



Going Global Exchange

FINLAND

4-H in Finland

The Finnish 4H Federation - or "Suomen 4H-Liitto" - got its start in the 1920s, officially centralizing in 1928. It has a membership of over 70,000 members aged 8-28 shared across 3000 4H clubs. Finland 4H shares many of the same values of 4-H Canada, especially skill development using the 'Learn To Do By Doing' model. 4H in Finland has a presence in both rural and urban areas. Finland 4H plays an active role in providing employment opportunities for youth through its "Three Steps to Employment" approach.



What to Expect

- You will participate in lots of Finnish 4-H Federation events and programs.
- Participate in numerous popular, community-based, Finnish events and activities.
- To work on family farms, take part in farm chores, and tour local agricultural operations.
- To learn about the way of life in Finland - the work, culture, and the people.
- You may stay with multiple host families.

QUICK FACTS

The culture of Finland combines indigenous heritage with Nordic, Russian, and European cultures!

The Finnish drink more milk per capita than any other country in the world!

The Finnish love their saunas—it's considered a popular national activity!

Small scale farms are highly regarded culturally in Finland, restricting agro-industrial operations and keeping barriers to entry, manageable.



"My trip to Finland was one of the biggest learning experiences I have had in my life. Not only did I learn about a new culture and language I learned a lot about myself."

Chelsey Fitzsimmons,
Finland, 2016