



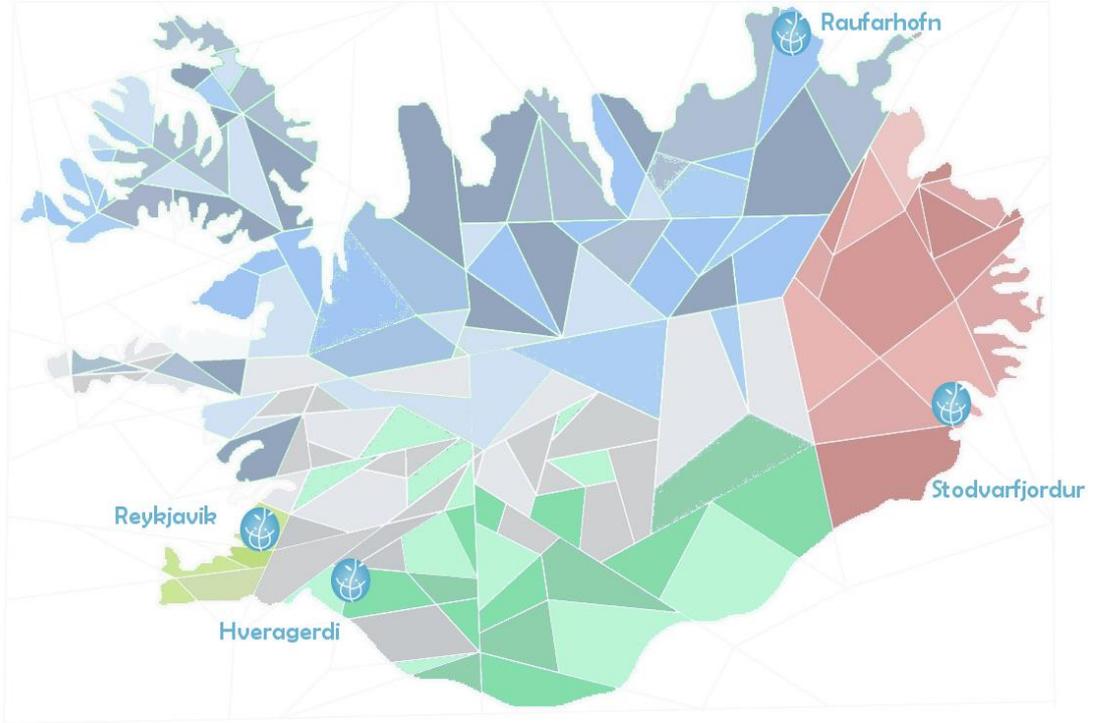
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## **WINTER AND SPRING WORKCAMPS 2019**



**LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE**

CAMPS IN ICELAND



REYKJAVIK

SOUTH

EAST

NORTH

CODE	NAME	DATES	TYPE OF WORK	VOLS total
WF01	Hveragerði – Health and environment	07/01 – 21/01	ENVI / MANU	8
WF111	Peace and children's rights in the Eastern fjords	15/01 – 25/01	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	7
WF112	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	15/01 – 25/01	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF250	Aurora hunting, art and renovation at the arctic circle	17/01 - 31/01	RENO/MANU/ART	6
WF02	Hveragerði – Health and environment	21/01 – 04/02	ENVI / MANU	8
WF301	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	21/01 – 31/01	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF113	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	24/01 – 03/02	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF114	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	02/02 - 12/02	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF03	Hveragerði – Health and environment	04/02 – 18/02	ENVI / MANU	8
WF302	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	10/02 – 20/02	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF115	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	11/02 – 21/02	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	7
WF116	Peace and children's rights in the Eastern fjords	11/02 – 21/02	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF04	Hveragerði – Health and environment	18/02 – 04/03	ENVI / MANU	8
WF251	Aurora hunting, art and renovation at the arctic circle	18/02 - 04/03	RENO/MANU/ART	6
WF117	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	20/02 - 02/03	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF118	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	01/03 - 11/03	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF303	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	02/03 – 12/03	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF05	Hveragerði – Health and environment	04/03 – 18/03	ENVI / MANU	8
WF119	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	10/03 - 20/03	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	7
WF120	Peace and children's rights in the Eastern fjords	10/03 - 20/03	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF252	Aurora hunting, art and renovation at the arctic circle	11/03 - 25/03	RENO/MANU/ART	6
WF06	Hveragerði – Health and environment	18/03 – 01/04	ENVI / MANU	8
WF121	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	19/03 - 28/03	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF304	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	22/03 – 01/04	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF122	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	28/03 - 08/04	ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY	15
WF07	Hveragerði – Health and environment	01/04 – 15/04	ENVI / MANU	8
WF253	Aurora hunting, art and renovation at the arctic circle	01/04 - 15/04	RENO/MANU/ART	6
WF305	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	06/04 – 16/04	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF123	Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland	07/04 - 18/04	ENVI/MANU	15
WF08	Hveragerði – Health and environment	15/04 – 29/04	ENVI / MANU	8
WF306	Easter Peace building camp in Reykjavik	18/04 - 25/04	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF124	The villages of the Eastern fjords	26/04 - 06/05	ENVI/MANU	12
WF09	Hveragerði – Health and environment	29/04 – 13/05	ENVI / MANU	8
WF307	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	01/05 – 11/05	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF125	The villages of the Eastern fjords	06/05 - 16/05	ENVI/MANU	12
WF10	Hveragerði – Health and environment	13/05 – 27/05	ENVI / MANU	8
WF126	The villages of the Eastern fjords	16/05 - 26/06	ENVI/MANU	12
WF308	Journalism and photography – Reykjavik	21/05 – 31/05	ART/ENVI/STUDY	8
WF11	Hveragerði – Health and environment	27/05 – 10/06	ENVI / MANU	8
WF12	Hveragerði – Health and environment	10/06 – 24/06	ENVI / MANU	8

# CAMPS IN THE CAPITAL OF ICELAND

## REYKJAVIK

WF301	Journalism and photographing in Reykjavik	21/01 – 31/01	ART/STUDY	8 vol
WF302	Journalism and photographing in Reykjavik	10/02 – 20/02	ART/STUDY	8 vol
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**Project location:** Reykjavik is a city full of energy, just waiting for you to experience it. Powered by heat from the earth below, with ever-changing weather sweeping across the landscape, its natural features are matched by the energy of its residents. Think of the denominators of a great city - fun, culture, nature, clean air - Reykjavik has them in spades. All the advantages of a modern, forward-looking society are complemented by the beautiful natural setting. In a country of only just over 300,000 people, the Reykjavik Capital Area has a population of about 200,000. However, since it's the only major city in the country, Reykjavik has a lot of the amenities that you would only expect to find in a much larger center elsewhere in the world.

Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital city and is centred on the Seltjarnarnes Peninsula. Come at the right time of year, and in favourable conditions you will see the city's skyline silhouetted against the glowing, shimmering curtain of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights. Reykjavik is framed by the majestic Mt. Esja and the blue waters of Faxaflói Bay to the north, while rugged lava-fields spread to the southeast. On a clear sunny day, the Snaefellsjökull glacier glitters on the western horizon like a crystal.

**Work:** Every year WF Iceland hosts hundreds of international volunteers participating in projects all around the island. WF Iceland publishes a magazine called UNA, where people can read about the life of the organisation.

In the beginning of the project, volunteers will receive an introduction about the tasks - afterwards we will choose a topic for the magazine. This is a great opportunity to get to know Reykjavik and the area around it in a different way. The group will take photos, create videos and conduct interviews with volunteers, local hosts and people living in the area. The outcome will be published in the UNA WF magazine.

The volunteers will also document the work of the association in all the camps running throughout the same period with a photo-reportage and they will publish it on WF social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

At the end of the project, we will prepare the final version of the magazine and publish it online.

**Leisure:** On weekends, the central location of the accommodations is ideal for enjoying Reykjavik's amazing nightlife, which is world-renowned for its wide array of bars, clubs, and concerts.

WF Iceland will also organise reasonably-priced weekend excursions to some of the most popular, beautiful areas and natural wonders that Iceland has to offer. Excursions include unique Icelandic sights, such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, geysers, lava forests, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

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is up to you! Therefore, we encourage you to bring along some food, photos or anything interesting related to your country for a fun and informative evening amongst other volunteers.

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**Accommodation and food:** Worldwide Friends volunteers will be staying in our house in Sveinsstaðir, which is located on the outskirts of Reykjavík. This place is like a farm in the city, so you can enjoy pure nature and the city life of the capital at the same time. Volunteers need to bring their own sleeping bags and towels, but beds/mattresses and bed sheets are provided. Wireless internet access is provided free of charge.

Food is included for the duration of the workcamp, however, everyone is expected to do their fair share of the cooking and cleaning. Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes (and spices) from home!

**Requirements:** There are no requirements but some volunteers with good computer skills, who are interested in journalism and/or photography, are needed for this camp. You should bring your camera and your laptop with you.

**Terminal:** Flights arrive at Keflavík International Airport (KEF), just south of Reykjavík, Iceland.

**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 350 euros for this workcamp. The fee includes a minibus trip from the meeting point of the camp to the accommodation and the [Golden Circle South Iceland](#) excursion.

**WF306 Easter - Peace building camp in Reykjavík**

**18/04 – 25/04**

**EDU/STUDY**

**10 vol**

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**Work:** During the camp we will build a vision of peace and gain a deeper understanding of our own power to create a peaceful world. The volunteers will discuss their role in different issues covering enhancing harmony between economic activities and nature, resolving migrants and refugee issues, population issues, and advocating for social cohesion. The group will do this through interactive games, crafts, music, stories, food, and meditation, participants will spend their days focusing on ways to promote peace every day.

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**Requirements:** There are no requirements for this camp

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**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 350 euros for this workcamp. The fee includes a minibus trip from the meeting point of the camp to the accommodation and the Golden Circle South Iceland excursion.

## CAMPS IN THE SOUTH OF ICELAND

WF01	Hveragerði – Health and environment	07/01 – 21/01	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF02	Hveragerði – Health and environment	21/01 – 04/02	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF03	Hveragerði – Health and environment	04/02 – 18/02	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF04	Hveragerði – Health and environment	18/02 – 04/03	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF05	Hveragerði – Health and environment	04/03 – 18/03	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF06	Hveragerði – Health and environment	18/03 – 01/04	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF07	Hveragerði – Health and environment	01/04 – 15/04	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF08	Hveragerði – Health and environment	15/04 – 29/04	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF09	Hveragerði – Health and environment	29/04 – 13/05	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF10	Hveragerði – Health and environment	13/05 – 27/05	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF11	Hveragerði – Health and environment	27/05 – 10/06	ENVI / MANU	8 vol
WF12	Hveragerði – Health and environment	10/06 – 24/06	ENVI / MANU	8 vol

**Project location:** Hveragerði is a small town of about 1,700 inhabitants that lies some 45 km east of Reykjavík. This friendly little community sits on top of a highly active geothermal field, which provides heat for hundreds of greenhouses where fruit, flowers and vegetables are produced throughout the year. Even bananas grow in these greenhouses! The name Hveragerði means ‘hot springs garden.’ Geothermal energy is Hveragerði’s lifeblood, and you probably won’t find such a natural wonder in the middle of a populated area anywhere else in the world. Nearby you will find an even more geothermally active site: Gufudalur, the lovely ‘Steam Valley’ behind the town. This whole valley is full of hot springs, geysers, mud pots, fumaroles and steaming vents.

Our host is a non-profit organisation called the NLFH Rehabilitation and Health Clinic, which is a part of the Natural Health Association of Iceland. Every year approximately 2,000 patients and other guests enjoy their diverse rehabilitation programs, which are focused on an approach that builds self-confidence and personal responsibility for the patients’ own health. The clinic has earned a solid reputation, both in Iceland and internationally, since its foundation in 1955 for personal and effective care of patients. It is one of the two most important rehabilitation clinics in Iceland. In the last years this ongoing camp has been the most popular camp in our organisation.

**Work:** The Natural Health Association has a horticultural and environmental department, including forestry, gardening, and greenhouses, which is where Worldwide Friends volunteers work most of the time. Volunteers will help with growing the tomatoes, cucumbers and making tea made of Icelandic herbs and also do some environmental work around the property.

The nature of the work depends largely on weather conditions, which can change quickly. Volunteers should bring clothes appropriate for outdoor work, but also clothes for working inside the warm greenhouses. Working hours are usually from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and volunteers will have a one-hour lunch break.

**Leisure:** Worldwide Friends volunteers have free access to the local geothermally-heated swimming pool. Traditionally, natural pools have played an important social role in Icelandic culture. Most Icelandic pools offer indoor and outdoor swimming, as well as hot tubs and saunas or steam rooms. Hveragerði is known for having great areas for hiking, including the hot river in Reykjadalur.

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**Accommodation and food:** Worldwide Friends volunteers will be staying in a fully equipped bungalow consisting of several double bedrooms and a living room. Volunteers need to bring their own sleeping bag, but beds and sheets are provided. Wireless internet access is provided free of charge.

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**Language:** A basic knowledge of English is required for this workcamp.

**Requirements:** No special requirements

**Terminal:** Flights arrive at Keflavik International Airport (KEF), just south of Reykjavik, Iceland.

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## CAMPS IN THE EAST OF ICELAND

<b>WF112 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>15/01 – 25/01 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>7 vol</b>
<b>WF113 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>24/01 – 03/02 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF114 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>02/02 – 12/02 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF115 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>11/02 – 21/02 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>7 vol</b>
<b>WF117 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>20/02 – 02/03 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF118 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>01/03 – 11/03 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF119 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>10/03 – 20/03 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>7 vol</b>
<b>WF121 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>19/03 – 29/03 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF122 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>28/03 – 08/04 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>
<b>WF123 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the East of Iceland</b>	<b>07/04 – 18/04 ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>15 vol</b>

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"Fjarðabyggð" is an association of villages in the Eastern fjords of Iceland. It includes the towns of Eskifjörður, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Mjóifjörður, Neskaupstaður, Reyðarfjörður Breiðdalsvík and Stöðvarfjörður, all tiny fishing villages with steep mountains towering just behind the houses. In this area, you will see some of the features that make Iceland a unique place in the world: spectacular fjords with a rich sea life, a great variety of birdlife and countless breathtaking hiking paths.

**Work:** During this workcamp, volunteers will deal with different tasks related to renovation and maintenance of our house in Stodvarfjordur in the east of Iceland. The work will depend on the skills and knowledge of each volunteer, but focuses mainly on tasks such as painting, cleaning, fixing small things, and does not require basic knowledge of carpentry or construction. During winter in Iceland the accommodations are prepared for the summer. This camp is extremely important for us and for our summer volunteers. If the weather conditions are good, we will also help the local community with various kind of environmental work. In addition to the work, winter in Iceland also means AURORA HUNTING. If you

like photography, having an amazing time with friends from all over the world and the Northern lights, this camp will suit you perfectly.

We will be on the lookout for Aurora borealis at night throughout the whole camp, so you will have the opportunity to take photos of this amazing and unique phenomenon. It is very important to bring your camera with you (only cameras that work in long exposure will catch those lights), and don't forget your tripod. The photos will be of your personal use, but we will also keep the best photos and use them in our brochures, on the website and on social media.

**Leisure:** The area in the east is also good for hiking, so please bring your hiking shoes.

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Keep in mind: If you own a camera and a tripod, please bring those with you. You can also bring your laptop, as it can come in handy. In addition, please bring warm clothes with you since we are going to spend our time in an isolated place where the temperatures can get very low. If possible, please bring along traditional food, photos or anything interesting related to your country for intercultural evenings.

**Accommodation and food:** Worldwide Friends volunteers will be staying in the WF house in Stodvarfjordur. The house is almost 500 m<sup>2</sup> with several dormitories, big living room and another smaller one, two fully equipped kitchens, four showers and five toilets. Beds are provided; however, volunteers should bring their own warm sleeping bags or borrow one from WF if they don't want to bring it. Wireless internet access is provided free of charge.

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Please keep in mind that usually we have around 20 to 25 international volunteers in the house at the same time

**Language:** A basic knowledge of English is required for this workcamp.

**Requirements:** No special requirements

**Terminal:** Intl. Airport: Keflavík (KEF), Reykjavík.

Flights arrive at Keflavik International Airport (KEF), just south of Reykjavik. The meeting point is at 08.30 am at the first day of the camp in Tjarnargata 11 which is the city hall of Reykjavik

**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 450 euros for this workcamp. The fee includes the trip from Reykjavik to Stodvarfjordur and back again which is almost 1,400 km in total and takes 2 full days (the first day of the camp and the last one). On the way to the camp, we will drive through the south to the east of the island. After the camp, we will drive through the north and west to Reykjavik (**if road conditions are favourable**). This trip includes several stops where you will discover unique Icelandic sights, such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, lava fields, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

<b>WF111 Peace and children's rights in the Eastern fjords</b>	<b>15/01 – 25/01</b>	<b>STUDY/EDU/KIDS/SOCI</b>	<b>8 vol</b>
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**Work:** This camp focuses on human rights education activities that will be carried out by the WF volunteers in schools in East Iceland. The aim of this camp is to increase awareness about human rights among elementary school aged - children and early adolescents through a non-formal education approach. Through this camp volunteers will have the opportunity to explore first-hand the Icelandic education environment and put in practice their passion for human rights.

The volunteers will be encouraged to learn more about them being human rights holders. This will bring them to learn also how to talk about human rights in an international environment using a communication that is accessible for children. WF camps are joined by all kind of people from any part of the world in any stage of their lives. The diverse environment of this camp represents a constant learning opportunity for the volunteers involved which will give the camp a very international and cross-cutting profile. The mutual exchange will enrich both the volunteers and the children. Volunteers will have the opportunity to challenge themselves about how to teach a topic like human rights to children. **Structure of the activities:** The volunteers and the camp leaders will spend the beginning of the camp discussing and planning the activities they would like to carry out in the school. To do this, training materials on human rights education will be consulted and they will receive inputs from the teachers about which topics to face during the activities with the students. Discussions and the free initiative among the volunteers will be encouraged in order to involve the volunteers as much as possible into the planning of the activities with students. Before their arrival, volunteers can be asked to consult some sources on their own too.

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Please keep in mind that usually we have around 20 to 25 international volunteers in the house at the same time

**Language:** A basic knowledge of English is required for this workcamp.

**Requirements:** No special requirements

**Terminal:** Intl. Airport: Keflavík (KEF), Reykjavík.

Flights arrive at Keflavik International Airport (KEF), just south of Reykjavik. The meeting point is at 08.30 am at the first day of the camp in Tjarnargata 11 which is the city hall of Reykjavik

**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 450 euros for this workcamp. The fee includes the trip from Reykjavik to Stodvarfjordur and back again which is almost 1,400 km in total and takes 2 full days (the first day of the camp and the last one). On the way to the camp, we will drive through the south to the east of the island. After the camp, we will drive through the north and west to Reykjavik (**if road conditions are favourable**). This trip includes several stops where you will discover unique Icelandic sights, such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, lava fields, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

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<b>WF126</b>	<b>The villages of the Eastern fjords</b>	<b>16/05 – 26/06</b>	<b>ENVI/MANU</b>	<b>12 vol</b>

**Project and location:** Scoured by Ice Age glaciers, the dramatic east coast boasts long, narrow fjords with steep sides and jagged peaks which contrast with inland fertile farmlands. Natural harbours depict postcard-like fishing villages and seemingly never-ending roads cross the region, providing beautiful views.

"Fjarðabyggð" is an association of villages in the Eastern fjords of Iceland. It includes the towns of Eskifjörður, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Mjóifjörður, Neskaupstaður, Reyðarfjörður, Breiðdalsvík and Stöðvarfjörður, all tiny fishing villages with steep mountains towering just behind the houses. In this area you will see some of the features that make Iceland a unique place in the world: spectacular fjords with a rich sea life, a great variety of birdlife and countless breathtaking hiking paths. You will explore the area during your stay in the east.

**Work:** Volunteers will have environmental tasks in different areas in Fjardabyggd, for example cleaning the coastline, planting trees and flowers, taking down old fences, removing lupines or other plants and fixing hiking paths.

Our work will also depend on weather conditions, which is why we have to be flexible. You should be prepared for unfriendly weather, but hopefully, the weather will be nice most of the time. This is a perfect camp for people who like outdoor work and physical challenges. Working hours are about 6 hours a day, 5 days a week.

**Leisure:** The area in the east is also good for hiking, so please bring your hiking shoes.

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We will also concentrate on intercultural learning and exchange. Every evening, volunteers from different countries will be in charge of presenting their country of origin and culture in an informal way. It can be a presentation, a game, theatre – the form of introduction is up to you! Therefore, we encourage you to bring along some food, photos or anything interesting related to your country for a fun and informative evening amongst other volunteers.

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## CAMPS IN THE NORTH OF ICELAND

<b>WF250 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the arctic circle</b>	<b>17/01 – 31/01</b>	<b>ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>6 vol</b>
<b>WF251 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the arctic circle</b>	<b>18/02 – 04/03</b>	<b>ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>6 vol</b>
<b>WF252 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the arctic circle</b>	<b>11/03 – 25/03</b>	<b>ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>6 vol</b>
<b>WF253 Aurora hunting, art and renovation in the arctic circle</b>	<b>01/04 – 15/04</b>	<b>ART/RENO/ENVI/STUDY</b>	<b>6 vol</b>

**Project Location:** The village of Raufarhöfn is the community that lies farthest north in Iceland. It is located in the eastern part of Melrakkasletta close to the Arctic Circle. The population of Raufarhöfn is about 200 and most of the people there earn their living from fishing and fish processing. The harbor is very beautiful and partly shaped by nature itself. A wide and untouched open area surrounds the village with a lot of birds and varied vegetation. In summer you will observe wild migratory birds within the village being a part of the village life with the villagers most often waking up in the morning to the songs of birds. The coastline with its inlets and creeks is filled with driftwood and reaches out into the Arctic Sea. Away and on the surface of the sea various sea-birds will be spotted and an occasional seal. On the beach waders strut and inland on the grassy moorlands there are dozens of lakes filled with trout. In the vicinity many species of ducks, waders and species that favor heaths and moorlands may be observed. Near to the village you can find the Arctic Henge which is a peculiar thing.

**Work:** During this workcamp, volunteers will deal with different tasks related to renovation and maintenance of our house in Raufarhöfn in the North of Iceland. The work will depend on the skills and knowledge of each volunteer, but focuses mainly on tasks such as painting, cleaning, fixing small things, and does not require basic knowledge of carpentry or construction. During winter in Iceland the accommodations are prepared for the summer. This camp is extremely important for us and for our summer volunteers. If the weather conditions are good, we will also help the local community with various kind of environmental work. In addition to the work, winter in Iceland also means AURORA HUNTING. If you like photography, having an amazing time with friends from all over the world and the Northern lights, this camp will suit you perfectly.

We will be on the lookout for Aurora borealis at night throughout the whole camp, so you will have the opportunity to take photos of this amazing and unique phenomenon. It is very important to bring your camera with you (only cameras that work in long exposure will catch those lights), so don't forget your tripod and camera. The photos will be of your personal use, but we will also keep the best photos and use them in our brochures, on the website and on social media.

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Please keep in mind that usually we have around 10 to 15 international volunteers in the house at the same time

**Language:** A basic knowledge of English is required for this workcamp.

**Requirements:** No special requirements

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**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 450 euros for this workcamp. The fee includes the trip from Reykjavik to Raufarhofn and back again which is almost 1,600 km in total and takes 2 or even 3 full days (the first day of the camp and the last one). You will travel with a Jeep because of the difficult road situation in the North. On the way to the camp, we will drive through the south to the east of the island. After the camp, we will drive through the north and west to Reykjavik (**if road conditions are favourable**). This trip includes several stops where you will discover unique Icelandic sights, such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, lava fields, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

## Practical information about Veraldarvinir – Worldwide Friends Iceland

Veraldarvinir - Worldwide Friends (WF Iceland) was founded in 2001 as a non-profit, non-governmental organisation promoting peace, friendship and international understanding.

We host short-term voluntary work camps, mid and long-term voluntary projects (3-6 months), seminars (suitable for both young people and adults), youth exchanges, educational programmes and campaigns in Iceland. We also send abroad Icelandic volunteers who wish to have similar experiences. Furthermore, we host and send volunteers through the Youth in action programme.

### Veraldarvinir/WF Iceland aims at:

- Promoting peace and friendship
- Promoting inter-cultural learning, exchange and awareness
- Preserving Icelandic nature and raising awareness about environmental issues
- Promoting voluntary work and a culture of volunteering

### Our headquarters are located at the following address:

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## General information about our international workcamps:

**Age limit:** In general, volunteers should be at least 18 years old. There is no maximum age limit for the majority of our workcamps.

**Work:** Workcamps typically last 10 to 14 days. Working hours are usually about 20-35 hours a week (five to seven hours a day, five days a week). Any exceptions will be noted in the project descriptions.

**Accommodation:** In Reykjavik in a farm located in the outskirt of Reykjavik. In the east, they will stay in the Worldwide Friends' house in Stöðvarfjörður. In the North the volunteers will stay in the Worldwide Friends in Raufarhofn. In Hveragerdi the volunteers stay in a bungalow with double rooms.

**Food:** Food will be provided; however, volunteers are expected to do their fair share of the cooking and cleaning.

**Camp language:** English is the language spoken in our camps. Volunteers are required to have at least a basic knowledge of the English language. Should the language requirements be higher, this will be specified in the workcamp description.

**Camp leaders:** There are always two or more leaders for each camp, depending on the size of the group. Leaders represent the link between the hosting community and the group of volunteers. They coordinate the work, organise free time activities and plan excursions, shopping and cooking sessions. Apart from these additional responsibilities, they are equal to the other volunteers. Most of our camp leaders are from other countries, as we are very open-minded in hosting international leaders from other organisations. All our leaders start their program with one week of training.

**Extra participation fee:** We charge an extra participation fee for all our camps. Volunteers are expected to pay the workcamp fee in cash (EUR, USD or ISK) upon their arrival to the camp.

WF Iceland charges a participation fee for the following reasons:

- a. Lack of support from the government and other sources;
- b. For some of our workcamps, WF must supply food, which is quite expensive in Iceland compared to other European countries;
- c. For most of our workcamps located in Reykjavik, WF has to cover both food and accommodation costs;
- d. Most of our partner organizations in other countries cover their administration costs through the fees they charge the volunteers they send abroad. We do not send enough volunteers abroad in order to cover our administrative expenses, so we need to charge a participation fee from the volunteers we receive.

**Insurance:** Veraldarvinir provides a third part liability during the duration of the camp. WF Iceland does not provide volunteers with a medical insurance. Therefore, we strongly recommend that the volunteers purchase insurance for their stay here in Iceland. European volunteers should bring their European Health Cards (former E111).

### Some practical matters

We highly recommend volunteers to bring a sleeping bag, warm and waterproof work clothes, hiking boots and swimming suits. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring information about their country, such as photos, music, songbooks, games or musical instruments.

**Volunteers with special needs:** Our camps are open to everyone. If you have volunteers with special needs, please contact us. We will do our very best to find a way to host them.

### Information sheets

We will send out detailed information sheets with practical information and camp details on the day we accept the volunteers. All our information sheets are also available online.

### Our website: [www.wf.is](http://www.wf.is)

We encourage all our partners and volunteers to check out our website for more information about our projects. There you will find more detailed information, videos and photos from our workcamps.

Our facebook page and Instagram profile are updated by our volunteers, you can check them at [www.facebook.com/WFveraldarvinir](https://www.facebook.com/WFveraldarvinir) and [www.instagram.com/wf\\_veraldarvinir/](https://www.instagram.com/wf_veraldarvinir/)

**Arrival and departure**

The first day of the camp is arrival day and the last day of the camp is a departure day. If the camp is held in the north, east or west of Iceland, we strongly recommend that volunteers arrive the day before the camp starts and depart the next day after the camp ends. However, if the camp is held in Reykjavik, volunteers can arrive the first day of the camp and depart on the last day of the camp.

**Transport to the camp location:**

Iceland's public transportation is expensive and not very efficient. We will arrange a minibus trip from Reykjavik to all of our workcamp locations. **This year the minibus fee is included in the total fee for the workcamp.**

**Accommodation before and after the workcamp**

At the moment WF Iceland is not offering hostel service before or after the workcamps but this can change in the summer season.