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Kauri Kaljuste: „Youth work has made me the person who I am today“

Introduce yourself and your organisation (incl. the structure in which you operate in the youth field).

I work at Tartu Youth Work Centre as the manager of Lille youth centre. We offer open youth work service in the city of Tartu, where we provide non-formal education activities for the youth every day.

What makes your job exciting?

The youngsters, who I have contact in youth centre, make my job exciting. Everyone of them is unique and has an educational story to tell.

What are your dreams as a youth worker?

As youth worker I dream that youth would have opportunities to fulfill their dreams. To support youngsters in achieving their dreams, we should increase the knowledge about value of youth work in the society.

Why did you choose youth work?

I chose youth work because I believe that youth work helps to create better and stronger society for the future.

What is your most memorable experience as a youth worker?

It is difficult to choose the most memorable experience because there are many. Be it the young person who opens up after being very reserved at first or the moments when you have achieved something fierce and meaningful with young people.

How has youth work influenced you? What have you learned from it?



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It is also hard to say how youth work or being a youth worker has influenced me. It has been enormous part of my life and my development as a person. I can say that youth work has made me the person who I am today.