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International Youth Centre Villa Elba, Kokkola



MAGIC FOREST OF TROLLS! 2022

Project overview

During this project 10 enthusiastic and creative volunteers did a fantastic job with building and improving troll path in Villa Elba and troll park in Kokkola.

Volunteers did practical hand work like designing and building trolls with nature or recycled materials, creating new activities for kids to enjoy on the trail, cutting grass and bushes, painting on stones and ground, renovating and painting trolls and other movites and hosting Troll event for local community!



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Support organisations & volunteers



Tumult, Belgium

System & Generation Association, Turkey

Asociación Amigos de Europa, Spain

CUBIC - Cultur & Bildung im Context, Austria

EVS Citta di Torino, Italy



Work tasks



Volunteers successfully renovated the troll park in Kokkola and troll path at Villa Elba.

Thanks to their amazing work, both places look much nicer and enjoyable for local kids and families to visit. Here are only some of the new things that came to life during this project:



- Giant and tiny trolls
- Two labyrinths
- Reflectology path
- New paintings
- Music Wall
- Storytelling activity and much more!



Besides renovation, volunteers hosted Troll event in Villa Elba that was open for public - many kids and families came to meet our fantastic trolls and see the troll path



Orientation day & On-arrival training

First 3 days of the project were orientation day and On-arrival training in Youth Centre Villa Elba. The aim of the training is to get to know the other participants and learn about ESC. Volunteers got to know more practical sthings such as the aim of the project, their rights and responsibilities, ESC rules, as well as everyday issues they might have during their time at the project: cultural differences, conflict management etc.



Big part of the training was team-building activities and reflection on volunteers' goals and motivation for the project as well as getting to know Finnish culture and of course trying sauna!



Learning outcomes

During the project volunteers had meetings with mentor who helped with recognition of their learning outcomes



Besides practical skills related to the project theme, volunteers learned a lot about themselves both as individuals and as part of the international group

Here are some learning outcomes that our volunteers mentioned in their Youthpasses:

This project gave me a chance to improve myself in every possible way: training creative thinking, during and outside work; challenging myself to try new ways and ideas, to offer something valuable and original to the project, manually, practically, artistically and as a person

I had the opportunity to understand how crucial and important nature and a good environment is for Finnish people by operating in forests and parks while being respectful by using only sustainable and recycled materials

I learned how to work in a team. We used everyone's strengths to work together and complete our tasks in the best and most efficient way possible

I didn't expect to grow so much as a person because I've been able to manage travelling alone away from my homecountry and family for the first time without having major problems. I tried many different new things, reached my personal goals and pushed myself beyond my comfort zone, while maintaining my own physical and emotional well-being

One of the most important things I learned this month is to be more flexible as plans can change quickly according to weather, current moods, different interests and financial pressure. I learned to prioritise the journey instead of the destination

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improved English,
new skills, nature
and adventures

I will carry home with me...

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with new friends

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amazing friendships,
freedom, being natural,
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pictures in my
head, memories
in my heart

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At Villa Elba we are doing our best to provide high quality youth work for all young people. We have about 7 short-term ESC team projects on different topics each year. They can be found on our website: <https://www.villaelba.fi/en/short-term-volunteering/>, as well as long-term individual ESC projects: <https://www.villaelba.fi/en/volunteering/>
If you have youngsters interested - please send us a message!

***Thank you for all the
work and contribution
to this project and hope
for cooperation in the
future!***

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