

**Work the Island (EVS)** in Finland, hosted by Livonsaari community, coordinated by KVT Finland (SCI 's finish branch)

Theme: Environment

Location Livonsaari, Naantali (close to Turku)

Start: 2014-04-01

End: 2014-10-31

Vacancies: 3

Languages:

- Project: English
- Local: Finnish

If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner> Please note that this is an EVS project so the age limit to participate is 18-30 years. Priority in selection will be given to volunteers sent by CVS Bulgaria, SVIT Ukraine and VCZ Croatia.

**Project Description:** Work the Island -project will provide possibilities for suitable and interested volunteers to learn valuable and practical knowledge about organic farming, ecological construction and communal life. We will have a place for three volunteers. The project will last for seven months, from the beginning of April until the end of October. We strongly prefer candidates who are willing and able to commit themselves for the entire duration of the project. This year, the main focus will be on organic farming at the farming cooperative. Volunteers will get to know the why and how of small scale vegetable production. In addition, there will be several possibilities to learn about building with natural materials, such as straw, clay and timber. The project will take place in Livonsaari community, which has been founded in 2005. Since then, it has grown to inhabit more than 20 people. The volunteers will become a part of the community for the duration of their stay. This is a great way to learn how community works, what kind of organisation is behind the community and how to solve disagreements and make good decisions.

**Work:** The volunteers will participate together with the responsible person of the community to the various aspects of work available: agriculture, ecological construction, food production and processing. They will also take part in common activities, such as helping with

visitors, rotating cooking shift and maintaining the common living areas. The working day is normally from 9 until 16, with one hour lunch break at noon. However, a reasonable amount of flexibility of this schedule should be accepted, as the rural life often depends on factors such as weather, availability of tools etc. Weekends are normally the days off. Holidays can be arranged in agreement with the host.

**Requirements:** We're looking for volunteers who are interested in learning about community supported agriculture (CSA) and small scale vegetable production, permaculture methods and who may be planning to create such model in their own country. Applicants will have interest in ecological building methods. Because the project will happen in a community, open and open-minded candidates are preferred, and they are expected to take part in the community life during the project. After preliminary selection of suitable candidates, we will have an informal interview through Skype.

**Food:** Food will be provided by the host, but volunteers are expected to take responsibility of cooking and partly getting the groceries.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will take place in the common house of the community. There will be other people living in this house as well, and the inhabitants may change during the project.

**Pocket money:** 120 euro per month

**Insurance:** Volunteers will be covered by the EVS group insurance.

**Fees:** Volunteers pay 10% of their travel costs.

**Visa:** Visa costs will be covered by the EVS project funding. All necessary documents for applying for the visa will be provided by KVT Finland and / or Livonsaari community.