

magdas HOTEL

What is magdas HOTEL?

magdas HOTEL is a Viennese hotel run as a social business. Refugees from different nations are integrated into the hotel operations and work together with volunteers and professionals of the hotel industry. The majority of the employees are trained on the job and attend classes besides work. One part of the hotel consists of an assisted living community of Caritas for unaccompanied minor refugees. The hotel is a multicultural place and a home away from home for national and international guests.

magdas HOTEL turns disadvantages into advantages: Refugees become hosts, upcycled furniture turns into stylish hotel interior. It brings together people with different international, social and cultural background: guests, neighbours, refugees, NGOs... Various events at *magdas* HOTEL ie concerts, movie nights, book presentations and a library are open for people who's paths otherwise might not cross. *magdas* HOTEL proactively promotes the idea to "stay open-minded" within the team and to customers, clients and guests.

magdas HOTEL is located in the 2nd district of Vienna right next to a huge public park called "Prater". It is pretty close to the city centre of Vienna and at the same time surrounded by a lot of nature. *magdas* HOTEL intends to involve the neighbourhood into the project: neighbours plant vegetables in the garden, create lamp shades for the hotel rooms or manage the library.

Proposed activities

Guests, visitors and volunteers from the neighbourhood engage in cultural gatherings, ie gardening activities, public readings, movie nights or panels at the garden and salon of *magdas* HOTEL. The salon's library is open to the public. *magdas* HOTEL is supposed to be a meeting place, which improves the neighbourhood's quality of life and encourages people to stay open minded. Active conversations and lively exchange among guests, employees and neighbours are to create a great community with inspiring ideas and an evolving environment beneficial for everyone. However, there are still some steps to take in order to develop the salon of *magdas* HOTEL into a vibrant space for and of the community. The staff member who is – among other things – in charge of the development of the salon of *magdas* HOTEL – the so-called Food and

Beverage Manager – is working on strategies to make it the place to be when it comes to social encounters. All the different activities at the salon of *magdas* HOTEL are going to need a lot of coordination and that is where we would like to involve you. Moreover, you will be involved by the Volunteer Coordinator in the planning and organisational tasks with regards to inclusion of volunteers and neighbours.

Since *magdas* HOTEL is an innovative concept lots of people visit this place in order to learn more about the project. Moreover, *magdas* HOTEL is often invited to conferences and talks focusing on social business and social innovation. It is always a very good opportunity to get to know other initiatives and people involved in this field. After a few weeks of getting to know *magdas* HOTEL by heart we will ask you whether you would like to do some project presentations and participate in possible conferences.

To sum it up you will

- ✓ Be involved in organising different cultural and social events,
- ✓ Communicate with the different groups involved (that is volunteers, guests, cultural and educational initiatives, social organisations) and
- ✓ Participate in the planning process.
- ✓ Be encouraged to present your own ideas and realize them in consultation with the Food and Beverage Manager of *magdas* HOTEL.
- ✓ Represent *magdas* HOTEL at different events and provide hotel tours and project introductions to the interested public.

You will be provided lunch at *magdas* HOTEL. Accommodation and food (besides lunch) will be provided by Grenzenlos. Additionally, you will receive an annual pass for public transport within Vienna. The Volunteer Coordinator will take care of all your needs in order to make your experience pleasant and enjoyable (regular meetings or phone calls, integrating you into team activities of *magdas* HOTEL etc.).

You are encouraged to get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator at any time you need something. You will also be introduced to the whole hotel team and receive a warm welcome. It is very important for us that you will have a great experience at *magdas* HOTEL.

Recruitment process and profile of the volunteer

magdas HOTEL will host a volunteer who is interested in working with people from very different cultural, social and professional backgrounds and who is open to people from all over the world. It might be of an advantage if he/she is interested in arts, music, politics and/or community work.

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 this case *magdas* HOTEL) where the selection will be made. Skype interviews will follow with a short listed group of people before a decision 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](#)).