

Quick orientation for branch youth shelter contact persons

You are an important link between your branch and the local shelter

Together with branches, youth shelters offer young people and their loved ones help in five locations and online across the country. More information about shelter activities can be found on our website.

All Red Cross volunteers can participate in various roles at shelters by being available to young people alongside and supported by professional employees. As a volunteer, you can also participate in an on-call position at a temporary accommodation or in the Sekasin chat. There can be other forms of volunteering, and shelters aim to provide branches with up-to-date information about these.

As a youth shelter contact person, you promote the cooperation between your branch and the local youth shelter. Your job is to provide the branch's members, board and activity groups with information about shelter activities. As a contact person, you make it possible that young people and their loved ones are supported at the shelter by the required number of adults that care. You also get to learn about and gain experience in shelter activities.



Your duties as a youth shelter contact person:

- Committing to cooperation and the action plan agreed together with the youth shelter
- Communicating about the activities of youth shelters within the branch and, conversely, about the activities of the branch at the youth shelter
- Cooperating with other activity groups and their leaders within the branch

In this position, you will be supported by:

- The branch board
- The youth shelter staff. Shelters provide ready-made communications materials and coaching, for instance

Important information:

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- Task-specific training: Youth shelter orientation training. As a contact person, you can register at the shelter and agree on training and orientation separately. The training is arranged flexibly online, and it is recommended to perform a couple of orientation shifts at the shelter as agreed.
- The youth shelter provides volunteers with training and orientation in their duties. More information about volunteer duties can be found in Oma Punainen Risti:
<https://oma.punainenristi.fi/publicevents?eventCategory=32768&eventType=1024>
- Youth shelters on the Red Cross website: [Youth shelter contact information - Red Cross](#)