

INFO SHEET: STEP

Project: St. Martin Home for Disabled



■ WHAT IS IT?

Our organisation provides care and assistance to 25 adults with multiple disabilities. We have two living groups/communities and several practice rooms, where the clients work during the day. We offer the clients housing, (re)integration in the surrounding society, leisure time activities and a workplace through training in our work shops.

■ WHERE IS IT?

Klosterneuburg is a small town near Vienna. Within 30 minutes, the city centre of Vienna is reachable by public transport. Klosterneuburg is an old town with an impressive monastery, beautifully located at the Danube river. It offers a nice community living to its inhabitants and is surrounded by the Vienna Woods (Wienerwald), which offers great opportunities for hiking, walking and other outdoor activities. On the other hand, Vienna's city life is near as well, and offers a broad spectrum of cultural activities and a lively night life.

■ 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 volunteer will support the staff and the clients with the daily program.

In the main he/she will help them when they take meals, to dress themselves, accompany them to work, which is two streets away from the residential home, going for a walk, playing games, taking trips, doing some gardening, practicing sports, going shopping.

The volunteer will participate in the regular team meetings as well. He or she should work for about 30-35 hours per week and is entitled to two days of holiday of every month.

■ FACTS & NUMBERS

Employees: Many full-time staff and 2 volunteers assist the clients of St. Martin.

Experience with international volunteers: St. Martin has been hosting international volunteers for about 20 years!

Food & accommodation:

The volunteer will live at the project. It is important to know however, that the rooms are non-smoking rooms (because of the fire alarm in our house) and that it is necessary that guests are registered with the project leader.

All meals are provided at the project, together with the clients and the staff. Special food arrangements (vegetarian, etc) are possible as well.

Support for volunteers: There would be one person in charge of the volunteer/intern. If desired volunteers can use a bicycle for travelling in the surrounding (bike paths till Vienna!) and the PC and internet in the Wohnheim St.Martin.

Volunteering duration: From 1 month up.

Costs for the volunteer

Board and lodging is provided.

The costs for the **first month are 350 Euro** (to be paid at arrival day) and **50 Euro for each following week.**

If desired: Costs for a language course, local transport costs if needed, pocket money for free time activities

■ REQUESTED SKILLS

There are no special requirements. A volunteer/intern should be in general interested and to enjoy working with handicapped people of different ages. Reliability is also important when working with our clients. No previous working skills or experience is required.

■ 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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