

THE EVS PROGRAMME IN VIENNA
IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
THE CITY OF VIENNA/WIENXTRA



European voluntary service
„You(th) got potential“



“I gained vast amounts of cultural knowledge and experienced city living. I now feel more European and more understanding of others in the world.” (feedback volunteer)

“I learned to set better my priorities and to accept a bit better what I can not change. Highlight: The funny everyday moments with the team of my project. I really enjoyed the moments with them” (feedback volunteer)

*„An unserer Freiwilligen haben wir zahlreiche Eigenschaften sehr geschätzt. Im Umgang mit den Besucherinnen des *peppa Mädchenzentrums war sie sehr engagiert. Sie hat sich sehr stark in die Arbeit mit den Besucherinnen und in die Arbeit im Team eingebracht. Ihr Einsatz konnte von ihren persönlichen Eigenschaften wie ihr ruhigen und sozialen Ausstrahlung sowie ihren fachlichen Fähigkeiten wie Entspannungsübungen profitieren.“ (Feedback mentor)*

Venue: Vienna Project Duration: 23 months **Hosting Organizations:** KoMit GmbH., Potenzial Jugend, *peppa interkulturelles Mädchenzentrum, magdas Hotel **Involved Volunteers:** Daniel Williams, Anni Hasunen, Bérénice Mathioudakis, Lucie Clairay **Sending Organization:** UNA Exchange, Allianssi Youth Exchanges, Solidarités Jeunesses, ICE Réseau Francophone

Within “You(th) got Potential”, the four volunteers were involved in activities in social institutions working with less privileged people. During the period of 11 resp. 12 months, the volunteers had the chance to develop their volunteering projects in Vienna, where they had the opportunity to have a working experience abroad while 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 cultural contexts, social and economic life realities, and concerning the clients of the hosting organizations, also the needs of the different clients to broaden their horizons concerning solidarity and respect.

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