#### Call for Partners Partnership building seminar in Northern Finland 10-16.10.2022

# Arctic link – Building bridges through European cooperation

We are applying a partnership-building seminar "Arctic Link" and we would like to invite you to be our partners! The seminar will be organized in the breathtaking views of Syöte National Park, which our youth center is located nearby. The seminar invites 20-30 youth workers from all over Europe for five full working days (plus travelling days).

In addition to networking, for our international guests the seminar will be an amazing opportunity to get to know youth work and youth workers in Finland and to take part in adventure educational process. One to two days we will also gather local youth workers from surrounding municipalities to create international cooperation, partnership and future projects. The surrounding nature is an important element in our work with youth groups and in this seminar our guests will get to experience part of it too!

### With the partnership-building seminar "Arctic Link" we want to:

- Create and strengthen good international partnerships
- Search common interests in the field of youth work for creating activities together
- Find partners to send and receive young people to international volunteering projects (ESC)
- Bring together youth workers who can co-create youth exchanges with their youth groups and training courses with their youth workers (E+)
- Give youth workers a chance to re-charge in a well-facilitated seminar in magnificent and peaceful surroundings
- Promote international cooperation to local youth work in rural Finland
- Offer a platform to share good practices of international youth work
- Have fun getting to know each other 😊

In addition, we get to experience late autumn weather through various outdoor activities and maybe even see northern lights if we are lucky!

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT PIKKU-SYÖTE YOUTH CENTER

International Youth Center Pikku-Syöte is located on top of Pikku-Syöte fell in Pudasjärvi, Finland, and it has provided a wide range of activities for youth for over 20 years – currently employing about 20 people year around.

The youth center is surrounded by nature and located nearby a national park, that supports year around very wide range of outdoor activities. With organized activities

the youth center pay special attention to inclusiveness and a holistic approach to learning.

In Pikku-Syöte we are interested with environmental and adventure education, experiential learning, camp schools, NEET-youth groups, nature and self-awareness, animal assisted activities (dog assisted intervention) and NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming).

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Participants are expected to be involved in sending and receiving young people to international mobility projects, or in position of planning international projects, coordinating youth activities and youth groups in local level, or those in position of decision making in the organizations in the field of youth.

- As a person you have to be ok to spend time outdoors, as some sessions will be organized outdoors and in the program we have a whole day out in the National Park.
- We will also have huskies as co-facilitators in the project.
- Be aware that the travel arrangements can be a bit more complicated than usually but we will help you to find your way to Pikku-Syöte.
- Finances for the meeting will be covered with Erasmus+ KA1

## HOW TO BECOME A PARTNER

If you are interested to participate the seminar, contact us ASAP and we can agree an online meeting where we can discuss about our common grounds and possible future cooperation. You can also send us all your organization details already, if you have them ready for E+ application. We are happy to invite new organizations to our networks but we will fill the places in the seminar first comes first served. The application to Erasmus + will be done before mid-April 😇

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