

INFO SHEET: EXPERIENCE AUSTRIA

Project: Kindergruppe Kokodil



■ WHAT IS IT?

The Kindergruppe Kokodil is a parental administrated children group (Kindergarten) where parents work close together with the teaching staff and have a lot of functions like cooking, cleaning, repair things, organize excursions with the kids etc. The Kindergruppe is located within the University building for applied art in the center of Vienna and plan to work together with the different classes at the University

We employ currently 3 fully qualified teachers for approx. 13 children aged 2-6 years. We are a non-profit association and all parents are responsible for the organisation .(cooking, cleaning, repairs...)

Furthermore we try to bring in the creative potential of the different fields of study. (painting, music, ...)

■ WHERE IS IT?

The Project is located in Vienna, capital of Austria. Vienna has 1,6 million inhabitants. Located in the centre of the new Europe and heavily influenced by it's history as the capital of the Austrian Hungarian Empire, it builds a bridge between east and west. Many historical buildings offer loads of sight seeing opportunities, but fortunately Vienna is also influenced by modern times: it has a lively night life, many opportunities to practice sport and a large cultural programme.

The project is in the center of Vienna in the building of the University of applied Art. Directly at the ring street around the old city center.

■ WHAT IS GRENZENLOS DOING?

Grenzenlos is a Vienna-based NGO different from the project. We are supporting the project and the intern/volunteer before and during her/his stay, and we are organizing the logistics.

Grenzenlos identifies and prepares hosting projects, organises the accommodation, offers a basic introduction and orientation for the participant after arrival, helps with finding language courses if needed, offers a mentoring program, helps with all administrative matters and conducts the evaluation meeting at the end of stay.

■ JOB DESCRIPTION

The main idea is to have a young person from another country present and to let children get to know this country, culture and language by his/her daily presence. The project of the volunteer will consist of introducing different aspects of his /her culture into the leisure time programme of the children.

It would be especially great to receive a person interested in sports as our grounds offer excellent opportunities for playground games, tennis, volleyball, football etc. as we consider this an important part of a healthy life for the children and it enables us to integrate volunteers with limited language knowledge: playing games and doing sports together knows no boundaries!

For the implementation and the planning of the leisure time activities in the regular schedule, the staff will be there to support. The volunteer should accompany the teachers in different projects, like going to a theater or museum and play games and maybe sing and make music with the children. The aim is to bring different culture into a group in a



natural and easy way by the native speaker through means of singing, playing and maybe sportive activities and so on. Therefore, the volunteer will not be alone with the whole group of children, but always shares responsibility with the rest of the team. This project would give the volunteer the opportunity to develop skills working with children, encourage team-work and provide a supportive atmosphere in which the volunteer is able to bring ideas from their own country and experiment with them.

■ FACTS & NUMBERS

Employees: 2 full-time

Experience with international volunteers: We hosted already 2 international volunteers

Support for volunteers: The volunteer would be included in meetings; he/she will have a mentor inside the project who would be available for feedback. Preferable once a week the volunteer will have a meeting with a person who is in charge for the volunteer once a month we all have a team-meeting

Volunteering duration: 3-6 month

■ REQUESTED SKILLS

The main requirement for any volunteer/intern is her/his openness and respect towards children.

■ HOW TO APPLY?

Send your Volunteers Motivation letter together with your CV to grenzenlos: austria@grenzenlos.or.at
The selection will be made by the Hosting project itself.

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