

Potenzial Jugend

What is Potenzial Jugend?

We are a project for young people between 15 and 21 years with special educational needs. The aim is to integrate them in the labour market. We are working in groups up to seven people with a constant trainer. We coach about 30 youths each year.

The goal is to prepare the participants for every day working life. This means on the one hand to work in fictitious situations in the training rooms of the project and on the other hand to work in real situations in companies. The youths are able to try different types of work like gardening, working in supermarkets or in a kitchen, cleaning and so on. Additionally, we accompany the youths who accomplished to get a job in their employing companies.

Proposed activities

As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to gain experience in the following fields:

- ✓ Assistance in trainings and working situations to support trainer and youths,
- ✓ Work in different groups of people,
- ✓ Get to know techniques in preparing young people with special educational needs to working situations.

Additionally, we would like you also to work and reflect with our participants on the topic of cultural differences and the so-called "unknown" or "the other". So you could join the trainings per group about once a week and give our participants insight into your cultural environment at home, but related to the topics we are working on in Potenzial Jugend, e.g. differences of the job market of your country and Austria. You will get support from the trainer team to develop your own ideas and to implement your sessions within the group.

You will work 30 hours per week from Monday to Friday. The time schedule and your tasks depend on the programmes for the groups of youths. A suitable time schedule will be developed together with the team.

Recruitment process and volunteer profiles

You should be older than the target group we are working with (>20). You should also be interested in work with young people with special educational needs. Direct attention in our project is given to the areas like unemployment, job market and training on the job. Especially important will be your interest to learn German because our participants are not able to speak English (working language of the trainings is German).

If you are interested, you just send a CV (curriculum vitae), a motivation letter and the full details of the responsible sending organisation to Grenzenlos. They will forward your papers to the hosting project (in our case to Potenzial Jugend) where the selection will be made.

All available placements of Grenzenlos EVS projects are open to everyone (fulfilling the general EVS criteria). However, in the selection procedure a preference is shown for candidates with fewer opportunities (gender, background etc.). You will be informed about the outcome of recruitment process conforming to the set out applying deadlines (more: [Melange Website](#)).