

Volunteer report by Bensu Sümbültepe

European solidarity corps volunteer at Kulturhaus Brotfabrik

I volunteered at Kulturhaus Brotfabrik, a vibrant cultural hub in Vienna. As someone with a multicultural background and a strong connection to the arts, I felt fortunate to be part of such a dynamic environment. My tasks included taking event photography, creating social media content, supporting the organisation of cultural events, hosting film evenings, and even leading my own collage workshop. These experiences gave me a solid understanding of how a cultural institution functions from the inside, especially in terms of communication and community engagement.



Living in Austria was enriching both culturally and personally. The team was welcoming and open-minded, and I met many inspiring people with different talents and artistic approaches. One special moment for me was watching people at my collage workshop connect through creativity and feel comfortable expressing themselves. Before my volunteering I mainly participated in events as an audience member or a guest, but now I can confidently say I understand what it takes to plan, coordinate, and host them.

The best thing about my ESC volunteering experience was the freedom to take initiative and create meaningful projects. I would recommend participating in an ESC volunteering project because it offers room to grow, learn by doing, and build international connections in a supportive environment. My advice to the new volunteers is that they should take this opportunity and try to create something on their own whatever happens along the way will be an enriching experience.

