

EU-funded Volunteering at
BETA
Unemployed youth
Job Training & Basic Skills



in Austria

Apply for a 12-months project in Wörgl, Austria
Volunteering starts in September 2018
Only for EU or EEA citizens!

Hosting Organisation:

BETA (Berufliche Eingliederung Training Ausbildung) of the Volkshilfe Tirol

<https://volkshilfe.tirol/hilfe-angebot/arbeit-integration/beta/>

Located in Wörgl, Austria



- This project will involve you as a volunteer at the organisation Volkshilfe Tirol in the project BETA for unemployed youngsters in Wörgl in Tyrol, Austria.
- BETA qualifies young people between 16 and 24 years for work and for finding a job. Most of the youngsters who come to BETA are school drop-outs, have attended special schools for people with learning difficulties, have achieved only poor school marks or very bad reports and they face difficulties in finding a job.
- About 10 youngsters are employed at BETA for one year at the same time. During this year they have the possibility to learn a lot of things and to acquire job qualifications for their future. Soft and hard skills are taught through working with wood, metal, doing gardening, in working as a caretaker or in fulfilling simple office duties. All these activities focus on the most realistic job situations; sometimes the youngsters even work as interns for real companies.
- The youngsters are also trained in applying for a job. The goal is that after this year the youngsters find an employment at a company where they have completed an internship or practical training during the year.
- The youngsters often lack basic mathematics, German or English skills and need to be trained in these, as well as in social, organizational and other skills.



This project is funded by the EU- programme "Erasmus+: Youth in Action". The EVS is financed by the EU and the hosting and coordinating organisation. The ONLY financial contribution that the selected volunteer will need to make is to pay a small share of the travel costs if necessary (there is a lump sum budget). This project is already approved by the Austrian national agency with the budgetary rules of 2017.

Tasks & Activities of the volunteer:

The volunteer will be involved in the one-year-development process of the 10 young persons who are supported by BETA. The volunteer will get to know and participate in BETA's work.

The volunteer should assist the youngsters in their preparation for working life and will get to know the working areas. The volunteer's role is to support the trainer's team in the daily work with the youngsters – examples are: talking to the teenagers, especially training school subjects (Maths, German, English...) on a daily basis, helping them with easy tasks when using the computers (e.g. writing CVs and job applications, researching...), assist them in doing school exercises, monitoring some orders of external partners, social training, welcoming new youth to BETA, playing and healthy lifestyle (healthy food awareness). Furthermore, the volunteer could accompany the youngsters when they work in the gardening or in the sheltered workshops. The volunteer can also implement special offers and activities for the youngsters.

- Getting in contact with the target group / supporting them in their tasks

The volunteer will be a young contact person for the youngsters - a person they can talk to, a person who is interested in their work and with whom they can share their thoughts. There could be many approaches to getting in contact with our young people. The volunteer will find out his own approach to the work, supported by employees.

The volunteer might accompany the youngsters when they go on excursions or if they have a job interview. As most of the teenagers have some problems in integrate themselves in a social environment, the volunteer could be a helping hand in teaching social skills.

With the group of 10 youngsters, the volunteer can learn to be a kind mediator if conflicts between young group members occur. The volunteer also has the chance to cook with the youngsters and raise their awareness on health topics. If the volunteer has awareness for gender problems the volunteer is welcome to implement such issues in the daily work as well. There will always be the support of the whole team of BETA.

- Developing own ideas

BETA's daily work has the big goal to support and empower young people to use their resources. We would like to invite the volunteer to develop and implement a few of his/her own ideas during the project. The volunteer's projects can be of different kinds and can either happen spontaneously or be sustainable (doing a special workshop, developing documentation material, organising an excursion, doing a creative or participative project, health or cooking project...).

Practical infos:

The volunteer will have a room in the hosting organisation's building in the centre of Wörgl. She/he will have an own private room and private bathroom. Furthermore, there will be privacy in the kitchen and rooms when nobody is working (evenings, nights, weekends, Friday afternoon...). During the day, the kitchen and computer rooms etc. are used commonly (with the teenagers and staff). The volunteer has to accept the house rules of the hosting organisation.

The town Wörgl lies in the middle of the Alps and there are warm summers and cold winters. There are several possibilities for summer and winter sports. Wörgl has good infrastructure, numerous bars and stores or outdoor and indoor facilities for leisure time and good train connections to Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck is at only 30 minutes by train. Local people speak a German dialect ("Tirolerisch"). The majority of people in Tyrol can speak English, especially young people.

The volunteer will receive monthly EUR 420,-- (includes pocket money and money for food).



Wörgl

Duration:

12 Months: This volunteering project starts in the first week of September 2018 and lasts until the 31st of August 2019.

We ask you to be committed to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your own learning development and for the hosting organisation!

The application deadline is on the 25th of March 2018.

Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for a volunteer who identifies with the project description and is willing to enrich our team. We are open to host a volunteer who is a youngster with low educational background or jobless youngsters and young people with similar economic difficulties.

- You are open, friendly and interested in communicating with youngsters
- Beginner German skills are important, as our youngsters do not speak much English
- You are interested in working with young unemployed people and in social work
- Mechanical skills, computer skills or creativity would be appreciated, as the project can offer manual working tasks
- Be ready to bring in your own background, ideas and interests into the project

Be ready to live in a small town and to live on your own inside the hosting organisation's office building!

We ask for your understanding: Only European Union or European Economic Area residents may apply. Due to project approval criteria, we can only accept volunteers in this placement who do not require a residence permit for 12 months in Austria. We ask you for your understanding for this project-related necessity.



Volunteer and youngster working at the computer

Coordinating organisation:

The coordinating organisation of this project is also InfoEck – Jugendinfo Tirol. InfoEck coordinates 14 volunteers in the region of Tirol who are hosted in different organisations. The coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the EVS project with the hosting organisation, the selected volunteer and the sending organisation! InfoEck will link all volunteers during the EVS and support all along the project.

The coordinator is Erika: erika.mischitz@infoeck.at (send your applications to the host, not to Erika!). More info: www.mei-infoeck.at, InfoEck Facebook, Instagram and Youtube.

Support during the project:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor and with the hosting organisation, to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities.

In the hosting organisation the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee and from the entire team.

The coordinating organisation InfoEck will hold a regular group meeting with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. Also, there are regular free-time activities organised for the volunteers. At the end of the project we will evaluate it together with the volunteer and look at what he or she has learned and which competences he or she has gained and as a result the volunteer can fill in the Youthpass certificate. The volunteer will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in monthly free-time activities, organised by young Austrians.

Embrace the challenge. Be open to leaving your comfort zone several times. Be curious about yourself and others and ready to meet inspiring people.

Try new things and learn for a lifetime!

How to apply:

Please send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM to the coordinating organisation InfoEck: erika.mischitz@infoeck.at. You need to address Mr. Oliver RODLMAYR from the BETA / Volkshilfe Tirol in your application. The applications will be passed on by InfoEck after the deadline.

The deadline to apply is the 25th of March 2018!

Only complete applications will be considered. Option: You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded, but can be a plus).

InfoEck or the BETA team will get in touch with the applicants after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. A few applicants will be invited for a skype / phone call. The final decision will be taken about two weeks later by the host and all applicants will be informed about their status.



We are waiting to hear from you! ☺