

Kindergruppe Butterbrot

What is the Kindergruppe Butterbrot?

It is a kindergarten with 14 children between three and six years and 3 educators run by parents. We are located in the 9th Viennese district. Our educators come from Chile, Spain and Germany, so our main languages are German and Spain.

We, the parents meet regularly and share our functions in the kindergarten (e.g. cooking). Our aim is to create a protective area for the children to convey joy of life, courage and self-assurance to them. Our pedagogy follows alternative educational ideas. It is anti-authoritarian, which means that children stand in a democratic contact with the educators – they decide what and how to play. Because our two Spanish – speaking educators, children also learn Spanish.

Proposed activities

The Kindergruppe Butterbrot is opened Monday till Thursday from 8:00 to 16:30 and Friday from 8:00 to 15:00. A typical day could look like this:

8:00

The kindergarten opens, the children start playing. One educator is present. At 9:30The second educator starts working.

10:00

Breakfast. Then the children do handcrafts, play or go to the playground with the educators.

12:00

Lunch time. After lunch the children will repose or sleep. Some are picked up by their parents.

14:00

One of the educators finishes work. In the afternoon children will by playing, reading books or doing handicrafts. At 15:00 there is a little meal, between 15:30 and 16:30 the parents come to pick up the children.

As a volunteer, you will learn:

- ✓ how to interact with 14 noisy children without getting authoritarian, rude or impatient;
- ✓ to watch and not to direct the children's play;
- ✓ how to motivate a group of children without commanding them,
- ✓ how to help them solving their problems in a discussing, non-violent way;
- ✓ learn about the ways of democratic communication and planning by a non-profit organisation

We want to cultivate an international look into the world and are interested in the culture of the volunteer. As measured by your interests and knowledge, you can work relatively self-contained in the kindergarten. Some of your activities could be:

- do handicrafts with the children, paint, play, sing or read
- plan own activities (with the support of the team)
- prepare meals
- go for excursions or to the playground (together with the educators)

We offer three meals a day where you will eat together with the children. During your volunteering, you will work about 30 hours a week.

Volunteer profile and recruitment process

In general, you should be motivated to work with children as well as to learn German. We are looking for responsible, loving and caring young men and women who are active, stress-resistant, team-oriented and open-minded (especially for alternative educational ideas).

The EVS in Vienna is coordinated by Grenzenlos within the MELANGE program. 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 (Kindergruppe Butterbrot) 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](#)).