

HAABERSTI YOUTH CENTRE

Haabersti Youth Centre (suborganisation of Haabersti Leisure Centre) has been open for 20 years and in this time, it has become a community centre, which offers a safe environment for the youth for purposeful activities during their free time. Haabersti Youth Centre has average of 40 visitors per day and it is open from Monday to Friday from 13:00 to 19:00.

The volunteer is expected to take part in all the activities that the youth centre is running (eg free hobby clubs in a week: cooking class, art class, crafts class, quiz class).

Youngsters can get help with their studies, play board games, table football, table tennis, pool and Xbox. Youngsters also have the possibility to organize different kind of events and make their ideas come to life.

In addition, Haabersti Youth Centre organises city camps during school breaks (7 camps a year). Camps last for 5 days and each camp has up to 40 youngsters from 7–12 years old.

Haabersti Youth Centre organizes big traditional events every year. Local youngsters are involved in planning, executing and analysing parts of all the activities provided by the youth centre.

One of the biggest street culture projects is HNKXTRM and it involves free skateboarding training lessons in 2 skate parks, free usage of skateboards, helmets, scooters, free street basketball trainings, two different workshops: graffiti and rap and always finishes with a huge all day event that includes live graffiti show, bmx, skateboarding and scootering competition and a 3vs3 street basketball tournament.

Haabersti Youth Centre uses open youth work method providing different possibilities for the youth, taking into consideration their actual needs and wishes. Youth centre supports personal initiative and gives youngsters the possibility of teaching others. Target areas in 2019 are street culture, youngsters in risk, youth initiative, volunteering, international youth work, youth info, work education and development of digital skills.

Haabersti Youth Centre has a great cooperation with all 5 district schools and 9 kindergardens. Youth centre offers all the schools a package of different workshops that use non-formal methods and students can choose from them. The idea behind it is that the class can have their lesson in another environment using different methods than a usual lecture. All those workshops are done in cooperation with the teacher and carried out by youth workers in the youth centre.

More information about our activities and youth centre you can find in Facebook: **Haabersti noortekeskus** or our webpage: www.haabersti.ee
OR check out our virtual tour here:
<https://www.tallinn.ee/est/noorteinfo/tallinna-noortekeskused>

