



Tere!

My name is Anne Stine and I'm from Leipzig a city in Germany. I always wanted to go abroad for a longer time after my A-levels. So I did my A-levels in the summer and then I went to Estonia. It was important to me to go to a country where it is cold in winter and where I can live by the sea. I applied in different countries and Estonia took me. And so far I can't imagine anything better. I really like living here.

I grew up with 3 siblings that's why I thought I can easily handle doing my EVS in a kindergarten. It's not as easy as I thought, but I know already some things from my siblings and it really helps.

When I searched for a project I found the website from Estyees. There really are a lot of kindergartens. But I only applied in the Kullerkupu Kindergarten. It was described as small, familiar Kindergarten doing many activities . Exactly what I wanted.

When I came to my group at the first day I was very excited and nervous, because I didn't even dare to say "Tere". The Estonian language scared me. Everyone was very friendly and Karin introduced me in every group. There were so many new impressions. The children, the kindergarten teachers, the new language. That was a lot. I was also shocked how small the children are. Now after nearly 4 months in my eyes the children are not so small any more. I am always happy when I see the development, for example when a child starts to speak or when it can put on the shoes by itself. I cannot say how much I have learned about the children, about myself, but also about general things in the last months. It's not about how well I speak Estonian or how much I want the children to learn. It's much more about being there and making intuitive decisions.

The Estonian mentality is a little different from the German mentality. In the beginning it was a bit difficult for me. Sometimes I thought people wouldn't like me, but they just don't show it like that. The children, however, show it to you. And that's very nice. Even if I have a bad day, they carry me away with their laughter and their way of being. At the end I would like to say it was the best decision to come here and I am looking forward to the next months.

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Minu nimi on Anne Stine ja ma olen pärit Saksamaalt Leipzigit. Ma olen alati tahtnud peale kooli lõpetamist minna pikemaks ajaks välismaale. Suvel ma lõpetasin kooli ja tulingi Eestisse. Minu jaoks oli tähtis, et maa kuhu ma lähen, oleks talvel külm ja ma saaksin elada mere ääres. Ma kandideerisin erinevatesse maadesse ja Eesti valiski mind. Ma ei oskakski midagi paremat ette kujutada. Mulle tõesti meeldib siin elada.

Ma kasvasin üles 3 õe-vennaga, seepärast ma ka mõtlesin, miks oleks minu jaoks lihtsam teha oma EVS lasteaias. See ei ole küll nii lihtne, kui ma arvasin, kuid ma teadsin mõningat oma õdede-vendade põhjal ja see on tõesti aidanud.

Kui ma projekti otsisin, leidsin EstYesi kodulehe. Seal oli väga palju lasteaedaid, aga ma kandideerisin ainult Kullerkupu lasteaeda. Seda oli kirjeldati kui väikest lasteaeda, kus toimub palju üritusi. See oli täpselt see, mida ma tahtsin.

Kui ma tulin oma rühma esimesel päeval, olin ma põnevil ja samas ka närvis, nii et ma isegi ei julenud öelda "Tere". Eesti keel hirmutas mind. Kõik olid sõbralikud ja Karin tutvustas mind igale rühmale. Oli nii palju uusi muljeid. Lapsed, õpetajad, uus keel. Ma olin veidi šokis, kui väikesed lapsed olid. Nüüd, peale 4 kuud, ei tundu lapsed enam nii väikesed. Ma olen õnnelik, nähes nende arengut, näiteks see, kui nad hakkavad rohkem rääkima või kui nad oskavad ise kingi jalga panna. Ma ei oska öelda, kui palju ma olen laste kohta õppinud, samuti enda kohta, ka üldiste asjade kohta viimastel kuudel. See ei ole ainult see, kui hästi ma räägin eesti keelt või kui palju ma tahan, et lapsed õpivad. See on rohkem olla siin ja teha intuitiivseid otsuseid.

Eesti mentaliteet on veidi teistsugune kui saksa oma. Algul oli see minu jaoks raske. Mõnikord ma mõtlesin, et ma ei meeldi inimestele, aga tegelikult nad lihtsalt ei näita seda välja. Lapsed igal juhul näitavad seda ja see on väga hea. Isegi kui mul on halb päev, siis nad muudavad selle oma naeru ja hoolimisega paremaks. Lõpetuseks tahaksin ma öeda, et see on parim otsus tulla siia ja ma juba ootan huviga järgmisi kuid siin.

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