## **VOLUNTEER PROFILE**

## VICTORIA

25, Denmark

MY PROJECT: CULTURAL COLLECTIVE KUKOISTUS

I am staying Kukoistus Cultural Collective, where we retrofit old farm buildings, make art and create a common culture. The project is about bringing people together, to create culture and art on the countryside. There is also a permaculture garden, where we grow berrybushes and vegetables in the summer. My tasks throughout this winter has been researching and working with hempfiber as insulation material, clayplastering a wall, cleaning old storages, using my personal skills to enhance the place and develop my own leadership skills and creating art.

## **BECOMING A VOLUNTEER**

I wanted to experience a winter in Finland and to be closer to nature and the forest. I also wanted to experience a different culture on the countryside and explore the farming-scape in Finland, while contributing positively to the local community.

## WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

Practically, I have learned to use tools and building simple things, plastering walls etc. Socially, I have learned how we are all different and have different needs and wants and how our interactions are codependent. Emotionally, I have learned a lot about myself and my reaction patterns.



