



INFO SHEET: EXPERIENCE AUSTRIA

Project: Kindergarten Regenbogen (Rainbow)

■ WHAT IS IT?

The Kindergarten Regenbogen (the German word for rainbow) is an international Kindergarten and After school care where the development of children is the main focus. Holistic support after the principals of the Montessori pedagogic is important for us. We try to strive social learning and led the kids to become more independent.

If we see a special talent in a child we support it. For example: We give special support in learning an instrument, another language etc.

Kindergarten Regenbogen consist of 5 groups:

- Baby group for children aged from 1 1/2 -3 years
- 3 Family groups for children aged from 3-5
- After school care for pupils aged 6-10

The kindergarten teachers offer various project activities to the children along the seasons. Important highlights are also our regular fests like birthday celebrations, summer festival, Easter party, hand lantern fest, family fest and a variety of excursions according to the season.

For more infos you can also have a look on our webpage www.kindergartenregenbogen.at

■ WHERE IS IT?

The Project is located in the center of Vienna. Vienna is the capital of Austria and has 1,8 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. Vienna is a relatively safe place to live in and to walk around during the night is not a problem.

The kindergarten itself is located in the 1st district, very close to 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

You will be mainly involved in the after school care and working with the older kids and most of the time in the afternoons.

For the so called "Hort" 2 staff members are employed. The kids arrive between 12-13.00 and receive lunch.

14-15 Study hour, doing home work

Then we have a little snack and play time. Children can play inside or we do excursions to close parks or in the museum etc. Here we would ask you to support us and bring your own ideas.

We would also ask you to help us with dressing on and off the kids if needed, serving the meals etc.

During the public school holidays we would also invite you to help us with the more little kids and to switch the group.

Because you are an international volunteer, the children will be very interested in where you come from and how is the daily living in your country. For sure they will ask you about animals and plants at home. Perhaps you want to start a country project. You can tell the children small stories, take some photos with you to create a big collage together with



the children, or maybe you can teach the children some words or even songs in your language.

Opening times of the Kindergarden

Monday-Thursday 7-17.30
Friday 7-16

Holidays

The Kindergarden is closed during Christmas holidays 24.12.-6.1. and in the last 2 weeks in August

The After school care is closed during public school holidays.

Volunteers have the right to have 2 holidays/month. The time need to be agreed with the kindergarden team.

■ FACTS & NUMBERS

Employees: 13 kindergarten teachers and assistants

Experience with international volunteers: 0

Support for volunteers: All our interns have training days, where they stay with the group and watch. Bit by bit they learn about the needs of the children, so the interns can start to support the team.

There is a monthly teammeeting in the evening to discuss the status of ongoing activities or to prepare new projects. There are also regular information evenings with the parents., where the team presents current activities and how the children are developing in the group.

Volunteering duration: 11 month (September to July)

■ REQUESTED SKILLS

The volunteer should love to play with children and should like to do some sporty activities. We prefer to host a **MALE** volunteer as the staff consist only of women and we would like to give a the kids a male role model. She or He should be a good teamplayer and support the team during the day.

■ 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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