

Volunteer report by Umut Aydogdu
European solidarity corps volunteer at KIRIKU
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I volunteered at the Aftercare Club called "Kiriku" in Vienna through the European Solidarity Corps project.

This place welcomes 14 kids after school to do activities and finish their homeworks and to do many other things, and I helped them through all this process. My role focused on helping the kids in their needs making sure they felt motivated and supported in everything.

We took part in many enjoyable activities together such as arts and crafts, games, and sports. I also got the chance to tell them about some stories and traditions from my home country, which they found interesting.

Living in Vienna turned out to be an amazing experience! I shared a flat with two other volunteers one from Belgium and another one from Spain. We connected by cooking together learning about our different cultures and checking out the beautiful city called Vienna.



Vienna has loads to offer, and we tried to make every moment count. Meeting other volunteers from various corners of the world was the major highlight. We got together for activities and creating new friendships and sharing our experiences.

During my time here, I wanted to add a new foreign language to English and learned German accordingly. I tried to speak German during my time here and I think I have made good progress in this regard now.

To summarize, throughout the time I spent here, I learned new things every day, gained new experiences, visited new places, met new people, and I think every second I spent here was worth it.

Regards,
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