

LEARN ABOUT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
& Explore the Great Outdoors



EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
AT FINNISH YOUTH CENTERS

The Finnish education system is internationally famed for its excellent learning results, highly qualified professionals and efficient as well as child-centred process.

In our latest curriculum, special attention is paid to inclusiveness and a holistic approach to learning which increasingly emphasises experiential learning methods and Finnish nature as a learning environment.



Finnish Youth Centre Network

A SAFE, GOAL-ORIENTED and High-Quality YOUTH CENTRE ENVIRONMENT

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. We are Finland's **MOST POPULAR SCHOOL CAMP ORGANISER**, with an emphasis on experiential education. 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.

The Youth Centre Network's facilities are designed for youth work, offering great opportunities for outdoor activities in natural surroundings. The premises are close to nature, with full board and comfortable accommodation.



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– Experts in Non-Formal Education

All programmes conducted in the Youth Centres follow the method of **NON-FORMAL EDUCATION**, which supports the Finnish curriculum and children's active learning with careful planning and execution of activities outside the school environment. We have ready-made programmes, or programmes can be tailor-made for each group, leaning on Finnish values and education, while also taking into account the group's background.

We offer numerous different activities to choose from and our professionals can help you to create the best educational experience in Finland by providing their recommendations. Please ask the Youth Centre if a visit to a local school or joint activities with local peers can be arranged.



Finnish Youth Centres welcome international visitors to learn about activity-based learning methods, adventure education and environmental issues. We are the **HOT SPOTS OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION**, where schoolchildren, families, education professionals, government and municipal education officials can explore Finnish nature and enjoy our educational services in a safe and positive atmosphere.

OUR STAFF have years of work experience in the field of youth work, sports and nature. We provide a customer-friendly service. Our instructors are highly qualified and have certification in youth work, education, sports or environmental studies. They are positive, have good social skills and are all-round professional group leaders.

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.

Experiential learning focuses on the learning process for the individual, which is based on four main elements operating in a continuous cycle during the learning experience:

- Concrete experience
- Reflective observation
- Abstract conceptualisation
- Active experimentation

Training in the Spirit of **LIFELONG LEARNING**

All Finnish Youth Centres are perfectly situated for inspiring outdoor activities. The Youth Centres offer safe and attractive facilities for **CAMP SCHOOL GROUPS**. 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.

We provide a safe yet inspiring experience by tailoring our activities based on individuals' skills within the children's groups. For us, **GROUP DYNAMICS, THE CHILDREN'S SELF-ESTEEM, PERSONAL GROWTH AND SOCIAL SKILLS** are of the utmost importance. The children return home with more holistic abilities for learning, lovely memories and useful experiences they will treasure for life.



At the Finnish Youth Centres, we welcome **EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS** to learn new professional skills by way of exploring the process of learning through experience in peaceful surroundings by lakes, forests, hills and Arctic nature. We take advantage of our beautiful nature with four full seasons in the fresh Finnish countryside when using experiential learning methods, focusing on environmental education and adventure education as well as approaching different school subjects in a holistic way.



WELLBEING from Finnish Nature

For Finns, nature is a basic value. Forests are protected and the cleanliness of water systems is treasured. In the countryside where our Youth Centres are located, the air quality is excellent. **FINLAND IS THE WORLD'S CLEANEST AND GREENEST COUNTRY**, with 70% of its surface area being composed of forests.

Finnish nature has a healing power. Aesthetic experiences and the relaxing effect of a green environment lift the spirit and help recovery from stress. This is increasingly important in current societies where continuous urbanisation makes many people look for the peace found in nature. Educational tourists appreciate the clean nature, vast unbuilt landscapes and unique quiet of the forests found surrounding the Youth Centre Network.



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The Finnish Youth Centres Association (SNK) is an organization for cooperation among the national youth centres.

There are approximately 750 camp schools, 500 hobby or other themed camps and 150 international youth events organized in Finnish youth centres annually.

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