

International youthwork 2019



HYVÄRILÄ



Youth exchanges, youth worker mobilities, development projects and international volunteering



This year Hyvärilä youth centre continued its international cooperation with old partners and expanded the list of countries and topics for international exchanges.

Alongside with hosting project activities mentioned below, we managed to send international youth groups abroad, and youth workers to international partnership building activities, trainings and skill-building activities, and continued sending Finnish youngsters abroad for international volunteering projects.

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01 #100youthdreams



In February young people from Poland, Hungary, Italy and Finland came together for intercultural dialogue, and some serious talks. A project planned by themselves, they devoted to **European values, young people's goals and international youth cooperation.**

Implemented together with **LaunchPad Finland**

Some discussion topics:

- Free speech in digital era. Should EU boost free speech or ban hate speech? How to bring different view points closer?
- How to ensure the well-being of young people? How could EU help to boost jobs for youngsters?
- How can EU support young entrepreneurs?

Last week was one of best weeks of my life. I got to know great, lovely people and we had so much fun. (Ella)

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02 Horizontti



Together with **LeeWerk-WISA (Germany)** Hyvärilä youth centre hosted a group of German youngsters for the 5th annual **Horizontti** internship project during February-April.

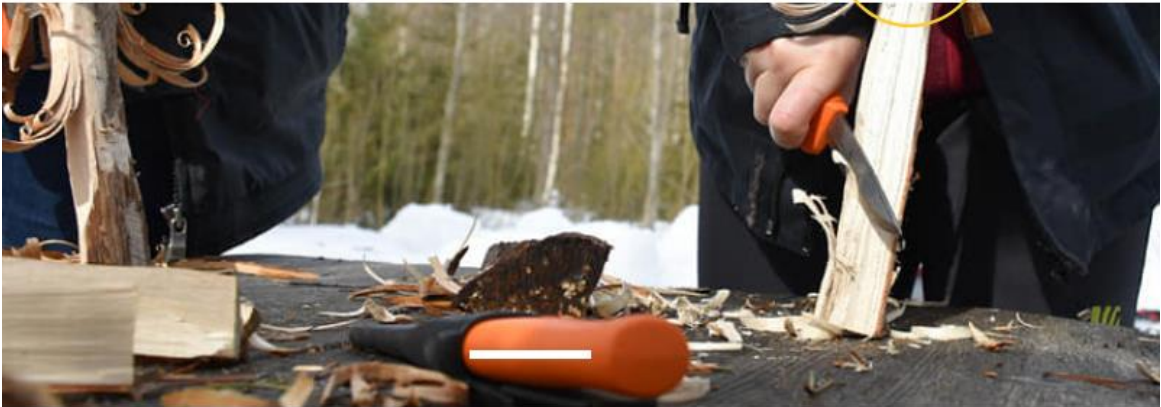
Young people come to Nurmes to:

- ✓ **Improve intercultural communication skills**
- ✓ **Gain professional work skills**
- ✓ **Improve communication skills in English**
- ✓ **Go on a personal adventure and explore new horizons**

Internship placements of 2019:

- Ylä-Karjala Newspaper
- Sonipal Oy maintenance service
- Kyrölä nursing home for the elderly
- Manne's horse stable
- Nurmes-talo event technician
- Veterinarian office, Nurmes
- Porokylä school
- Nurmes Youth House
- Rekula Kindergarten

03 One, two, three- TRADE!



One

Young people select activities and themes for the camp, devoted to Nordic culture and history

Together with professionals from Nordic museums and youth organizations, we design workshops on authentic crafts and lifestyle, with regards to modern-day use

Two

Participants from Sweden, Finland, Norway and Russia join for a week of intercultural exchange

They learn how to make fire and cook on it, build traditional roof, make natural paint, and explore their entrepreneurial sides on business workshops

Three

Creative reflections take shape thanks to international team effort

Team Russia comes back to Finland to create a mural which reflects their vision of the local culture and nature. Together with international youngsters, they co-create wall arts pieces.



**Nordic Council
of Ministers**

04 School exceeds borders



The project allowed young people to meet their peers from Finland and Russia, visit each other in schools, and learn more about culture of the neighbor country. School exchanges helped overcome fear and prejudice, and build long-lasting friendships. Most of the participants went abroad for the first time in their life. Only to discover that the world outside is big and beautiful, and worth exploring more!

35 Participants from Finland and Russia travelled across the border for the final of School Exceeds Border exchanges in 2019

Co-financed by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland. Cooperation will continue in 2020-2022

05 LOKKI



Cross-border cooperation project between Finnish and Russian filmmakers started in 2018. Its goal is to develop local film-making and create networks between professionals across the border.

Young people and film-makers from Finland and Russia met in August to dive into the secrets of the industry, learn new skills, and explore their creativity by creating a short movie in an international youth team.

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06 Green School



In March students and teachers from **Petrozavodsk, Medvezhiegorsk, Kostomuksha, Joensuu, Oulu and Valtimo** came to Hyvarila to exchange practical forms of environmental education. And besides to receive the new tool - Ecocase.

Ecocase is a suitcase with instructions and special instruments for assessment of environmental problems of a building.

Green School team presented the EcoCase and research results on SciFest in Joensuu. Youngsters ran workshops for visitors, and professional educators. In two days of SciFest it had over 4 900 visitors - young people, teachers and adults.

EcoCase includes:
Thermal imager
Light meter
Digital thermometer
CO2 censor
Water measuring tools
Power measuring tools
Inspection camera



8 first copies of the Ecocase were produced for the pilot schools and project partners. During 2019 students come back to their schools and examine energy efficiency, **suggest ideas for improvements** in 2020 to make their schools a better, more sustainable place to study.

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Empower Super Citizen



- ✓ Theater & improvisation workshops
- ✓ Presenting local community issues
- ✓ Taking action for positive change
- ✓ Intercultural learning from each other
- ✓ Open doors day for the final play

Suggested by the Finnish youngsters, Empower Super Citizen exchange started long-term cooperation between young people from **Finland, Egypt and Portugal**. They came together in November to explore **what makes a good citizen, and how to be active, how to start the positive change**.

A week was inspiring and full of learning, and participants were quick to act. Already in 2020 **they will meet again** for a new exchange which they **designed together**



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Youth workers playing games



In November youth workers from **Italy, Georgia, Bulgaria, Morocco, Cyprus, Finland and Sweden** visited Hyvärilä and Metsäkartano youth centres to talk about **digital youthwork** and learn more about the **Finnish practices**.

Main program focus points:

- Finnish system of youthwork: actors, education, resources, values
- Digital youthwork in Finland: who does what? Why do it?
- Maker Activities: workshop by VERKE
- Youth centre pedagogical approaches: learning by doing

09 Out of the woods. Camp Finland.



September youth exchange between **Finland, Russia, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia** was full of youth-led activities: young leaders explored their personal strengths, verbalized dreams, practiced soft skills and learned about other cultures. "Out of the woods" is a way to **find out more about yourself, find like-minded people, and practice leadership skills in an international group.**

10 Empowering short-term volunteering

6 Weeks in Finland in October and November

3 International exchanges in Hyvärilä and Metsäkartano youth centres needed her help as photographer and organizer

20 Photographs from African travels she showed on international exhibition



Plan a project

Youth groups came up with learning goals and activities for intercultural exchange and personal growth, then applied for funding with help of their organizations.



Advanced planning visit

Group leaders came to finalize plans for the exchange in August, and get to know the venue.



Youth Exchange

Participants ran peer-learning workshops as leaders, taking full charge of their experiences.



Plan next steps

International team designed step II of the exchange for 2020.

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Esraa from Egypt came as a volunteer to Hyvärilä youth centre for only a short time, but she managed to participate in international activities, visit local schools, open an international exhibition "One Globe" together with a local photographer, and spread the knowledge about her country among local youngsters and adults.

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Discover Finland - Discover Yourself



Bianca from Romania and **Valentina from Italy** worked together for **2 months** during Autumn camp school season

They were working on visual interpretation of the local culture. **Together with young people from Finland**, who came to camp schools, they went to the nature, discovered the Finnish culture, while **assisting to youth workers** during camp school season. Besides, they were **learning about the local culture** in the museums, and through personal experiences. Their task was to convey the most outstanding visual parts of the culture in their arts project.

Creativity of Bianca and Valentina brought to Hyvärilä their murals made with paint, nails and thread, which you can witness in Navetta upstairs workshop space. Together with international youth, they **co-created beautiful arts pieces**.



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Explore European Solidarity and intercultural learning!



Angela from Romania during her 9-month stay managed to:

Learn **basic Finnish**.

Make friends in the local community.

Participate in **4 international exchanges and run workshops as a leader in them**.

Work with Finnish **camp schools assisting to youth workers**.

Visit Finnish schools and talk with students about her country and home culture.

Travel around Finland in her free time.

Start a **Blog** hyvarilavolunteers.home.blog and

Instagram account [@volunteers_eastfinland](https://www.instagram.com/volunteers_eastfinland)

12 Volunteering East to East

Terveisiä Siperiasta, osa 1

Astetta viileämpi välivuosi

Vain muutama kuukausi sitten ilmestyi elämäni kokonainen lehtiä täynnä suuntaa tai suunnitelmia. Sitä ennen kauniin elämäni ja toimintoni, työni, ei ollut ollut sujuvaa eikä opiskeluni enää ollut. Olin perheessä samalla tavalla. Pyhästä elämästä ajat keskittyi yhä enemmän elämään. "Lähtökäsi Siperiaan?" Nauruun Hyvärilän oli saanut vapaaehtoisuustyönä kukaan Uralla maahan, ja se oli tällä tavalla joku lähtökäsi ikä takaisin. Vastaukseni ei ollut yllä, mutta sa- hain sitä olla ja tehdä päätökseni. Parhaimpi se Siperiassa kuin kotimaassa!

Niinpä ilmestyi elämäni nyt EVS-vapaaehtoisuuden Siperiassa. Krasnojarskin kaupunki, jossa vietän kauden kauden pituisen paikallisessa la- terna-omassa kulttuurivaihtoon keskittyvässä seurustelussa.



Krasnojarskin läheinen luul- vomaalinen, maailman toiseksi suurin alumiinitehdas se- ki maantieteellisesti omissuom- sissa osissa Krasnojarsk on myös yksi Venäjän saastu- nista kaupungeista. Työni il- mailla on yksi ja onin palautu- ssa san osuutta kytymään vuo- rin ja opintojen kaupungein riu- tui. Samalla vapaaehtoisu- tenvat karna kertomastaan.

Kaupunki on kuitenkin myös hyvin kaunis ja sekin taikata- pua maasta (ja halpa). Krasnojarsk- vanhaa osuutta on silti en- tyy- tönä viihtokäsi siitä, mikä sai Tsherin alustaman kutsu- maan paikkaan Siperiassa kausittain- kaupunkiin. Josi on kaupunki- kukaan eloa tuo postareppojen- toki näin, jonka perustama myös- kottu osuutta on.

Ränsästyneiden julkisivujen- perusteella on kukaan Moe- kausena mukana seittimessä, oita.



While **Kseniya from Russia** stayed in Hyvärilä for her 12-month volunteering project, **Veikka from Finland** went to volunteer in her home town Krasnojarsk in Siberia for his long-term volunteering.

Both volunteers were working with the local youth, running international activities in youth organizations and schools, sharing knowledge about their home country and their culture.

Finnish-Russian volunteer exchange allowed young people to learn more about each others cultures and educate the local youth about it through workshops and meetings.

13 DIGI-Woods of Eastern Finland



Margarida from Portugal was volunteering for 9 months in Hyvärilä youth centre within a joint project with Metsäkartano youth centre.

Together with volunteers from Metsäkartano, she was developing social media platforms, started a **Blog hyvarilavolunteers.home.blog** and **Instagram account [@volunteers_eastfinland](https://www.instagram.com/volunteers_eastfinland)**.

Her other work tasks included: Helping youth workers run **Finnish camp schools**. Helping to organize **international exchanges** and **document** them.

Visiting local schools for international hours, running workshops for intercultural learning.

Thank you and see you again next year!