

Anticipated number of participants:  
Approx. 20

Participation fee per person: €50.00  
(This fee is a contribution towards transportation expenses to and from the project site, towards accommodation, meals and outing programs during the project period).

Age of participants: 18-30 years

If participants have special practical skills, these skills should be mentioned in the application. They might be useful for certain types of work. The same applies for special talents of participants, e.g. playing an instrument, etc.

Beds or mattresses will be provided, but each participant needs to bring either a sleeping bag or bed clothes.

As the name **Religious Youth Service** implies, young people from various religious backgrounds are welcome to participate. But it is important that participants are respectful of other religious traditions and do not try to convert other participants. The intention is to learn from each other by working and sharing together.



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## Religious Youth Service Project with Jõhvi Lutheran Church



## What is Religious Youth Service?

**Vision: “Young leaders of all faiths serving together for Peace”**

RYS is: an experiential service-learning program with a special focus on developing personal leadership and peacemaking skills. Through living and providing altruistic service within a community, we demonstrate that it is possible for our global human family to live together in peace and co-prosperity.

Our educational program emphasizes the need for personal relationships of cooperation to solve the problems and conflicts between people, religions and cultures.

Furthermore, woven into our project schedules are a variety of cultural events, educational seminars and recreational activities, which allow participants to experience the amazing cultures of the world firsthand.



**Religious:** The peaceful future of our world is dependent upon founding our societies on the enduring values that religions teach us.

**Youth:** Young people are the future of our societies. They will inherit the earth and all the accompanying responsibilities.

**Service:** To serve freely is to make the ideals of compassion and charity actual in our world. Altruistic service to others is the highest expression of love.

### Methods and Processes:

- Experiential learning
- Leadership training
- Interreligious activities
- Visits to religious and cultural sites
- Discussions, formal and informal
- Joining with existing work projects
- Review, prayer and reflection

Our educational and cultural programs are aimed at promoting mutual understanding, respect and co-operation.

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## Project introduction

**Time period:** 01<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013 (arrival on 01<sup>st</sup> and departure on 10<sup>th</sup> and/or 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013)

**Place:** Jõhvi Lutheran Church in the north-east of Estonia

### Practical Work:

- Improve church building and church grounds
- Work projects for the town community
- Other work is available if necessary

**The educational and cultural program** will include presentations on topics such as: relationship-building, team work, culture of heart, tolerance, and others.

