

ESC volunteering at KIRIKU

What is KIRIKU?

We provide after-school care for 14 children between six and eight years of age. Kiriku is located between the 6th and 7th district of Vienna. We are open from Monday to Friday from 12:00 to 17:30. Kiriku is run by a board which consists of the parents of the kids. In the 'kindergruppe' itself there are two full-time caretakers, who have a pedagogical background and also attended some external training, like Montessori-courses etc. Both are very warm-hearted, patient and competent people, who are doing the best to provide a nice and warm atmosphere and also support the international volunteers in the best way they can.

Our main goals are to let our children live their fantasy and their own ideas and to provide them safe surroundings so that they are able to express their own opinions and learn to become socially responsible. We also want to stimulate curiosity and open minds for people with different cultural backgrounds and provide the opportunity to learn other languages, what we see as key to understand people from other parts of this world,

The best way to achieve these goals is to integrate young people from other / different countries and cultures into our project.

Proposed activities

Giving the children a first-hand experience with foreign languages, poems, art and music would be a benefit to all of us. Offering art and creativity occupation to the children and working with the children – together with our professional caregivers – would be our most desired approach within this project.

So during the leisure time programme for the children, we want you, as a volunteer, to start and initiate own activities for the children. You will be given the possibility to execute your own projects with the children. Whether you want to engage in arts, sports, music, history, science, language or a political subject is up to you and your interests or background. Any support necessary for your ideas will be provided by us.

Project examples could be a theme week about the country you are from (every afternoon could have a different focus, like: Music, traditions/habits, games, cooking, language etc). Another possibility would be a project about some special talent of yours.

You will also work with the children in their daily activities, like eating, doing homework, playing or cleaning up.

You will get the opportunity:

- ✓ To integrate in our team and play an important role in our process of reaching our goals
- ✓ To learn German
- ✓ To work with children
- ✓ Participate in a non-profit and social project
- ✓ Participate in team meetings as well as meetings with the parents

Your total working hours will be about 30 per week.

Volunteer profile and recruitment process

In general, you should be motivated to work with children as well as to learn German. We are looking for socially responsible and patient young men and women who are creative and equipped with a sense of humour. It would be great if you are interested to introduce children to your language and your cultural background as well as in sports and/or music and/or art, history, politics etc.

The ESC in Vienna is coordinated by Grenzenlos within the MELANGE program. If you are interested, you fill in the Melange application form and send it together with your CV (curriculum vitae) and the details of your supporting organisation to Grenzenlos: application@melange.at

They will forward your documents to us, 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 deadlines. For more information, please visit www.melange.at