

## **\*peppa – intercultural girls' centre**

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

\*peppa is a project of the Caritas Archdiocese Vienna. It opened in April 2009 and offers a space exclusively for immigrant, refugee 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 easily accessible. On average \*peppa is frequented by about 30 girls per day.

The main aim of \*peppa is to engage and work with girls and young women, immigrants, refugee as well as Austrian, living in the 16<sup>th</sup> district of Vienna and beyond. The team of \*peppa offers support, taking into account 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 and appreciate the live of immigrant girls in Vienna,
- ✓ gain experience in emancipatory work with girls and young women.

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

- ✓ participation in activities in the daily Girls' Café and
- ✓ organisation and realisation of leisure activities (in- and outdoors) as well as excursions.
- ✓ 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 Monday to Friday, Monday 2.30-5.30pm for girls aged 10-13, Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 3-6pm for girls aged 10 to 20, Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 6-7pm Girls Talk, Friday 4pm to 7pm for girls aged 14 to 20. The girls café works like a drop-in centre for the target group.
- Learning assistance: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 3-6pm provides support and assists the girls with their studies and education.
- Workshops and excursions: e.g. creative arts, dancing, theatre, self-defence photography, video, design, urban gardening, upcycling, ice skating, swimming etc.
- Multilingual Library: Offers books for girls and young women in various languages.
- Healthy snacks: We cook every day together with the girls a healthy snack.

Typical days of a volunteer could look like this:

- Tuesdays: 10am-1pm Team meeting; 1-3pm lunch break & grocery shopping for healthy snack; 3-4.30 cooking with the girls; 4.30-6 playing games and having conversations.
- Wednesday: 2.30-3pm preparing own creative art/handcraft project; 3-6pm realising creative art/handcraft project with the girls.

### **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 creative, cultural and outdoor activities. Since you should be able to communicate with the staff and the girls, 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, please 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 the recruitment process conforming to the set out application deadlines (more: [Melange Website](#)).