



FINNISH YOUTH CENTRES

NATIONAL NETWORK

Finnish Youth Centres are supervised and subsidised by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The development of youth work in the Youth Centre Network is carried out by following the current Youth Act and The National Youth Work and Youth Policy Programme.

The Youth Centre Network offers a safe and responsible environment for various camps, courses, training sessions and other events throughout the year. Our tool is **experiential learning** and we are experts in **non-formal learning**.

In addition, the centres' Nuotta coaching supports young people's social and life management skills. We also organise themed camps, nature schools and many other international youth events.



MARTTINEN YOUTH CENTRE

PART OF NATIONAL NETWORK

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HUMAN RIGHTS
ACCESSIBILITY
PARTICIPATION
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Quality Label of the Council of Europe

The centre must:

- have, as its primary mission, the aim to serve the youth sector and young people
- promote international co-operation within the youth sector
- have a clear mandate from public authorities
- have in-house educational staff working to support the activities
- have accommodation facilities within one campus with the working facilities



25 YEARS EXPERIENCE

WE ARE FINLAND'S MOST
POPULAR SCHOOL CAMP
ORGANISER, WITH AN EMPHASIS
ON EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION.

Camp schools for Finnish and Chinese kids

Nuotta- groups

Theme camps for various stakeholders and NGO's

Seminars, conferences and training events

International volunteers (European Solidarity Corps)

Youth exchanges (Erasmus+ Youth in Action)

Job shadow (Erasmus+)

Training courses

Hotel and log cabin accommodation for up to
nearly 200 guests

Our values



EQUALITY AND COMPANIONSHIP

No matter what our differences, we are all equal. We believe in promoting equality through our environment and actions. Together, we engage in shared activities and promote companionship and solidarity between children and youth on their own terms. We fight against bullying and support our friends.



RICH IN EXPERIENCES AND DIVERSITY

All of us yearn for adventures and new experiences. Diverse activities, learning new and closeness with nature are important to us. New experiences allow us to learn new skills and take a break from everyday life.



INCLUSION

Our voices are heard, and our opinions hold real weight. We are genuinely included and engaged in organising the centre's activities.



SAFETY

We want to feel safe in a comfortable environment, where daily activities are consistent and predictable and our voices are heard.

NETWORK

Locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

Regional network of environment education

Regional network of adventure pedagogy

Cooperation with educational institutions

Finnish Youth Centre Network



The Finnish Association of Nature and Environment Schools

The purpose of the network is to develop nature and environment school activities - to support and strengthen youngsters' relationship to nature and learning of sustainable lifestyle



SCHOOL CAMPS

100 school camps during the year!

Learning by doing / experiencing and personal development as a human - the main aims of camp school.

The camp schools are part of the curricula of formal education, supporting its' aims: Lifelong Learning, Informal learning, Regular education system and Non-formal education. Pupils are included the planning process by choosing the activities and setting the goals for the activities. All the experiences are reflected together with Marttinen's professional instructors.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

AIM FOCUSED ACTIVITIES

In school camp activities young people learn and develop through practical activities and trying new things. It is worth participants' while to take part in planning the programme and aims from the start. It is possible to include nature in the programme by having adventures in the surrounding area, exercise by finding one's own limits, handicraft skills by developing creativity, cultural heritage by going on scavenger hunts back in time or group work skills by deciding to contribute to the common good together.

The school camps support the achievement of Finnish curriculum's learning goals. Some core points in curriculum that we find crucial to support in Marttinen school camp activities:

“Active participation of a pupil increases motivation and enthusiasm towards learning, makes learning meaningful for learner and increases positive learning experiences.” For us, group dynamics, the children's self-esteem, personal growth and social skills are of the utmost importance.

“Pupils are invited to take self-initiative of their learning process.” Marttinen's instructors' role is to offer safe environment for learning and trying instead of giving strict instructions.

“Pupils are encouraged to modify their learning methods to be more exploratory and experimental, which is supported in various environments out of school.” Experiential learning is the process of learning through experience, more specifically defined as 'learning through reflection on doing'. Skills, knowledge and experience are acquired outside a traditional academic classroom setting.

“Instead of teachers, the evaluation process of learning is reflected in cooperation between adults and pupils.” Based on experiential learning, after every activity the learning process is reflected together with Marttinen's instructor and pupils. The children can learn much about Finnish culture, lifestyle and nature and improve their learning, teamwork, self-reflection and social skills, which will help them move forwards in life with confidence.



Target group: 5th and 6th grade
Duration: 2-5 days
Learning by doing
Self reflection
Adventure education
Participation
Goals and aims





ENVIRONMENT

LOCAL FOOD SUPPLIES

Sustainable fish, berries, seasonal vegetables, Finnish meat only, eco-certified / fair trade fruits, various options for vegetarians and vegans

ECO-CERTIFIED RESTAURANT

At least 17 eco-certified food supplies are used as daily basis

EDUCATION

Environment and sustainability is included in all the activities and youth work

We're everywhere!



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