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**Riin Luks:** "The cool proposals by young people never fail to surprise me"

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

I work for the Estonian Association of Open Youth Centres, which is a national representative organisation that unites youth centres operating in Estonia. In my work, I mainly coordinate the programme 'Nopi Üles', which supports youth initiative, but my work also involves dealing with subjects related to entrepreneurship in general.

**What makes your job exciting?**

What makes my job exciting is diversity, the lack of routine, and the cool proposals by young people that never fail to surprise me.

**What are your dreams as a youth worker?**

I dream that every inspiring idea of a young person would become true and not remain a dream.

**Why did you choose youth work?**

My answer is probably a very tired one, as I got into youth work by accident; however, my interest in the field kept growing and now, I do not want to step out anymore :)

**How has youth work / being a youth worker influenced you? (What have you learned from it?)**

During these years, I have learned to notice and make associations. Personally, it has made me more tolerant; I have been improving my use of time because there is no other way. As I am required to expect the unexpected every day, I can now react and rethink more quickly, and multitasking is a must. :)