

# Initiative 6: Kaarikoirat and community around skateboarding (1/2)

## Description

In Tampere, Pirkanmaan Kaarikoirat Ry operates Hiedanranta's indoor skate and cultural facilities, which is the city's most popular youth center. They organise skate schools and camps, a high school skate line, events, youth work and training. All of these activities -centred around skateboarding- have created various ways for youth to find a meaningful path in life. Many of the young people -in particular aged 14-25- have found a home within this dynamic and socially sustainable skating community. The latest pilot project was Skeittitapuli (summer 2021), which created a place in the center of Tampere to reach children, young people and young adults. The pilot project was carried out by Kaarikoirat, Vanha kirkko, YAD, Tampere Etsivä Työ, KIERTO project, Tampere A-KILTA and Marhaban Center. But these projects are hard to sustain on volunteer work alone.

*LINKS to useful pages*

<https://www.kaarikoirat.fi/>

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## Challenge

To develop ideas and find funding to ensure that Kaarikoirat can continue long-term and keep offering children and youth a place to *be*.

## We need...

People with ideas about how to develop and fund community-building initiatives like Kaarikoirat. People with experience and ideas about youth work and identity-building. People from established institutions with the possibility to run big community projects. You do not need to be a skater to be involved here!

