

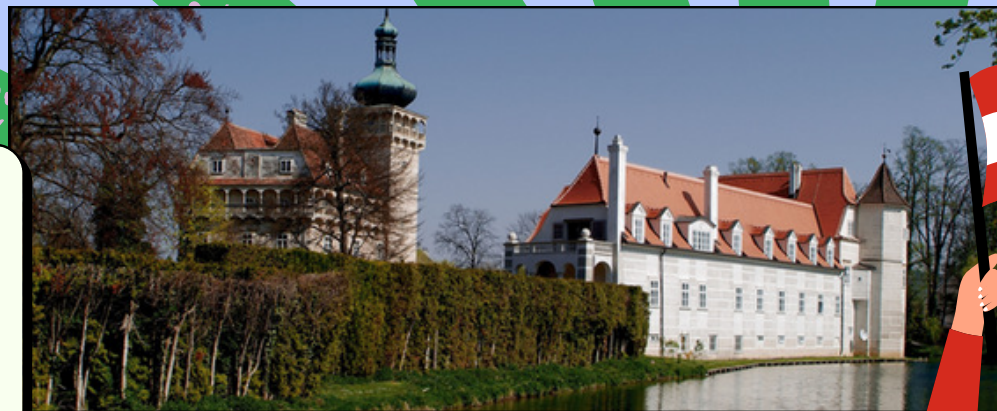


# VOLUNTEERING IN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS




## ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Our school is a private school based on alternative education and organised by the parents of our students. We are the largest and oldest alternative private school in Austria. The school was founded in 1990 by a group of parents. At the moment we have about 80 students between the ages of 6 and 15. Children from 6 to 12 are called Primaria and children from 12 to 15 are called Sekundaria. In the Lernwerkstatt there are no traditional classrooms, but special areas where the students can move freely. They set their own timetable, choose where they want to be, who they want to be with, with whom they want to work and play, and for how long. Our aim is to support them in becoming responsible and creative shapers of their own lives and of our society. Our school is located in a part of the water castle in Pottenbrunn. It is located in the centre of the village, so the volunteer can walk to the nearest bus station, supermarket, doctor, coffee house,...If you are interested in this project, send your CV and DETAILED MOTIVATION LETTER to [esk@jugendinfo-noe.at](mailto:esk@jugendinfo-noe.at).



## POTENBRUNN

Pottenbrunn is part of the city of St. Pölten, the capital of Lower Austria. It has about 2,500 inhabitants and a very good infrastructure in terms of supermarkets, restaurants, pharmacies, etc. as well as public transport (bus, train): it takes about 20 minutes to the centre of St. Pölten and 40 minutes to Vienna, the capital of Austria.







## ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

You will have free accommodation for the duration of your stay in St. Pölten or nearby. You will have your own apartment or private room either in a shared flat or with a host family. In addition, you will receive €180 pocket money per month and €10 per day food allowance, i.e. approximately €300 per month. You will also be given a bicycle and the ÖBB VorteilsCard, which gives you access to reduced train fares throughout the year.

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

You are very interested in our pedagogical concept based on Maria Montessori and the experiences of Rebeca and Maricio Wild and in working in a team. You are interested in working with children and youngsters. You are creative in at least one of the following areas: making music, singing, painting, arts and crafts, theatre, etc. You are mature and highly motivated. For communication it is important that you have at least a good knowledge of English and are willing to learn German and attend classes. You are open-minded and independent.

## TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

There are three main people who will support you at the school: Your tutor, who will be responsible for organising your voluntary work; your mentor, who will look after your welfare during your stay in Austria; and a project coordinator, who will be responsible for administrative matters. You will be offered a German language course according to your needs. Other job-related training opportunities are available. On-Arrival and Mid-Term Training will be provided by the National Agency during your stay.





We also organise an ESC Volunteer Day twice a year to get to know each other. As part of this, we visit a chosen part of Lower Austria to learn and experience the local language, history and culture.



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