



## Hedgehog Camp - Workshop reflection

As the inhabitants of the Planet Kuka, we found many curious humans despite the harsh weather conditions on our workshops. As the Hedgehog camp is held year to year 100% outside we decided to take our whole workshop outside on the conference as well.



### Our main aim was to:

- enchant participants like as we do with the kids in our camp
- show the type of our outdoor teaching methods which we use in our scientific programs throughout the half day long hikings
- give the the opportunity to try and participate in our camp/games/activities
- involve them into evaluating our methods according to the hand model
- make them interactive
- give them a taste of the camp's 10 intensive days within 2 hours
- show the complexity of the features in our camp
- explain how the camps build on each other from age 7 to adulthood
- discuss the importance of all of our programs being organized by volunteers
- give as many ideas to the participants as we can
- use the hand model as a returning centre point in our discussions



### Results and feedbacks from our participants:

- really useful reflections on the hand model
- super welcoming and enthusiastic participants despite the awful weather
- many new ideas/methods which they took home from the workshop
- incredible support for future works
- discovery of similarities within different countries' outdoor games



### Our reflection:

- it was a great opportunity to see a theoretical translation of our program which we continuously improve since 1986
- it was interesting to translate our practical knowledge from the camp to the theoretical guidelines of the hand model. Once we understood the hand model it helped us to see where to strengthen our programs as well.
- glad to be part of this journey and the growing community
- including a day for all the providers where they get to know all of each other's workshops would have been interesting and exciting

### Future plans:

- building a shared knowledge base
- keep and build this community of providers and participants
- translating our SÜNI book, the Hedgehog book: How to run a scientific nomadic camp: 4 volumes:
  - Organizing a camp in the nature
  - Scientific programs and methods
  - Cookbook
  - Songbook - singing games

