

## **Kindergruppe Teddybär**

### **What is the Kindergruppe Teddybär?**

Our group is an initiative by parents who want to secure high quality care for their children and located in the 7<sup>th</sup> district of Vienna (Wimbergergasse 13). We are a children´s group for up to 14 children between the age of two to six. The children are supported by a team of early childhood educators, daily work includes outdoors and group activities, sports, preparing food and assisting the kids with all their needs during daytime.

Our three kindergarten teachers closely work together with the parents, who play an important role in the organisation of the kindergarten. They cook meals, keep the garden, and help taking care of the children if need be. They are also involved in all decisions concerning the children, the site and the activities of the group.

The small group and a co-operative approach enable the children to develop their social, intellectual and motoric skills according to their needs and with all the time they need. Our kindergarten teachers have been working for Teddybär for some years and are experienced in handling all possible activities, new group situations and occurring difficulties. We have been working with volunteers for some time and experiences have always been positive – for the children as well as for the volunteers.

### **Proposed activities**

Regular activities of the group are:

- ✓ Outdoor days
- ✓ Visits to museums, theatres or similar
- ✓ PE-trainings (at gyms, swimming, ice-skating etc.)
- ✓ Indoor activities according to given themes or needs of the group (music, movement, creativity, language, pre-school-trainings etc.)

As a volunteer, you will be working with a team of early childhood educators and get the chance of deeper insights in the work with children aged two to six. You will:

- ✓ Support the educators in their work, which includes an interesting daily routine for the children
- ✓ Have the chance to learn German and some of the cultural surroundings in Vienna.

- ✓ Train your communication and social skills
- ✓ Bring in your own ideas, plan and realize activities with the children under competent supervision
- ✓ Share your language and cultural background
- ✓ Get to know to organizational structure of an NGO

A typical day could look like this:

8:00 – 10:00: welcoming of the children. Breakfast; children can engage in free play, creative work and activities offered by the kindergarten teachers

12:30: Lunchtime. You will have your lunch together with the children.

Ca. 13:00 – 14:00: Calmer phase of resting and reading

14:00: flexible time. Create own projects and support the daily rhythm of the kindergarten. The rest of the day (normally: till 17:00, Monday 16:30, Friday 16:00) can be spent in free play, in the outdoor area or with other activities.

### **Volunteer profile and recruitment process**

All young people who are interested are invited to apply.

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)