

**Volunteer report by Serdar Varol
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I am Serdar and writing this report about my volunteering project in Vienna/Austria

I am feeling great about my volunteer work. I like my job here, working in kindergarten. I feel so tired sometimes when I wake up reeeeeeeally early (for me 07.00) but when I am at the place where I work, I feel so peaceful thanks to view, nature of Vienna and energy of kids. My colleagues are so nice to me and I love to work with them. They teach me a lot about austrian pedagogy whice help me a lot about some situation with kids at work. Thanks to for my work I am learning which greens are edible, learning different trees name or different activity in the nature. My colleagues are always let me to do sometings with kids. Such as cooking turkish meal or doing some activity with kids. Here in wien kindergarten sytem is different than my country (Turkey). Families do most of the kindergarten stuff whice I was surprised when I came here first time but now everything is going well. I also like communication with parents. They are so kind to me and always care about me. Our coordinating organization (Grenzenlos helping us a lot about everything which is so big chance to we have here thanks to that I feel like I am at home. I am so happy to I have such a amazing friends (other volunteers) here. Whenever someone feel bad or sick everyone try to help each other. I love to spent time with them speacky going beautiful cafe and eat delicious cake. About this program we have a lot of opportunity. For example: you can go any european country to travel and feel different cultur, eat local food, meet new people or just walking on the street and feeling different atmosphere. I and my friends are try to go different city in Austria but randomly selected whice is more excated for us. I am so happy to I am in Wien because architectur is amaizing in Wien also in Vienna you can find a a lot of free activity to join for example I attent 2 semester of modern dance. I enjoyed a lot when we learn different type of dance and performance. I love to go hiking and great to be in Austria because Austria have amaizing nature so you can discover many places. We were guests on a tv program and talked about our project whice was great experience. When I am feel bored I am going out for a walk and taking pictures and enjoying my times. Can't wait to summer to go swim in river (need to my swimming shoes because I hate to feel moss L) Only problem here is economic problem. I wish we have more economic support or work in different job but it's not allowed. Except this problem I think being volunteer is amazing in Wien.

Danke. J <3



