

# Animating reflection groups and helping local teams

## ANIMATION

Each animator is in charge of one reflection group of 10-15 people. Your role is to help the local welcome team with several things:

- Support the prayers in the host community with music, reading, preparing the place, ...
- Stay in contact with the local welcome team to organize the morning program. Don't hesitate to ask if you (or more persons of your reflection group) can give more help.
- Support your reflection group in making sure everyone knows where and when to meet and feels safe to share personal experiences in the group. Encourage each other to share particularly about personal thoughts and listen to each other. It is important that everyone speaks slowly and uses short sentences that are easy to translate. Your role is more about support than leading the discussion. The basis for the discussion are texts and questions proposed in the app or the meeting with a person of hope.
- Remind everyone to prepare something as a nation / region for the Festival of Nations.

## DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>

Attend a short meeting with the other animators and the local welcome team to check that everything is ready for Sunday Service and the first day. Fix a time for daily animator meetings. If there will be a meeting of reflection groups on the 29<sup>th</sup>, help to organize the place and spread the information. Travel together to Tondiraba Hall for dinner, a packed lunch and evening prayer.

## DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

Join the Sunday Service of your host community. Before or after, there could be a first short meeting of the reflection groups. You could say your names, play a game and tell about the journey to Tallinn. Indicate where people can find the workshops in the app for the afternoon. If possible, share the packed lunch in the host community and make your way together to the city center for the workshops. Please remind everyone to respect the way of transport indicated in the itinerarium.

## DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

The texts, songs and order of **morning prayers** are found in the app. All participants should face the altar. People who are reading could use a microphone but can remain seated. Prayers, psalms and readings can each be read in 3-4 languages according to the language groups present. When reading the psalms, everyone joins in to sing "Alleluia" in between each verse. The reading is followed by a song and a time of silence (~8 min) The silence ends with a prayer. After each intercession can be a "Gospodi pomiluj". Finish by saying "Our Father".

Following the prayer, the local welcome team will explain

where the **reflection groups** meet. You will find your group and people can share about the themes of the day (see app). Maybe the host community has also prepared meetings with people of hope. The discussion may be a bit difficult the first day, but usually it gets easier. That is why it is good to keep the same reflection groups each day.

### At the end of the morning this might be important:

- Lunch: The packed lunch can be shared together in the place of welcome or on the trains and buses.
- Midday prayer: Leave in time and remind everyone to respect the place indicated on their itinerarium
- Workshops: All information is in the app.
- Meal distribution is from 5:30 to 6pm in the Tondiraba Hall, followed by the evening prayer at 7pm.
- Directions: Find out how to get back to the hosts in the evening and when & where to meet on the next day.

## DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

The morning program is about the same as on 30<sup>th</sup> December. However, take some time for meetings by nations to prepare the Festival of Nations. Look for people who can perform a traditional song, dance or something else. Please remind everyone of the upcoming program:

- In the afternoon there are meetings by country / region in the city center. The time and places are indicated in the app. Dinner and evening prayer are at Tondiraba hall. This evening, public transport in Tallinn and the outskirts is limited. Help to check how to get back to the hosts at a fixed time. Of course, hosts and helpers are also invited to join the celebrations!
- The festival will be with the host community, please do not go to the city center. Alcohol is not needed to celebrate.
- Those who will not have lunch with their hosts can arrange with the local welcome team where to go instead.

### Prayer for Peace and Festival of Nations

Help to prepare the prayer for peace at 11 pm. Some guidelines are in the app. Intercessions can include situations and hopes close to the participants. To recall the light of Christ illuminating our life and world, candles can be lit during the song after the reading. After midnight, the Festival of Nations begins with a contribution from each nation present.

## JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

### New Years' service in the host community.

Prepare a sign of thanks for the host community and those who offered hospitality. It would be good if some persons could say a few words of thanks to the hosts and host community during the service.

Lunch will be with your hosts or locals that invited young people for this occasion. The departure is from 4pm on.

*Thank you for all your help!*