

EVS in Estonia

8 months starting in March 2019

Description of Tallinn's Tihase kindergarten

Tallinn's Tihase Kindergarten is a municipality kindergarten in Tallinn. It is located in a part of Tallinn called Kristiine, which is close to the city center. Tallinn's Tihase Kindergarten has 4 groups where pre-school education is given for children aged 3 to 7. Every group has two teachers. We have special teachers for the music and sport activities. There are 10 teachers and 8 other employees.

Working hours of the groups are 6.30- 18.30. Food is provided to children three times per day, after lunch is nap time. Lessons take place in each group as regular activities, also games, art, music, English (only for age 6-7) classes, indoor and outdoor sport activities.

Activities (turns in week):

- listening and speaking;
 - observing and exploring
 - reading and writing
 - comparing, calculating
- music
- physical education
- visual arts (modelling, painting)

We consider important to develop necessary emotional and social qualities that are useful in children's life (like love, empathy, self-control, friendliness, kindness) through the program "Free of Bullying" in kindergarten.

We have already a very positive experience with EVS in 2008 - 2014 and 2018 (communication and partnership was successful).

Through this experience we have knowledges about other cultures, ideas, thoughts -for example organize different events, practise foreign language; we shared our culture, traditions and customs.



A STANDARD WEEK OF SERVICE at Tallinna Tihase Kindergarten

Service period: 9 month

Volunteer: ---

Sending Organisation: ---

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	<p>9.00- 12:15 Assisting music lessons for kids 9.30- 9.45 2- 3y 9.50-10.10 4-5 y 10.15-10.40 5-6 y 10.45-11.15 6-7 y 11:15 -12:15 Helping kids to dress Outdoor activities Volunteer can assist teachers, also teach to kids games or sport activities</p>	<p>09.00- 12.15 Physical education Indoor/ Outdoor activities Observing and exploring : Assisting teachers in lessons 10:50 – 11:00 assisting dressing kids for going out to play 11:00 – 12:15 Outdoor activities</p>	<p>9.00- 11:15 Assisting music lessons for kids 9.30- 9.45 2- 3y 9.50-10.10 4-5 y 10.15-10.40 5-6 y 10.45-11.15 6-7 y 11:15 -12:15 Outdoor activities Volunteer can assist teachers, also teach to kids games or sport activities</p>	<p>09.00-12.00 Physical education Outdoor activities Listening and speaking; For volunteer these lessons are good language practise 10:50 – 11:00 assisting dressing kids for going out to play 11:00 – 12:15 Outdoor activities</p>	<p>09:00- 12:00 Assisting teachers to develop necessary emotional and social qualities that are useful in children’s life (like love, empathy, self-control, friendliness, kindness) through the programm "Free of Bullying" in kindergarten lessons 10:50 – 11:00 assisting dressing kids for going out to play 11:00 – 12:15 Outdoor activities</p>
Lunch	<p>12:15 – 13:00 helping kids or assisting teachers in lunchtime ! Lunch provided in kindergarten 13.00-14:30 Volunteer can prepare (or help to</p>	<p>12:15 – 13:00 helping kids or assisting teachers in lunchtime 13.00-15.00 (2 h) Volunteer can prepare (or help to prepare) lessons and materials for activities</p>	<p>12:15 – 13:00 helping kids or assisting teachers in lunchtime 13:30 – 15:00 Tihase teachers meeting, volunteer helping in group or taking part of a meeting</p>	<p>12:15 – 13:00 helping kids or assisting teachers in lunchtime 15:30 – 16:30 (2 h) Volunteer can prepare (or help to prepare) for evening event</p>	<p>12:15 – 13:00 helping kids or assisting teachers in lunchtime</p>

	prepare) lessons and materials for activities				
Afternoon	15.30- 17.00 language learning	15:00 – 16:00 assisting dressing kids, help teachers in lessons or in games (playtime) with children	15:00 – 16:00 assisting dressing kids, help teachers in lessons or in games (playtime) with children	16:30 – 18:30 Evening event for kids and parents in kindergarten	15.30- 17.00 language learning

*Working hours in week around 35 hours

1. Additional info about the activities and volunteer's tasks

The idea to host a European volunteer in our kindergarten is to make small children conscious about life in other sides of the world (different and similar aspects). It refers to different tradition, customs, religion, history, art, music, language etc. all topics will be present in a simple way and through so that children could understand it easily. Topics will be connected with children's everyday life. The task of the volunteers is to help the kindergarten personnel in their daily work with children. She/he can work in one age group or share the work between different groups depending on the volunteer's interest or ability. She/he will never work alone but under the supervision and guidance of our kindergarten's teachers.

Main tasks are following:

- participate and help teachers in lessons or in games (playtime) with children,
- prepare (or help to prepare) lessons and materials for activities,
- help our music teacher in music lessons: she/he can bring songs, games and sometimes teach simple songs in her/his language,
- help to prepare festivals or holidays and exhibitions: teach songs, dances and drama. The exhibitions about her/his country,
- could be organizing for teachers different events, such as culture clubs.

The volunteer is very expected to take part different attempts, such as field-day, different partys, excursions, study trips etc.

The volunteer's are also expected to take part in other practical activities: assisting dressing kids for going out to play in the yard, gathering up toys or books after plays or lessons, helping kids before and after mid-day nap and during their meals.

In free hours the volunteers can use the Internet in the kindergarten. Also the volunteers can have lunch in kindergarten.

2. Volunteer profile

In process choosing volunteer

For example: We chose [Volunteer's name] because she has previous experience with working with kids. She also already had many good ideas what to do with the kids – theatre games, music games, drawing, sculpture-making and a music project.

Working experience is not required but we will be pleased to get applications for participation from anyone who are:

- ready to work with children and have enough patience;

- friendly and open-minded;
- willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities;
- aged between 18 and 30 years;
- speaking English on a basic communication level;
- optimistic and cheerful.
- All sorts of artistic skills are welcome as they can be used kindergarten's educational activities.

3. Learning outcomes

For volunteer the learning outcomes may be:

- Volunteers are expected to learn Estonian language (therefore will have Estonian language lessons at the beginning of their voluntary service)
- The tutor will make volunteer understand better about environment, new people and make her/him feel more comfortable.
- Will have greater understanding about our culture, traditions and customs
- And have practical experience working with children and parents

For kindergarten:

- We would like to be acquainted with new partners, to have knowledges about other cultures, ideas, thoughts (for example organize different events);
- To practise foreign language;
- New person will be a motivator for teacher's;
- We would like to share our culture, traditions and customs.