

Volunteer report by Xoel Ferreiro Ponte
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My name is Xoel and in 2021 I volunteered in Vienna with the ESC. I have been in a kindergarten, "La Rueda" for one year. The truth is that if I had to define my project with just one word I would say ideal, I felt at home with my colleagues, with my bosses, but above all with the children, who were my biggest support during all this year.



As for the tasks, I took care of a bit of what was needed without hesitation, I helped in the kitchen, I was with the children, helping them with their homework and playing with them. One of the best things about the kindergarten was that they treated me like one of their own and gave me a lot of confidence and that was very cool.

The truth is that if I were asked to choose just one moment I could not because I have made many friends, who are still in my life and will be for a long time and with whom I lived unforgettable moments, I am very grateful to them and I think I have been very lucky to meet people like that.

If I could give some advice to future volunteers, I would tell them to try to keep an open mind at all times and not to close themselves to anything, because if you are able to enjoy every moment to the fullest, everything will be better and you will learn many things as I did, and I have returned with a very different mind to how I left for Vienna thanks to all the things I learned.

