

Hello! I'm Tatia

For me, this ESC volunteering program was a way of thinking, a way of seeing, a way of comprehending, as it lets you spend some time focusing on others for a while. I was volunteering with a local after-school care center with children in Vienna. During this one year I really went on a new adventure. The main tasks were to play with kids, do some activities with them, sometimes help with preparing homework and go for excursions.

At the start, I faced a few difficulties, such as language (in my case it's German), I faced to some barriers sometimes, because you know it's hard to bring out your feeling and explain things when it's a language that you don't speak very well. I was a little afraid about how I could communicate in German, but after some period of time I was able to improve my target language as well as many things about general thinking and lifestyle.



I would say that through this project I met many interesting people from different countries of the world, I got to know the culture of their country. We often organized cultural evenings, went to museums, and in the summer we often went swimming in the Danube. This experience will be unforgettable for me and I am very glad to be a part of it.



Also, one of the interesting parts of the project was the training, where we were introduced to many necessary topics and where I had the opportunity to talk and discuss the issues I had. Overall during these 9 months I learned what it means to be independent and to be able to use every challenge to your advantage, as well as explore the country and just be yourself.

