

Volunteer report by Berke Korzay
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Hey! My name is Berke, and I volunteered at Kulturhaus Brotfabrik in Vienna as part of the European Solidarity Corps program last year — and it was one of the best experiences I've had. As someone really interested in the arts, working in a cultural environment and engaging in all kinds of artistic projects was extremely nice for me. My tasks there were supporting projects, helping the team, and just overall engaging with the community. We had all kinds of people from different backgrounds coming to attend the events, so the multicultural environment was definitely a great part of the project for me, as I got to listen to a lot of different stories and learn so much.

The social aspect of my time in Vienna was also a highlight. Grenzenlos was definitely amazing in terms of connecting us ESC Vienna volunteers to each other, and I really appreciated having this extra network of support consisting of people I enjoy spending time with. Also, it was easy to relate to everyone in this group because we were all experiencing adjusting to a totally new environment at the same time. It also really helped that Vienna is a beautiful city filled with so many great people, and slowly exploring the city was amazing for me.



Overall, in my time at Kulturhaus Brotfabrik I really felt engaged in what I was doing and at the same time, I had a lot of fun! When I was learning about different cultures, inevitably I learned a lot about myself. To the person reading this, you know the purpose of life is to experience, and trust me when I say this, pushing your boundaries to move to a totally different place is as rewarding of an experience as it sounds scary. Good luck!