the sea. It is a simple house with no modern comforts: there are not indoor toilets, no indoor shower or running water in the house. Water is available from the well outside and there is an outdoor shower and sauna tent. House is heated with the help of the fireplace and electric radiators. Therefore, it requires patience and flexibility, as volunteers must adapt to a modest living environment. On the other hand, the Villa has a beautiful environment and offers participants a unique chance to try out traditional Finnish summer cottage lifestyle.





### *What to bring along:*

- Don't worry - even though you are going to a Nordic country, during summer the average temperature is +18 Celcius. Often it gets quite hot for up to +30 Celcius, but can be chilly during evening and night. So take summer clothes with you (t-shirts, shorts, sneakers) as well as something warm (for example hoodie or sweater). It would be useful if you could bring outdoor clothes and shoes since you will have work outside
- European health card (very important, you will need it if you need to go to health center / hospital!)
- Personal medication and hygiene products
- Swimming suits if you want to wear them in sauna or want to go to swim
- Something typical from your country to present your culture (music, songs, dances, something to eat etc.)



## Tips for travelling to Kokkola:

**We encourage volunteers to use green means of transportation,**

for example with Interrail ticket (more information:

<https://www.interrail.eu/en>), but we understand that it might be difficult for some people depending on your location. If you have to fly to Helsinki, please remember about sustainability and pay extra fee for CO2 emissions.

**Tips for green travel at Green Erasmus website:**

<https://www.greenerasmus.org/before-mobility/travel>

### CO2 EMISSIONS IN COMPARISON \*



TRAVELLING BY TRAIN/FERRY WILL LOWER YOUR CO2 EMISSIONS BY MORE THAN HALF

\* 1000 KILOMETERS

From Helsinki Airport the most convenient and green way to travel to Kokkola is by train. You can find tickets here: <https://www.vr.fi/en> (Helsinki Airport -> Kokkola)

**We recommend to buy tickets in advance because prices are increasing dramatically closer to departure day**

If you are taking train from Helsinki Airport, then on your way there will be one short transfer at Tikkurila station. Please, be very careful and check all the information: train track number etc. in order not to miss the train. There are displays everywhere as well as information via speakers in english.

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## *Financial issues:*

### **Travel grants**

Travel grants are paid after the project according to the funding rules of Erasmus+: Travel grants depend on the length of the journey and for measurement of the journey we use Erasmus+ distance band calculator: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

#### **Standard travel:**

10 – 99 km	23 €
100 – 499 km	180 €
500 –1999 km	275 €
2000 – 2999 km	360 €
3000 – 3999 km	530 €
4000 – 7999 km	820 €
8000 -> km	1500 €

#### **Green travel:**

100 – 499 km	210 €
500 –1999 km	320 €
2000 – 2999 km	410 €
3000 – 3999 km	610 €
4000 – 7999 km	820 €
8000 -> km	1500 €

### **Pocket money**

The pocket money is 5€ / day which will be paid in parts in cash during the project.

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Hopefully, this infopack helped you to get to know more about the project. You are about to start an amazing adventure so don't hesitate and participate in everything! We have a very supportive staff, in case you have any kind of questions - you are more than welcome to ask.

***See you at Villa Elba!***

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