

Project Name: Traditions, Nature And Gardening In Äijälä

Camp code: FI-KVT 13.1

Country: Finland

Date: 03 Jul 2022-17 Jul 2022

Topic: 13: Community life

Work: Manual / Social / Work with people with disabilities

Number of volunteers:

Age Range: 18 and over

Required Language: English

Wheelchair access: Partial, see below and please contact VSI



Description: Äijälä Family Home is situated near Jyväskylä in Central Finland. The community's aim is to support its residents and other clients in their everyday life and life management. The community works with organic gardening and it has a charming old farmhouse which has been renovated to be a home for disabled people. Äijälä Family Home also offers supportive work activities for long-term unemployed people and preserves traditional culture and working methods. Äijälä has been hosting KVT workcamps since 1980 (KVT is our Finnish branch).

Type of Work: The volunteers will help and assist the community residents and disabled people who are visiting Äijälä. Volunteers will also participate in daily activities doing traditional crafts, some household chores both inside outside, and kitchen work. Work will be done together with the residents and other clients and workers of the community. Volunteers also participate in organizing games and other fun activities with the residents.

Study Theme: Friendship and co-operation across social borders; ecological living; Finnish traditions.

Accommodation: In shared rooms in a 200-year-old wooden farmhouse, the main building of the farm. Volunteers with disabilities are welcome too, but should be aware that moving around the house or garden can require some assistance (there are e.g. doorsteps and sand & grass in the garden) – if you are interested in this project and are a wheelchair user or have a disability please contact Eimear in VSI for more info.

Approximate Location: Jyskä, near Jyväskylä.

Notes: Covid-19: Due to possible changes in the coronavirus situation, KVT Finland will confirm the project 4 weeks before the starting date. Please don't book your travel tickets before the project is confirmed.