



# ALLiES eGuide

## Village grandmother and grandfather activity

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Village grandmother and grandfather activity is offered for elderly, active people who want to participate in everyday life in school or kindergarten and thereby contribute to wellbeing of children as well as creating communality.

Volunteers may regularly spend some time with with one group of children, but in a way that teacher or other staff member remains in charge of the group. The village grandmother or grandfather can read or tell stories to children, play with them during the breaks, or teach the children some games from their own childhood. This kind of activity is sensible for both children and elderly people. It reduces the generation gap, develops communality and offers a rewarding activity for retired people. More work for developing this practice is needed in the future. In Finland, you can ask MLL (Mannerheim League for Child Welfare) for volunteers and training, but of course, children' s own grandmothers and grandfathers can be asked to join.