

Project: "Four Seasons of Our Natures" (2019)

"*Four Seasons of Our Natures*" is a pilot social integration project, which is organized by the Legion Theatre (Legioonateatteri) and funded by the National Board of Education. The main aim of the project is to integrate people, who have immigrant or local -background, to learn about oneself, each other and environment (nature). That kind of co-operation will support performance, active citizenship and good ethnic relationships.

The maximum of participants is 20 (young) adults, who come from different communities, schools or organizations. Half of the participators are Finnish and other half come from different countries and cultures – both female and male.

The project will mainly carry out through four five-days long camps in the region of Tavastia (Häme) and Pirkanmaa, near Tampere – during this year 2019. In the camps, which will happen on weekdays from Monday to Friday, we will work with oneself (own 'nature'), with other people (other's 'nature'), and with environments (surrounding nature). The whole process will take place with the help of functional workshops of art, drama, music, dance, and dialogue.

Involvement to the project will demand that you are ready to participate with all four camps. The project will culminate in the end of the year 2019 – as a show/performance and a seminar, where will be shown and shared all the learned things, insights and ideas from the camps and workshops.

It is recommendable that you are able to communicate in Finnish or, if your Finnish is still quite uncertain, in English. We do not have any translators in the camps and workshops.

The timetables of the camps 2019 (All camps are free and include food and accomodation)

- 1. Spring camp 8.4. 12.4.
- 2. Summer camp 10.6. 14.6.
- 3. Autumn camp 2.9. 6.9.
- 4. Winter camp 25.11. 29.11.

The Legion Theatre's 25 years -experience has taught that meaningful action, inspiring environment/nature, and permissive communality will increase people's self-knowledge, involvement, holistic welfare, and cultural, social, and environmental understanding.

"The Four Seasons of Our Natures" benefit the experience of the Legion Theatre and inspire participators to co-operate with the help of nature-connectedness.

People are also encouraged to have real, authentic dialogue with oneself, with other people and with surroundings (local and background environments). This is the way how solidarity, empathy, and participation will increase. Same time will be also increased the common understanding about ecological thinking and the connectedness of every living being. We, human beings, are not separated with nature(s). We just have to remember our natural connection(s) again.

If you are interested, be quick and contact!

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