

Boys Game Group

Targeted small group for boys who play lots of digital games



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To whom

- For young people from 14 to 17 years with challenges in:
 - social relationships
 - school issues
 - challenging domestic situation.
- Many of the boys have a background of multi-professional support network
 - mental health services
 - child welfare
- This group is voluntary and the only requirements are a desire to commit to the group and gaming as a hobby.



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What we do

- Meetings once a week
 - discussion how the week has gone and other mundane things while having afternoon snack
 - play about two different games per meeting and every 4th time we do something different than gaming.
- We play games, we go visit various places in and out gaming genre and we participate big computer and gaming events like Assembly twice a year in Helsinki.



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Aims of the work

- To create a long-term social group significant to the participants, where you can experience joy, try new things and expand the boundaries of your life.
- To strengthen and support the psycho-social growth
 - To support the change of once shy and timid young towards more active, bolder and independent individuals.
- To transfer the socializing in gaming to all interaction.



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Feedback from the boys:

I would not have been able to get involved in any other kind of small group activities!



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