

Volunteering in youth center A-Toll

In this ESC project a volunteer can learn much about youth work in Austria and about social work with young people as well as about organizing different events, workshops and other activities. Furthermore she/he will make experiences with young people from different cultural and social backgrounds. The volunteer can take part in different advanced trainings concerning youth work, it depends on her/his knowledge of German.

Volunteers tasks

The volunteer should participate in our daily work with young people.

She/ he will work 4 to 5 days a week in our youth centre, will spend time with our visitors, will carry out different activities with them and will give them information.

Because she/ he will be in nearly daily contact with our visitors, by to by the young people confide in her/him and talk to her/him about their problems and maybe the volunteer can help us in giving advice or work on these problems. Mostly the young people in our centre just need someone to talk to, to play with and sometimes someone who is listening to their problems.

So the volunteer will have some different tasks:

- Talk and support the youngsters
- Inform youngsters about different kind of topics
- Collect information, provide information on several topics (like school, leisure time,..)
- Being available for questions and problems
- Help the team of the youth center to arrange some different kinds of activities (like games, music, arts..)
- Support the staff in planing and organizing different events like skatecontest, different tournaments...)
- Support the team in their daily work (writing journal, answering e-mails, help keeping the centre clean)
- Moreover she/ he can help in the office work (for example: design flyers or posters) and participate in our team meetings which take place once a week, where we discuss and reflect our work, collect new ideas,....

Working days / hours

The youth centre is opened 6 days a week. Actually our volunteer will have to work 4 to 5 days a week, at the weekends as well, working hours per week are 32. Usually the youth centre is open: Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday from 2 pm to 8 pm and Friday and Saturday from 2 pm to 9 pm. Once a week we have our team meetings in the morning (so we start earlier at 11 am).

An example of a working week:

Tuesday 1.30 to 2pm: office work until 2 pm (answering E-Mails, discussing and planing activities for the day with colleagues, preparing change money).

2 to 8 pm: spending time with youngsters (playing games, discuss different topics, doing creative stuff, carry your own projects out...) help selling food and drinks, controll if our rules are observed.

8 to 8.30: reflect about the day, particular situations and problems, writing down important infomations for colleagues.

Wednesday 1.30 to 8.30 – same tasks

Thursday team meeting from 11 to 2 pm

Friday 1.30 to 9.30

Saturday 1.30 to 9.30

Of course there is the possibility to make a break in the afternoon.

Holiday: The volunteer has 24 days (in 12 months) on his/her disposal. We will arrange the holiday periods according to the volunteer's wish and the possibilities of the youth centre.

Amstetten

Amstetten is a district town in western Lower Austria (Mostviertel) and the administrative and economic center of the Alpine foothills and the Mostviertel.

Amstetten has a convenient location as an important rail and road hub and direct connection to the West motorway and the Danube. It is the gateway to the Ybbstal and Gesäuse. Lovely parks, walking and hiking trails and a nature trail invite, as well as the modern equipped restaurants, cafes, pastry shops and bars. Amstetten is a small city with nearly 23.656 inhabitants



[The main square in Amstetten ☺](#)



[The town hall in Amstetten ☺](#)



[Here are some good pubs, shops, shopping Mall and restaurants, which you can visit in Amstetten ☺](#)

Grillbar (next to the train station)



MOJO Bar/Hofcafé for breakfast and coffee bar



Rockbar (events and bar, it's directly at the main square)



K1 Club

A small Club in Amstetten with Disco Feeling ;-)



Shopping Mall in Amstetten (City Center Amstetten)



[The River „Ybbs“ for chilling and swimming in Amstetten](#)



[Outdoor and Indoor Pool in Amstetten ☺](#)



[This is the apartment you would expect! 😊](#)

You have a single flat (24m²) with kitchen and living room/bedroom and bathroom. A washing machine, vacuum cleaner, mobile Wifi, bed linen and kitchen equipment are available in the apartment.



Welcome!



Entrance area.



Living area + kitchen.



Bathroom.

The volunteer from 2022 - 2023 was from Italy. It's been a successful year with Michele.



The Beginn 2022
Project women's shelter



Indoor sports



Games in A - Toll



Meditation with Michele!



Cultural cooking with Michele!





Hi I'm Michele, I'm Italian and I come from Napoli. I was a Year in Amstetten.

Amstetten is a small City but very Nice. Amstetten is a City surrounded by wild nature, very beautiful and colourful .Amstetten is a quiet and peaceful city, in this place of peace you can meditate on yourself. Here you can feeling the Austria's Culture.

Close to the city is there the A-toll Center, this Center represents a point of reference for the young people of the city. I'm a Sports Graduate. In the Past in Italy I did a lot of Sports and Social Work.

I decided to participate in the European Project to get a first experience far from home. This type of experience makes you grow a lot professionally and as a person. Here with my amazing colleagues of the A-toll Center have known a lot of Guys and Young People of Amstetten. We played together, cooked and did a lot of activities. Working with Sociologists and Pedagogics I improved. This European Experience was Fantastic. The EU organized meeting for all of us European Volunteers in the most important cities of the Country.

I Think it is Important for Us Young people to participate in these types of Project with the European Union. You have to want to get involved, understand each other and improve yourself. I think that to know other people and other cultures is very important for Us Young People. I believe that no one improves alone but I believe that we get better together and I Believe that this in very important for the future of our Continent, for the European Union and for the future of the World. Best Regards from Amstetten, by Michele Or I learned in Linz in my German Course [Auf Wiedersehen =\)](#)