

INFO SHEET: EXPERIENCE AUSTRIA

Project: Kindergruppe NIDO (Nest)



■ WHAT IS IT?

Kindergruppe NIDO is a private organized child care institution in Vienna. The name NIDO comes from Italian and means "nest" and symbolizes that we want to provide a comfortable and safe environment for our kids. We work on the pedagogy of Maria Montessori and Emmi Pikler.

Dr. Maria Montessori called her daycare centre for children in Rome "casa dei bambini" - The Children's House. She had observed that children learn best within a homelike social environment with appropriate materials which support each individual's unique development. She maintained that children are to be respected as different from adults and as individuals who are different from one another, that they create themselves through purposeful activity and absorb and learn spontaneously from their environment which includes people as well as materials.

KG Nido is divided in 2 groups: One group of 13 for little children between 1-3 years and one group of 14 children aged 3-6.

■ 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 its 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 5th district, not far from the famous Viennese Naschmarkt.

■ 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

We look for a nice female volunteer who loves to be with little children and wants to help us to make every day enjoyable. We expect your enthusiasm, your input and ideas. The main idea is to have a 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 you will consist of introducing different aspects of his /her culture into the leisure time programme of the children and to give an extra helping hand.

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-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holidays

During Christmas time, easter holidays the kindergroup is closed according to the Austrian school holidays and two weeks in summer from 1.-15.8.

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

■ FACTS & NUMBERS

Employees: 3 full time and 5 part time pedagogues

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.

Volunteers could join any of our activities with laids, always accompanied by our experienced pedogogues.

The volunteer would be included in meetings; he/she will have an mentor inside the project who would be available for feedback. Preferable once the 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: 3-10 months (September to July) preferable long-term

■ REQUESTED SKILLS

The volunteer should love to play with children and should like to do some sporty activities. We prefer to host a FEMALE volunteer She 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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