Welcome to Finland, the country of four seasons

The goal of CIF in Finland is to promote international understanding and world peace through training and exchange of experience for professionals in human services.

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Council of International Fellowship in Finland was registered 1964 as a Non Governmental Organization. It has organized exchange programs since 1986 in cooperation with alumni organizations in Council of International Fellowship and CIPUSA.

From C.I.P. to CIF

The Council of International Programs was originally The Cleveland International Program founded in the U.S.A. in 1956 by Henry B. Ollendorff.

CIP became the largest multinational specialist program of its kind hosting each year ca. 200 participants in USA from each part of the globe. CIF was established by CIP alumni in 1960 and is registered in Bonn, Germany.

CIF Exchange Programs’ main objectives are:

- To increase professional knowledge in social work and closely related fields by learning from one another
- To increase understanding of the world's diverse cultures through contact among the participants themselves and living in local host families and so contribute to promote world peace.

CIF Finland Exchange Program

Introduction

The Program begins in late April with a weekend meeting where participants live together, get to know each other, catch some glimpses of the life in Finland, are introduced to the detailed four to five weeks program and to the aims of CIF.

Orientation

The next two weeks the participants live in host families in greater Helsinki area, attend a combination of lectures, field visits and cultural events to learn about Finnish social work, politics, culture and every day life.

Fieldwork

The third part consists of individual field experience according to the participants’ own wishes expressed in the application form. It takes place in some other town in Finland i.e. Turku, Tampere, Tammisaari, Vaasa, Kuopio, Jyväskylä.

Evaluation

After the field placement the participants are reunited for evaluation in the group. The program ends in late May with the farewell party.

Who’s eligible?

Social workers, youth workers, special educators, psychologists and other professionals in human services with at least two years direct experience in client work.

How to apply?

Send your application to us through your National Branch/ the Contact Person in your country with their recommendation letter.

Economy

There is no registration fee for the CIF Finland Exchange Program. Domestic travel related to the Program is paid by CIF Finland.

The participants are responsible for their international travel and their medical insurance. The voluntary Host families offer room and board during the Program.

More information in:

www.ciffinland.org

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www.cifinternational.com