

## **ESTONIA**

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### **EstYES**

Who we are:

International Youth Association EstYES is non-profit, non-political, non-governmental organisation. It was established in 1991 with the purpose to promote youth and cultural exchanges for better understanding and a more just world. In 1995 EstYES got an official legal status of NGO. It is a pioneer organisation in the field of youth voluntary service in Estonia. EstYES works mainly with the young people aged 16 - 30. The majority of them are high school or university students. Young people with lesser opportunities are a group of special consideration of EstYES.

What we do:

This is one of the most important tools EstYES uses to achieve its aims and objectives. EstYES organises short-term voluntary projects in Estonia, usually known as workcamps. These workcamps involve international volunteers and focus on local development within Estonia. They provide an excellent and alternative method of getting to know Estonia and are a great opportunity to participate in a publicly beneficial project. Volunteers who participate in EstYES workcamps come from many countries, mainly from Europe but many also come from further afield. Because of this each workcamp has a unique international feel and this creates an environment in which the volunteers can learn many things about other countries and cultures. The projects aim to support local development and might take place in small villages, close knit communities, in the countryside, or in urban areas. Such activities can contribute to the regeneration of particular areas and can support the activities of local residents and non-governmental organisations. Furthermore volunteers also serve to promote the idea of voluntary service within Estonia especially among young people.