

## **\*peppa – intercultural girl's centre**

### **What is \*peppa?**

\*peppa is a project of the Caritas Archdiocese Vienna. It opened in April 2009 and offers a protected space for female immigrant and Austrian girls and young woman for recreational activities, intercultural dialogue and mutual acquaintance. Moreover it initiates demand-oriented programmes to support the target group between the age of 10 to 20 within their individual life circumstances and problems. All activities, workshops and advisory services are anonymous, free of charge and easy accessible. On average \*peppa is frequented by about 25 to 30 girls per day.

The main aim of \*peppa is to engage and work with girls and young women, immigrants as well as Austrian, living in the 16<sup>th</sup> district and beyond. The team of \*peppa offers support, considering the individual needs of girls and young women, in order to encourage and strengthen their self-determination and emancipation. \*peppa also works against discrimination on the grounds of sex, origin, religious beliefs or social background and promotes equal opportunities.

### **Proposed activities**

As a volunteer, you will

- ✓ work with girls and young women with different cultural, religious and social backgrounds
- ✓ be able to get insights into the live of immigrant girls in Vienna and appreciate
- ✓ gain experience in emancipatory and partial work with girls and young women.

Concerning your work you will be engaged in the following activities:

- ✓ organisation and realisation of leisure activities (in- and outdoors) as well as excursions.
- ✓ Assistance for qualified members of \*peppa during study support sessions
- ✓ participate in discussions and activities in the daily Girls Café (with the \*peppa stuff)
- ✓ You are welcome to bring your own ideas into the work of \*peppa
- ✓ Participate in the weekly team-meetings.

The services offered by \*peppa are the following:



- Girls Café: Open Tuesday to Friday from 3pm to 7pm for girls aged 10 to 21, Friday 3pm to 7pm for girls aged 13 to 21. The girls café is a drop-in centre for the target group and provides a first contact point. It offers a protected space.
- Advice Service & \*peppermint counselling: The staff of \*peppa provides support in questions fo relationships, sexuality, family problems as well as other issues information regarding career and educations is also offered.
- Study Support: provides support and assist the girls with their studies and education.
- Workshops: e.g. creative arts, dancing, theatre, self-defence etc.
- \*peppa Library: Offers books for girls and young women in various languages.

A typical day of a volunteer could look like this:

13:00 to 15:00 Girl´s Café / Lunch Special

15:00 to 17:00 Girl´s Café / Learning Aid

17:00 to 19:00 Girl´s Café / Workshop

### **Profile of a Volunteer and Recruitment Process**

If you want to join our team, you should be an open-minded person who respects the needs and duties of others. It would be great if you are interested in outdoor and cultural activities. Since you should be able to communicate with the staff and the children, you should be willing to learn German during your volunteering.

The international volunteering 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 where the selection will be made.

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