**ESC volunteering in youth work & theatre at Loimaa, Finland 2025-2026**

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HOSTING & COORDINATING ORGANISATION: Loimaa Youth Services

GENERAL INFO

We are searching for two volunteers to work in youth work and local theatre at Loimaa from mid-September/October 2025 until the end of June 2026.

Project is coordinated by the Youth Services of Loimaa municipality. Loimaa Youth Services has been running volunteering projects since 2013 and have hosted almost 40 volunteers during the years.

Loimaa is located in the rural area of South-Western Finland and has a population of 15700. Nearest larger cities are Turku (65 km) and Tampere (95 km). Distance to the capital of Finland, Helsinki is 150 km. Loimaa has several population centres (villages) and volunteer will be staying at the biggest one located in the middle of the municipality. All the services needed plus a railway station are nearby.

Candidates should send an application (letter of motivation, cv) to mauri.vainio@loimaa.fi

According to the ESC programme rules volunteers must be chosen from the Youth Portal/PASS (placement administration and support system) so candidates should register there & apply to the project there as well. The project can be found from youth portal by ID 44747: Please see: <https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity>

Our volunteering team will have a video call interview with some candidates selected by the applications before decision. Selection made as soon as possible after the interviews. All the questions for more info etc also to the e-mail mentioned above.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer will work 50/50 in youth work & local amateur theatre. They participate both the everyday routines of the organisations and also various projects. In youth services the work is mainly interacting with young people between ages 10–18 in youth houses & arranging activities like games, quiz etc. At the theatre there are many types of tasks: co-facilitating, costumes, set design, props, sound, music, light etc. Working hours at youth houses and theatre from afternoon untill evening, roughly between 14–21, sometimes will have to work on weekends as well. Volunteers might be helping in our network working with young people, too: workshops for unemployed or art groups in workers academy, different associations etc. Other tasks for the volunteers are school visits to present their own country and culture and to promote ESC-programme and volunteering. Also own projects benefitting organisations and young people are possible to execute. Work is done in several venues, most within 3 km radius from accommodation, and volunteer must be prepared to walk/bike between these (also on wintertime/when raining/snowing).

Volunteer will work 6–8 hours per day,5 days and 30-38 hours per week. Two consecutive (if possible) days off a week (on weekends if possible) and two days of holiday per month. Maybe once per month will have to work also on weekend.

Volunteers will receive pocket money/volunteers’ allowance according to the programme´s funding rules. Travel grant will be paid according to the distance calculator. Accommodation will be in a shared apartment (own room, shared kitchen&bathroom). Volunteer must be able to cook own meals. Volunteer will have an account, €250 per full month, for groceries & everyday items to local supermarket near the accommodation.

There will be a designated person responsible for volunteer´s tasks at work.

Volunteers will have OLS language course provided (on-line linguistic support) by EU commission (if available).

We offer Youth Pass certificate to the volunteers.

We will provide volunteer a bicycle to get around Loimaa.

Volunteers should be 18–30 years old. No special skills, work related or language, needed – interest in experiencing new and enthusiasm will be enough. But bear in mind that working with (young)people is in the core of the project and demands at least a certain level of extrovertiness, listening skills & ability to compromise. You can apply directly by e-mail: mauri.vainio@loimaa.fi by sending CV and motivation letter or contacting us together with your supporting organization.

European youth portal: <https://youth.europa.eu/home_en>

Loimaa city: <https://www.loimaa.fi/en/>

Loimaa youth services: <https://www.loimaa.fi/en/front-page/leisure-time/youth-nuoriloimaa/>

Loimaa Theatre: <https://loimaanteatteri.fi/eng/>