

Helsinki November 2nd 2020

Dear Confirmand,

International Confirmation Training, Kv74

July 18.-27. 2021

(Confirmation on Tuesday, July 27th at 2pm)

International Confirmation Training, Kv75

July 29.- August 7. 2021

(Confirmation on Saturday, August 7th at 2pm)

Welcome to your Confirmation Training, nice to have you in this training group which has now officially begun! It will be an unforgettable experience! In Finland the duration of Confirmation Training is a minimum six months which entails at least 80 hours of various methods of training. Everyone will be joining the Confirmation Training activities.

The Confirmation Training consists of different parts. During the beginning of this first part, we would now like you to get in touch with your local parish and participate in its activities. As each community is different, their activities vary slightly at times.

1. Please **contact your pastor or the Youth ministry and make an appointment with him/her. You can contact them via email or search the information from the internet at www.evl.fi. Please do this within two weeks of receiving this letter, latest at Nov. 15th.**
2. Please send me a letter how you are going to do this phase, after you have had the meeting with the local pastor. Tell me which group you are, Kv74 or Kv75, it'll help me, thanks!

During the appointment, please, discuss the ways you can take part in the parish activities, so that it will follow the Confirmation Training plan. The hours of activities required are from 12 to 20. Please take this letter, letter to the parish worker and your congregation's contact card with you to the appointment.

3. **The second part is home study.** I will send you a letter via email **in February** to inform this more. (This is sent to your e-mail address as it is in the application form.) I'll ask you to do these two tasks latest to the end of April.

There will be about 70 members in one Confirmation Training, from all over Finland and from around the world. Both camps will have three teaching groups, which are divided into smaller groups. Additionally, there will be teachers, assistant teachers and "Young Confirmed Volunteers" "isokset", "biggies".

In May, we will be sending you more information about coming to the camp and a list of things to bring with you. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Information to you and the family. LNK -The Finnish Association for Children and Youth has decided to relinquish the Partaharju activities Centre in Pieksämäki. The business activity has been unprofitable already for many years and the cancellations under Covid-19 pandemia have made the decision to the board of the Association essential. We are trying to find new liable operators to the activities of Partaharju. We are trying to negotiate that all the reservations made to the year 2021 can be carried out normally. *"We really hope that The Finnish Association for Children and Youth will have in the future also activities in Partaharju."* (Sami Ojala, executive manager) More information in Finnish: <https://partaharju.info/>

If we are not able to carry out our Confirmation Trainings we are booked a surrogate place from Päivölä College in Sääksmäki <https://www.paivola.fi/fi/> . If changes will be made we are sending you an email as soon as we know. In any case the place will be solved before Christmas.

If you have any questions before, please do not hesitate to contact us!



I would like to give you a little bit of an insight into our organization. My name is Elise and I work as a Training Secretary in the LNK. I'll be staying in touch with you regarding home studies / tasks. So this is one part of my work.

I'll be one of our Confirmation Trainings. I live in Helsinki and my hobbies are e.g. reading, knitting, I am a scout (or brownie), I like to do many different things with my hands.

I wish you all the best!

Yours,



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