

# Call for ESC volunteering in Tallinn

Tallinn Sports and Youth Department is an ESC coordinating organisation. In 2019/2020 we will be coordinating 8 ESC services in Tallinn for period 04.09.2019 – 03.08.2020 (11 months).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested volunteers, please:

- send us your ESC application form: [ESC 2019 your name](#)
- **deadline: 11.04.2019**
- contact: [Diana.Paade@tallinnlv.ee](mailto:Diana.Paade@tallinnlv.ee)

## NB!

- Please mark clearly service you are interested in.
- If you are interested in more than one youth center, please mark your order of preference.
- While filling the form, please be as detailed and thorough as possible!
- Selected volunteers will be asked for a Skype interview.
- Make sure you have sending organisation's details in the form.

Only ESC forms, which follow the application criteria, will be accepted. Please read the application process thoroughly.

## Haabersti Youth Centre



Haabersti Youth Centre (suborganisation of Haabersti Leisure Centre) has been open for 17 years and in this time, it has become a community centre, which offers a safe environment for the youth for purposeful activities during their free time. Haabersti Youth Centre has average of 40 visitors per day and it is open from Monday to Friday from 14.00 to 20.00.

The volunteer is expected to take part in all the activities that the youth centre is running.

Haabersti Youth Centre is the main coordinator of youth work in Haabersti district offering 5 free hobby clubs in a week: cooking class, art class, crafts class, quiz and movie + discussion club. Youngsters can get help with their studies, play board games, table football, table tennis, pool and Xbox. Youngsters also have the possibility to organise different kind of events and make their ideas come to life. As a very new possibility, Haabersti Youth Centre now offers a multimedia service called "Veebimull" - Youth centre has 3 new computers, graphic boards for digital painting, a new camera and a tripod. The computers also have licenses for different photo and video editing programmes. In addition, Haabersti Youth Centre organises city camps during school breaks (7 camps a year). Camps last for 5 days and each camp has up to 40 youngsters from 7–12 years old.

Haabersti Youth Centre organises big traditional events every year. Local youngsters are involved in planning, executing and analysing parts of all the activities provided by the youth centre. Examples of the traditional events:

- Haabersti Väike Elupäästja - over 400 kids have courses in first aid in cooperation with Tallinn Ambulance. After the courses, they have a huge competition where their practical skills and theoretical knowledge is checked and put to test.
- Hank Olümpia - a fun sporting event for youngsters from 16–18. It's a competition between district's schools where teams of 6 students compete in 10 different fields, which all have a funny twist to it.
- Moe Malle - one of the biggest fashion competition for students.
- HNKXTRM - one of the biggest street culture projects in the county. HNKXTRM involves free skateboarding training lessons in 2 skate parks, free usage of skateboards, helmets, scooters, free street basketball trainings, two different workshops: graffiti and rap and always finishes with a huge all day event that includes live graffiti show, bmx, skateboarding and scootering competition and a 3vs3 street basketball tournament.

Haabersti Youth Centre uses open youth work method providing different possibilities for the youth, taking into consideration their actual needs and wishes. Youth centre supports personal initiative and gives youngsters the possibility of teaching others. Target areas in 2019 are street culture, youngsters in risk, youth initiative, volunteering, international youth work, youth info, work education and development of digital skills. Haabersti Youth Centre has great cooperation with all five district schools and 9 kindergartens. Youth centre offers all the schools a package of different workshops that use non-formal methods and students can choose from them. The idea behind it is that the class can have their lesson in another environment using different methods than a usual lecture. All those workshops are done in cooperation with the teacher and carried out by youth workers in the youth centre.

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## Kesklinna Noortekeskus



Located in the center of Tallinn, Kesklinna Noortekeskus welcomes every youngster aged 7–26. Despite being relatively young, Kesklinna Noortekeskus has already established itself as one active and inspiring youth centers in the city with lots of activities and good quality of youth work. But what makes it so special? The entrepreneurial attitude, the perfect location and the presence of other youth organizations, which contribute in creating a huge and creative international team.

Kesklinna youth center is a factory of ideas, and our youth workers are always ready to support youth ideas or propose the youth lots of interesting activities and workshops with the aim of inspiring them in their life and their future. Also, thanks to the good relationship with the neighboring schools, many youngsters usually come and spend their time at to the youth center. Due to the location, Kesklinna Youth Center has the opportunity to participate in numerous urban events (like the beautiful Old Town days), thus increasing its visibility.

Finally, this youth center hosts several no-profit youth organizations, which contribute in making the working environment particularly challenging and stimulating, and are a very good source of cooperation (especially as far as the activities of the volunteer are concerned).

**The volunteer who will work at Kesklinna Noortekeskus will be in charge of different activities:**

- Working in the open youth center area, playing with youngsters (any kind of game that the youth center offers), helping with their homework, being friendly and supporting them.
- Organizing Cultural Evenings, events consisting in the presentation of the highlights of a specific country. The volunteer will actively participate in the process (finding a foreign guest, promoting the event on social networks, cooking with the guest and coordinating the event) and will make sure that everybody is having a nice time in a friendly environment with no barriers.
- Non-formal activities to expand youth horizons inspire them, develop their active participation and initiative (for example, cooking classes, language courses, workshops and so on). The volunteer can ask youngsters what they would like to do/learn; search for inspiration from his/her personal background; ask for his/her colleagues' help in developing new activities.
- Basically, the volunteer will also help colleagues in their own projects, will be involved in various interesting activities and urban camps, will be supportive to his/her working team as well as being supported by his/her team. Kesklinna youth center has extensive experience working with volunteers. Every year we improve our working system in order to create good working conditions for both the volunteer and the youth workers and youngsters with whom the volunteer will work.

### **Volunteer profile**

In order to start work in our youth center, the volunteer needs three main qualities: patience, creativity and resourcefulness. Patience is necessary because it takes time to adapt to the new context, to understand what the youngsters' needs are and how to organize activities that will meet with their interests. Being creative is fundamental: the volunteer has to observe the environment and come up with new, original ideas. He/she must be inspiring and supportive, thus being a referential point for the youngsters who come to the youth centre. Last but not least, he/she must be resourceful. Working with youngsters can be a beautiful challenge, but as every challenge, there can be obstacles on the way, so the volunteer must be able to take risks and overcome these obstacles. Most importantly, he/she must not be afraid to fail, knowing that he/she can always count on his/her team's support. A good knowledge of English language, an open mind and the willingness to live in a multicultural environment are also fundamental in order to fully enjoy the ESC experience.

[You can take a look at the photos of our events.](#)

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## Kristiine Youth Centre



Kristiine youth centre is open Mon - Fri at 13.00–19.00 to all from 7–26 years of age in order to provide a wide range of opportunities for recreation and for developing activities. In Kristiine youth centre guests have the opportunity to communicate, play different popular games, acquire useful information, to do their homework and get help and advice from youth workers. In addition, youth centre organizes different kinds of activities, events, workshops and clubs. In the planning and implementation of its activities youth centre supports youth initiative and follows the principles of non-formal learning. Some of the non-formal activities are held together with schools. Youngsters can improve their initiative skills by developing their own ideas into actual events. During the year, we have also different school-break programmes, city camps and international projects. We are working to keep up with the popular activities, we have virtual reality set and we want to start activities with e-sport. Kristiine youth centre also provides opportunity to rent rooms for NGOs and others. More information about our activities and youth centre you can find Facebook: Kristiine noortekeskus or our webpage: [www.kristiinetk.ee/noortekeskus](http://www.kristiinetk.ee/noortekeskus)

**Proposed activities**

Activities are up to the volunteer, we don't want to force volunteer do something he/she don't want to or don't know how to do. It would be added value if the volunteer has a hobby or interest in multi-media, photography, movie making, IT, graphical design, cooking etc. so we can figure out the activities together based on the skills of volunteer. Only thing we see that volunteer should do is run the international movie club activities, which we have a long history and all our volunteers have done that.

**Volunteer profile**

We are open for volunteers with different experiences and skills! Volunteer should be open-minded, helpful, patient and tolerant person. Good English is required.

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## Lasnamäe Youth Centre



Lasnamäe Youth Centre (Lasnamäe noortekeskus) is one of the 10 youth centres in Tallinn, Estonia. *Lasnamäe is the most populous administrative district of Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. The district's population is about 119,000, the majority of which is Russian-speaking.* Our youth centre is a second home for young people aged 7–26. Our motto is “Youth for the Future”. We provide opportunities to spend free time in our youth centre as well as we have different activities, events, courses projects designed for young people of different ages.

### **Main activities:**

- free events, workshops and projects for youth (7–26 years old);
- courses and summer camps;
- sport and cultural activities.

Our main interest in hosting a volunteer is the fact that we would like to provide opportunities for local youngsters, focusing on non-formal education methods, help them to develop their foreign language and communication skills and increase their intercultural awareness.

On a daily basis, our main visitors are kids aged 7–13 (mostly Russian-speaking), youngsters 14+ take part in specific events and projects.



In a way, our youth centre is quite new. In 2017 Danila Kuznetsov became a director of this youth centre, he is a public figure and doing different sport activities and projects which are free for youth on local and international level. Punane 69D - is a new renovated part of the building of Tondiraba huvikool, youth centre moved to that place in October 2017.

There is Vadim Nekrjats who is providing visibility of our youth centres activities and managing courses for kids that visit our youth centre (aged 8–13). We also have youth workers Valentina Appolonova and Maria Kazlovskaya (since spring 2018), our youth centre`s youth project squad, actively involved in providing different possibilities for youngsters 14+ and performing camps for kids. Valentina and Maria are constantly increasing their knowledge on local and international trainings for youth workers.

Maksim Koval is taking care of open area with games in our youth centre on a daily basis. Lastly, we have Viktor Panasenko - our art-media specialist (gadgets and lego as main tools).

Therefore, our collective is a small family consisting of young, motivated, friendly people.

We have a lot of creative ideas and we are using different innovative approaches (such as quests, workshops, youth projects that develop 21 century skills and digital competences).

We have the best visibility of our activities among other youth centres and organisations though traditional (TV, radio, newspapers) and social media (news portals, Facebook, Instagram, Vkontakte). Our Facebook has almost 2k subscribers.

International volunteer will be involved in

- carrying out English language cafes for youth weekly (speaking practice through different non-formal methods of education);
- organizing Multi-Culti cultural events monthly (active cultural evenings - quizzes, games, dances, workshops);
- organizing activities and games for kids who visit our youth centre every day (age 7–13);
- helping with organizing different events and activities;
- helping with writing, managing and implementing local projects;
- initiating other activities (if there are any good ideas).

### **Our youth centre guarantees**

- Safe and friendly environment
- Flexible working schedule
- Possibilities for self-development, gaining new skills and knowledge, opportunity to participate in different activities
- Language practice (in case of interest)

### **Volunteer profile**

We would like to host a volunteer who speaks English, who is friendly, open-minded, responsible, flexible, initiative and has good communication skills. It would be great if the volunteer is not afraid of speaking in public (or is willing to give it a try) and is willing to learn about youth work and non-formal education. Any experience and interest in art/ theatre/ making videos/ graphic design is also very welcome.

The volunteer should be tolerant towards the fact that in our youth centre most visitors and youth workers have Russian cultural background (youth workers have English level B2). Therefore, we will try to have international atmosphere during our events, but will help our guests with language support (translation from English to Russian/Estonian) if needed.

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## Mustamäe Open Youth Centre



Mustamäe Open Youth Centre (aka MANK) is maintained by the local city district government. MANK is one of the 10 youth centres in Tallinn and that belong under the umbrella organisation Tallinn Sports and Youth Department. Mustamäe is a city district of Tallinn with 68 400 inhabitants.

The main objective of MANK is to organise young people's free time and provide them with quality leisure. MANK works on the principle of open youth centre: open for everybody, equal partnership, equal opportunities, supporting education and entrepreneurship, learning through games and play, promoting well-being, enhancing social inclusion. We support activities organised by youth, support their ideas and help them accomplish the ideas.

### Activities

We have different opportunities that volunteer can use in his/her activities: main room with board games, a room with Ping-Pong table and billiard, a computer class, virtual reality room, a kitchen, a bigger hall for movie nights, and a band room with drum-set. There is a small piece of land where locals grow plants, vegetables. Volunteer can also help maintaining that garden. We have a basketball court as well, so that summer days can be filled with outside activities.

In order to make the centre's everyday life more culturally diverse, MANK is working with European Solidarity Corps so that international volunteers can bring their culture into youth work. There will be a lot of communication with youngsters. Volunteer can help us by teaching games, words in his/her native language, help with event organisation, decoration etc. (creativity is appreciated), run activities using the facilities listed above. Volunteer is more than welcome to introduce his/her culture and hobbies. Volunteer should be open-minded, tolerant to other point of view, willing to offer his/her help and be active. Volunteer will be provided with sports opportunities.

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## Põhja-Tallinn Youth Center



Põhja-Tallinn Youth Center is youthful and modern youth center, where we provide a wide range of opportunities for recreation and / or developing activities. We have a spacious building with many rooms where youngsters can participate in lots of different activities.

Põhja-Tallinn Youth Center is open for young people in the age of of 7–26 years. We support initiative and the ideas that young people provide and follow the principles of non-informal learning.

### **Proposed Activities**

Our center and activities here are based on open participation. Põhja-Tallinn Youth Center offers different activities for youngsters: technology-based activities, sport trainings in our gym, wall climbing trainings as well as music club in our band room. Also, our youth workers are doing different kinds of clubs, for example creativity club, robotics, board games, computer games etc. There are also different events held throughout the year, that are organized by our youth workers or with young people, who are active and have great ideas and motivation to do something voluntarily, for other young people or for the community.

### **Volunteer profile**

A volunteer should be active, open- minded and tolerant person, who has the courage to make contact with young people and plan and lead different activities. A good candidate for voluntary



service at our youth center should have some kind of hobby, which he/she can introduce to the young people. It would be an added value if the volunteer has a hobby or interest in for example music and musical instruments, multimedia, graphical designs, technology or extreme sports. Volunteer should be able to lead language courses and help to organize and run cultural programs for the young. We wish that the volunteer would speak good English. Russian language is a bonus.

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## Pääsküla Youth Centre



Pääsküla Youth Centre is one of Nõmme district youth centres. The building of the youth centre used to be a cinema but in 2002 it was customized for the youth center.

Pääsküla Youth Centre is open to all youngsters aged between 7–26 years. Pääsküla youth centre provides them with the biggest indoor skate park in Tallinn, offering an opportunity to use BMX, scooters and skates. Besides, Pääsküla has a DJ club with full equipment to study and play electronic music, and a huge open space for weekly acting classes, music committees, cooking and handicraft workshops. In addition, youngsters can participate in games like Jeopardy or other thematic quizzes, organized in Pääsküla.

Our main directions are health, music and sports.

### **Proposed Activities**

We have cooking class, skateboard and scooter trainings, dj- club, handicraft workshops and music committee. Volunteer can take part of running all these activities, and propose his/her own ideas as well.

**Volunteer profile**

Volunteer should be active, interested in organizing different activities, open-minded and friendly. We are open for volunteers with very different experiences and skills. Good English is required.

## Valdeku Youth Centre



Valdeku youth centre is situated in Nõmme Maja, which is the government building of the beautifully green city district of Nõmme in Tallinn. The youth centre takes up part of the hallway on the first floor along with two adjoining rooms. The two medium-sized rooms have big windows, which let the sunlight in. Big tables in the middle, perfect for crafting or cooking class, dominate one of the rooms. This room also has three computers along the window side and a kitchen aisle. The other room we call „TV room“; in this room youngsters can play PlayStation 4 as well as table tennis and board games. There is also an area in the cellar designated for the ceramics and silk painting classes.

In total, we have three workers in this youth centre: Irina, Maris and Evely. We also have Asso, who is our supervisor. Then of course, you, the volunteer!

We offer different workshops – ceramics, silk painting, arts and crafts, cooking and dancing classes. Our focus is involving young people. During the school vacations there is often a program for the kids planned e.g. a job discovery week. When it gets warm in summer, the youth centre will take field trips to the forest or the bog or do other cool activities outside. In addition, events with the neighbouring youth centre Pääskula are organized regularly. Most of

our clients are between 8 and 14 years – they embody unstoppable energy that needs your attention.

If this looks like what you are looking for, Valtz will warmly welcome you :)

### **Proposed Activities**

The main activity is to communicate/talk/play with our youngsters on a daily basis. Also helping with hobby activities and organising workshops, culture evening and other activities is important.

Our main focus in the youth centre is crafting activities and workshops. When it is warm and nice weather, we also have outdoor activities such as hiking, beach days, outdoor youth centre etc. We also celebrate traditional events like Christmas, Halloween, Valentine 's Day in our youth centre.

And of course we are open for the volunteer's ideas as well.

### **Volunteer profile**

We would like to work with a volunteer, who is motivated to work with youngsters and has a positive attitude.

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Thank you!

Tallinn Sports and Youth Department