



Library



VOLUNTEERING IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MAKER SPACE

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

In this project you will have the opportunity to take part in the following library activities: book fairs, readings, supervising public bookshelves, mobile library, project management, social media support, reading to children and senior citizens, running workshops, giving tours and supervising/experimenting in the makerspace for the FH Researcher Kids and in the areas of media education and gaming. You will be involved in a wide range of interesting library services such as returning media, designing media display areas, advising customers, designing and running workshops for children, young people and adults, assisting with event management, public relations and social media. You may also be involved in activities such as 'Reading in the Park' or planning and implementing activities for the annual project with kindergartens and schools. If you are interested in this project, please send your CV and a DETAILED MOTIVATION LETTER to esk@jugendinfo-noe.at.



WIENER NEUSTADT

Wiener Neustadt has a wide range of leisure and sports facilities, many parks, a modern town museum, two outdoor swimming pools and a great youth centre called Triebwerk.



ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

As a volunteer you will have a private room in a shared flat in Wiener Neustadt. Pocket money: approx. 150 EUR/month Meal allowance: approx. 270 EUR/month Transport arrangement: monthly allowance of approx. 30 EUR for public transport.



NÖ - Card

We offer our volunteers the Niederösterreich Card, which includes many events, travel, excursions, cultural and other discounts throughout Lower Austria.

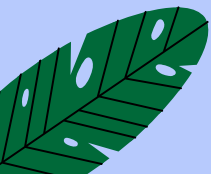


VOLUNTEERS ROOM



TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

- On-Arrival-Training and Mid-Term-Meeting offered by the National Agency
- German language course according to your individual level
- Moreover, the coordinating organization will support you in finding free (online) trainings according to your interests



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

The volunteer should be:

- friendly and a team player
- open-minded and willing to work with different target groups (children, young people, adults, elderly, people from a migrant background)
- interested in learning new skills, e.g. project management, event management, designing and running workshops, etc.
- independent and reliable - eager to immerse themselves in the Austrian culture and language



We also organise an ESC Volunteer Day twice a year to get to know each other. As part of this, we visit a chosen part of Lower Austria to learn and experience the local language, history and culture.

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**KreaMont
School**



KreaMont School



Our school

We are a private Montessori school for 6 to 14 years old students, located in St.Andrä-Wördern, a small town 20 kilometers away from Austria's capital, Vienna. The school was founded in 1994 and is today one of the oldest and largest Montessori schools in Austria.



The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

Maria Montessori

Our methodology

In our school, the students can develop their own potential and are guided lovingly and respectfully on their way to become responsible, independent, and respectful adults. Children learn creatively and freely according to Maria Montessori's Ideas.

The joy of learning, freedom and project-oriented work on a holistic basis are the most important and fundamental pillars for us.



A typical day with us

An average day at our school starts at 7:45 and ends at 12:40. The students have an open beginning and can get to school until 8:15, the time when the first *"free working time"* starts.

The first *"free working time"* lasts until 9:45. We are all based on a 'room principle': The children decide which 'room' they want to be during the whole *"free working time"* and can both participate in the presentations as well as work with the material themselves, depending on their own interests.

Our school has at its disposal a variety of rooms : maths, sciences, German, arts and crafts, sports, music and foreign languages.



The second *"free working time"* starts at 10:15 and lasts until 11:50. The day ends with a group time between 11:50 and 12:40, where the students meet with their tutor and discuss both personal and ongoing debates.

In our school we frequently go to the woods for walks and to carry out different outdoor activities. We are in constant connection with the nature.

In addition, parents are involved in the school routine by preparing lunch with the students on a daily basis. We only prepare organic, seasonal and vegetarian dishes.





ESC Volunteers

We enjoy every year the support of a person from abroad, who enriches our daily life with new perspectives, customs and ways of seeing and understanding life.

We look forward to meeting you!

You will be...

- ... supporting the teachers' team in their work and routine.
- ... attending the weekly teachers' meetings and tutoring meetings.
- ... giving presentations (about your country, your language, skills that you may share...)
- ... attending exhibitions and other school events together with teachers, parents and children.
- ... taking part in educational projects.
- ... participating in national events (On Arrival Training, Mid-Term Meeting...)
- ... sharing the customs, traditions and life-style from your home country.
- ... enriching the school with your inputs and own ideas.
- ... helping in the kitchen together with a pedagogue (washing the dishes, delivering food, etc.)



Would you like to spend a year with us?

Hard facts

Living and working in a small village.

Accommodation with a host family related to the school.

Pocket money + food money + transportation ticket.

Working hours: Monday to Friday from 7:45 till 14:00 + meetings (teachers' meetings + tutoring meetings).

Project duration: 10 Months (from the end of August till the beginning of July).

German courses.

Vacations during the official austrian holiday period (Christmas, Easter, White week...).

Lunch at school: vegetarian, seasonal, biological and fresh.

How to apply

Send your CV and a motivation letter to:

esk@jugendinfo-noe.at

Where to find us

www.kreamont.at





**Freiraum
Schule**



Freiraum SCHULE in Kritzensdorf



Project description:

Freiraumschule Kritzensdorf is an alternative school based on the concepts developed by Rebeca and Mauricio Wild. Stimulating environment, Montessori equipment and intensive support by teachers allow for open and self-determined learning. The curriculum includes among others also intercultural learning and foreign languages. With opening hours from 8:00 to 16:00 the school offers day care for 40 children aged 6-15 years. Leisure activities are in line with the philosophy of the school. The main motivation to host international volunteers is to promote the tolerance between different cultures and traditions, to encourage young people to learn about cultural differences, to develop the understanding what it means to be a ‚European‘, and to deal critically with nationalism. All involved benefit from EVS: volunteers, pupils, teachers, parents. Since 2001 our school has hosted volunteers from different countries, including France, Belgium, Spain, Hungary, Turkey, Italy, Ukraine, Greece, Romania, ...

Our volunteers support our team in caring for the young people, through their presence and their individual input, which is always welcome.

For example with the preparation of the daily snack, accompany them on excursions, and do individual activities with the young people, according to their own skills or passions that they can contribute (handicrafts, drawing playing games, yoga, dance, language, ...).

Accommodation:

We try to accommodate our volunteers as much as possible in terms of accommodation. Preferably, we organize a room in a family near the school. However, we are also happy to support accommodation in a shared apartment or a student dormitory in Vienna.

Food:

The volunteer gets a monthly food allowance and on his/her work days will have lunch with the children and teachers at school. We pay attention to regional organic food, mainly vegetarian.



Kritzensdorf:

The small village of Kritzensdorf is located just under 20 kilometers outside of Vienna, on the slopes of the Danube and has about 2,500 year-round residents. For more than 100 years, Kritzensdorf has been known beyond its borders for its Danube stream bath, which is freely accessible and accommodates a small settlement with summer houses.

Kritzensdorf is well connected to Vienna by public transport and at the same time it has kept its rural and quiet character. Kritzensdorf itself has local suppliers, wine-growing enterprises, some catering trade enterprises as well as a voluntary fire-brigade. For further activities Vienna is easily accessible at any time at half-hour intervals by public transport. The Freiraumschule has been located in Kritzensdorf for 30 years. Our school building is located in the former „Herzogenburgerhof“, which is situated on a hill at the edge of the forest and has a large garden and forest belonging to the school, which is freely accessible to our children at any time.

In our building there is also the children's group Wasserfloh, which, like us, has had an ESC volunteer for many years.



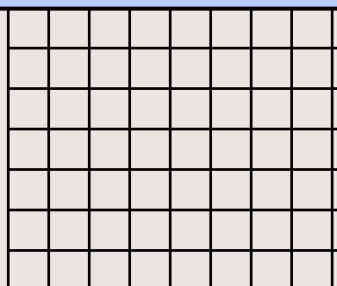


Lernwerkstatt





VOLUNTEERING IN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Our school is a private school based on alternative education and organised by the parents of our students. We are the largest and oldest alternative private school in Austria. The school was founded in 1990 by a group of parents. At the moment we have about 80 students between the ages of 6 and 15. Children from 6 to 12 are called Primaria and children from 12 to 15 are called Sekundaria. In the Lernwerkstatt there are no traditional classrooms, but special areas where the students can move freely. They set their own timetable, choose where they want to be, who they want to be with, with whom they want to work and play, and for how long. Our aim is to support them in becoming responsible and creative shapers of their own lives and of our society. Our school is located in a part of the water castle in Pottenbrunn. It is located in the centre of the village, so the volunteer can walk to the nearest bus station, supermarket, doctor, coffee house,...If you are interested in this project, send your CV and DETAILED MOTIVATION LETTER to esk@jugendinfo-noe.at.



POTENBRUNN

Pottenbrunn is part of the city of St. Pölten, the capital of Lower Austria. It has about 2,500 inhabitants and a very good infrastructure in terms of supermarkets, restaurants, pharmacies, etc. as well as public transport (bus, train): it takes about 20 minutes to the centre of St. Pölten and 40 minutes to Vienna, the capital of Austria.





ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

You will have free accommodation for the duration of your stay in St. Pölten or nearby. You will have your own apartment or private room either in a shared flat or with a host family. In addition, you will receive €180 pocket money per month and €10 per day food allowance, i.e. approximately €300 per month. You will also be given a bicycle and the ÖBB VorteilsCard, which gives you access to reduced train fares throughout the year.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

You are very interested in our pedagogical concept based on Maria Montessori and the experiences of Rebeca and Maricio Wild and in working in a team. You are interested in working with children and youngsters. You are creative in at least one of the following areas: making music, singing, painting, arts and crafts, theatre, etc. You are mature and highly motivated. For communication it is important that you have at least a good knowledge of English and are willing to learn German and attend classes. You are open-minded and independent.

TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

There are three main people who will support you at the school: Your tutor, who will be responsible for organising your voluntary work; your mentor, who will look after your welfare during your stay in Austria; and a project coordinator, who will be responsible for administrative matters. You will be offered a German language course according to your needs. Other job-related training opportunities are available. On-Arrival and Mid-Term Training will be provided by the National Agency during your stay.



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