

Hi! My name is Martí and I've been volunteering in Austria for 11 months.

My journey started in September 2020 when I left my hometown and headed towards a new destination, Vienna. It was very intriguing and exciting for me as it began one of the most enriching experiences of my life.

After I graduated from high school I decided to take a gap year to make up my mind on my university future. It was indeed the best decision I could have made.



The project was an after school establishment. It was called “Goldrichtig kindergruppe” and there were plenty of activities to do. My tasks were helping the kids with their homework, playing with them, cooking, suggesting activities...I learned many different things while working with professional pedagogs. I was amazed how they could deal with the issues of the group as well as they were encouraging the creativity and critical capacity of those kids.

Volunteering out of your country where they speak another language is perfect to find yourself and grow as a person. You learn how to manage your resources and your time. A volunteer also acquires how to communicate, even when the person who is in front of you barely speaks english.

A tip I would suggest to other volunteers is to go out there with a lot of enthusiasm and to enjoy their new friends as much as they can, they are the best reward a volunteer can get.

