

Hello there! It's Irem 😊

My dream of European volunteering, which I have been dreaming of for years, came true with Grenzenlos and Vienna. Undoubtedly, Vienna is one of the most beautiful cities to experience volunteering with its multicultural structure and its structure that appeals to many perspectives. The biggest factor that made me love Vienna was my kindergruppe, which I volunteered for 10 months.

In the beside to all the splendor of the city of Vienna, there were of course the challenges of moving to a place where you did not know the language. But my greatest source of motivation for all these challenges was kindergruppe. It was a place of love and solidarity where I could feel at home, and it was an honor to volunteer in such a place.

However, being able to form a spontaneous and effortless love bond with children was an easier way than learning a language. Also in this point I was with families and teachers who supported me in kindergruppe and my journey to become familiar with German language with the children pleasant process for me.

I was trying to provide all kinds of support to my kindergruppe whatever I could do without expecting anything in return, this made me happy where I am, and in this way, I learned what volunteering means by living. My volunteering experience in kindergruppe brought me the gains I gained by entering the colorful worlds of children. As I mentioned, the bond of love comes before language barriers, and day by day, I improved my non-verbal communication power and creativity by enjoying spending time with children.

I had a volunteer experience in my kindergruppe where I did not understand how 10 months passed and I felt very lucky every day.

Friendship are one of the other factors that make the volunteering process enjoyable. As one of the best things about being a volunteer, we have friends from different parts of the world.



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My first day in Vienna started with my two volunteer friends Zeynep and Senem who I met in airport and with my roommates Amanda and Meggy.

On other days, we had the opportunity to meet other volunteers with the activities organized by Grenzenlos and accumulated many good memories. I met my Coala Eva in one of the these activities who she was one of my favorite friends who always supported me in all matters.

One of the most memorable activities Grenzenlos organized for volunteers was BOKU BALL. Thank you to Grenzenlos, who made us have good memories with many activities and support.

With my volunteering experience, I had the chance to open the door of a beautiful experience and enter through different doors.

I believe everyone deserves this wonderful experience and wish the best for all volunteers.

Love,
Irem



Grenzenlos Jour Fixe activity



At my kindergruppe



Picture from Boku Ball with my roommate Meggy