

Volunteering in villages near and far?

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Who am I ?

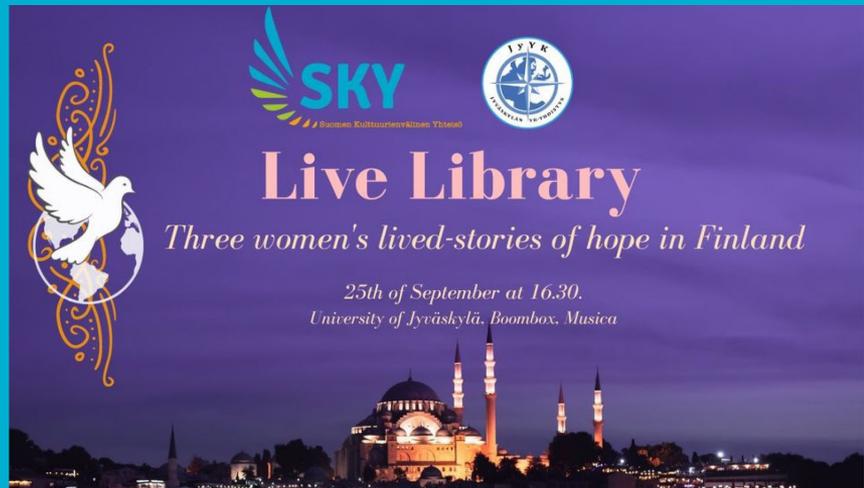
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I came to Finland in the end of 2017.

As a doctoral student at the
University of Jyväskylä.

From 2018, I was involved in summer
theater and in JyYK(jyyk.org).

From 2019, I was in ETMU (etmu.fi),
and I co-established SKY (skyry.fi).



Volunteer of the Year 2021



Kansalaisareena
VAPAAEHTOISTYÖTÄ VARTEN

Theater involvement

Living library

COVID 19 Support group

Apple Project

Finnish through songs

New comer to Finland

Advocated for and encouraged other newcomers

Social significance of the activities

Placement of the candidate in his / her own frame of reference

What volunteering has given to me?

Volunteering bridged my need so socialize

It helped me to overcome social challenges / barriers

It increased my social capital, networks and visibility

It brought me even closer to the society, to feel belonging and embrace it.

Any differences in organizational/volunteering — Culture (in my experience)?

- Silent welcoming to the organization's board
- Cookies for an event from home, reimbursed via the organization
- Organizational validity of the activities (Oral versus written) & auditing
- Organized, consultative, responsible
- Very low hierarchical distance

Politeness.

Amid the increasing internationalization, personal, cultural and societal differences should may exist, which is good to be kept in mind, and accommodate case by case. At times, good way of solving the differences is to notice it, to ask, to respect - which is all in Politeness.

What can attract more people to — volunteer/voluntourism?

1. **Visibility.** Associations and communities can be more:

Digitally present (active online presence, right keywords).

Reaching out multicultural environments (ngo's, universities, TE office).

1. **Inclusive & Accessible.**

Especially in terms of language, theme and contact.



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