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Full name: Henrik ENGELMANN

Age: 18

Residency country: Belgium

Country and city where you did your ESC experience: Nivala, FINLAND

Dates of the project: 02.09.2024-03.03.2025

Hosting organisation link (Website, facebook, Instagram, etc.): <https://keskipisteleader.fi>

Brief description of the project and what you did: I worked mostly at schools or youth centres where I supervised and played with children and educated them a little bit on Belgium.

Your favourite moment: When I was granted the honour to be the Town's mascot for the Christmas opening ceremony. It made me feel really connected to Nivala.

Impact in the community: A lot of children learned some decent English because I only could speak English to them. Some French words were also picked up by a few. I was also able to broaden the world view of the kids by educating them on another country's culture (Belgium). My team also appreciated the presence of someone who is from another country as it added diversity to the team.

Impact on yourself: Growing up in Brussels, the stay in Nivala gave me a really good view into rural and Finnish life and how it is to live alone. The Finnish nature was a great change from the Brussel-grey. I also learned a lot about how to work with children and I was able to pick up some Finnish from them, as they mostly spoke Finnish with me. On top of that I met some really nice people during volunteering trainings.

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