

## **ESC volunteering Kindergruppe Amerlinghaus**

### **What is the Kindergruppe Amerlinghaus?**

It is a kindergarten located in the 7<sup>th</sup> district of Vienna (Kindergruppe means children's group in German). The Amerlinghaus is a cultural centre, built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and named after the painter Friedrich Amerling. Since the 1970s the Amerlinghaus hosts a number of NGO's in the cultural and social field.

The Kindergruppe is organized and run by parents. It hosts up to 13 children between the age of three to six. Pedagogical work follows the principles of Maria Montessori and Rebecca Wild. Through our activities, children shall be supported in their social, motoric, cognitive, creative and emotional intelligence and find the space to grow themselves.

### **Proposed activities**

As an ESC volunteer, you are expected to spend around 30 hours per week in the kindergarten and support the staff with daily activities. You are granted the opportunity to improve your language skills and to get important insights into the work with children. All our kindergarten teachers are well trained and support the group with their various backgrounds.

You will support our kindergarten teachers with their work, especially when the group is having lunch or they go out on playgrounds, museums and so on. And we want to encourage you to share your cultural backgrounds with us. What can be done, depends on the knowledge of the volunteers. For example, one of our last volunteers had good practice in working with children and was a good musician. So she could offer polish songs to the group, which was pretty much welcomed by the children.

A day in our Kindergarten can look like the following:

#### **8.30 h – 10.00 h**

Arrival of the children, they decide themselves what they want to play; breakfast will be prepared

### **10.00 h – 12.30**

Circle session or any other prepared session guided by one of the teachers with different content (e.g. music, fairy tales, creative painting or little hand crafts, working with Montessori material, excursions, gymnastics or different games which play with all senses).

### **Lunch (12.30 h)**

The lunch is one of the main fixed rituals, after lunchtime there is a space for relaxing and digesting. As a volunteer, you are expected to take your lunch together with the kids.

### **Afternoon**

Usually in the afternoon the main focus is on playing especially outside or „doing nothing“; children get picked up by their parents

### **14.30 h**

The group is getting smaller, after noon break with, individual activities can be done.

Fixed weekly activities are: toy day (Monday), gymnastics (Tuesday), excursion (Thursday) and rhythmic (Friday). The Kindergruppe is closed during Austrian public holidays as well as during summer holidays. We are hosting ESC volunteers between September and July.

## **Recruitment process and profile of the volunteer**

As a volunteer, you should be interested in and willing to work with children. No further skills or experiences are required.

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](mailto: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](http://www.melange.at)