

European voluntary service
„Wohnheim St.Martin International“



“At the beginning my project was very tough but it didn’t take me long to love it. So it exceeded my expectations.” (feedback volunteer)

“I would strongly recommend it someone to do it [the EVS/European Volunteering Project]. I’ve gained so much invaluable experience that otherwise was impossible before.” (feedback volunteer)

„Nach anfänglichen Anlaufzeit war der Freiwillige gut motiviert und auch die Sprache war keine Barriere. Durch sein ruhiges, ausgeglichenes Wesen könnte er die Stabilität der Gruppe positiv beeinflussen. Alle Termine hat er wahr genommen und war pünktlich in der Gruppe.“ (Feedback mentor)

Venue: Vienna **Project Duration:** 12 months **Hosting Organization:** Wohnheim St.Martin **Involved Volunteers:** Brendan Keenan **Sending Organization:** ICYE United Kingdom

Within “Wohnheim St.Martin International”, the volunteer was involved in activities in a social institution in lower Austria - a living place for adults with disabilities. During the period of 12 months, one EVS volunteer had the chance to develop his volunteering project in Klosterneuburg, where he had the opportunity to have a working experience abroad while he was living in a foreign country, getting to know a new culture, people and language. Objectives of the project promoted active citizenship as well as solidarity and tolerance.

This project addressed several needs: the need of young/adults to gain intercultural and social experience in foreign countries within the EU; the need of having respect and tolerance for different cultures, social and economic backgrounds, concerning the clients of the hosting organizations, sensitization on the topic of disability and social exclusion and (also) the needs of the clients to broaden their horizon concerning interculturality and respect.

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