

Kindergruppe Giraffenland – Children’s Group Giraffenland

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Proposed activities

Our independent and unique children’s group is looking for a volunteer to interact with the children (aged 2.5 to 6 years) and provide a valuable cultural exchange. With guidance from experienced child caretakers, the volunteer will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the pedagogical concepts developed by Maria Montessori and Emmi Pikler, and to learn about non-violent communication.



Through regular excursions with the group, the volunteer will also have the opportunity to get to know Vienna and the surrounding countryside. Volunteers will be actively encouraged to develop and share their own interests with the group. Past volunteers have found this to be a very rewarding experience that allows plenty of time to learn and reflect on the learning process, psychology and personal development of children and adults.

The project will equip the volunteer with a broad skill set that can be applied to a range of professional and personal settings, including childcare skills, knowledge of different childcare concepts and techniques, intercultural communication and listening/observational skills. Weekly meetings with child caretakers/mentors will ensure that the volunteer is able to discuss her/his learning experiences. He/she will also have the opportunity to learn and practice German with the children on a daily basis. German-language courses and trainings with other volunteers in Vienna are also organized.

Required Volunteer Profile

You have a strong interest in working with children, and in the social and psychological development of young children (aged between 2.5 and 6 years). Although experience in this field is not necessary, we are looking for a self-motivated and out-going individual who has a readiness to share her/his culture and language.

Application and Selection Process

If you are interested, fill in the Melange application form and send it to Grenzenlos (application@melange.at). They will forward your documents to the hosting project where the selection will be made.

All available placements of Grenzenlos ESC projects are open to everyone (fulfilling the general ESC 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 after the application deadline. For more information, please visit www.melange.at

