



EMEYF Summer Gathering

July 18th to 25th 2020

If you are not Finnish, try to pronounce „Leppäniemen Hirsihuvilat“. Because this is the place where we are going to meet for Summer Gathering and you might wanna know how to ask the way. ;-)) You think you got it right? Come to Finland in July and find out. We'll be happy to teach you if you are still not sure.

Leppäniemi is situated in Hauho, about 2 hours bus or train ride north of Helsinki and right in the middle of a beautiful landscape alternating between forests, lakes and grassland. Check it out at hirsihuvilat.com/en

Right in the middle of this stunning nature we will come together to find out how „Nature and Spirituality“ fit together and to what extent they complement each other or even cause each other. We could have a silent swim in the lake, a meeting for business in the sauna, a meeting for worship in the woods or a group discussion around the bon(d)fire. It's up to us.

We think that Leppäniemi and the group has the potential to keep us busy for the whole week. The venue is quite off the grid, so we will not make a daytrip but invite some Friends to visit. We highly recommend to spend some time travelling before or after the gathering if you'd like to explore more of Finland.

The Spring Gathering is aimed at young adults aged 18-35 and the majority of the participants will be around that age. But parents with children are also part of this age range. We welcome you to bring your children even though there will not be a separate program for them.

Costs

There is no fixed fee for this gathering: we are asking participants to contribute to the cost of the gathering as generously as you feel comfortable with. An explanation and suggestion on how much you can contribute can be found here: [Flexible gathering contribution](#)

Bursaries are still available for travel costs – please consider these separately from your gathering contribution. No one should be prevented from attending for financial reasons.

Food

We will self-cater and food will be vegetarian with flexibility when needed.

How to get there

1. Make your way to the city of Hämeenlinna by bus or train. Buses and trains run frequently from Helsinki city centre and Helsinki airport. If you come from Turku direction, there are buses also, and from Russia there's a train connection via Tikkurila.
2. We will arrange shared rides during the first day 18/7 from Hämeenlinna to Leppäniemi (close to the town of Hauho), which is about 40 km away. Please try to arrive at Hämeenlinna not later than 4 pm. The cost of transport from Hämeenlinna to Leppäniemi and back is covered by the event participation fee.
3. Find more tips and tricks for your travel and maybe a travel mate in this [online travel pad](#).

Registration and Coronavirus cancellation

The registration is open until 20th of June. Here is the link to the [registration form](#).

It is still uncertain whether the event can go ahead due to the Coronavirus. At latest four weeks before hand (i.e. by 20th June), EMEYF trustees (and other roleholders) will assess the situation and make a decision on whether the gathering will take place. We will of course refund gathering contributions if the event is cancelled. If you want to avoid cancelling your travel tickets, don't book before 20th June. As stated above, bursaries (including sustainable travel funds) are still available for travel costs.

Looking forward to seeing you in Finland,
The planning committee
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