

## \*peppa – the intercultural Girls Centre

### Part IV. Host Organisation

*This part has to be filled in only if the applicant requests to be accredited as Host Organisation. The points below are intended to serve as a guide for the description of activities foreseen by the Host Organisations.*

*If more space is needed, please extend boxes.*

#### **Project environment:**

*Outline the project environment for the suggested voluntary Service, including the local community where the project will take place (e.g. geographical, social and economical environment). If the host placement is located in a live-in community, please include the rules and conditions that apply also for the volunteer.*

\*peppa – the intercultural Girls Centre is located in the 16<sup>th</sup> district in Vienna. Most of the girls and young woman, who visit \*peppa are living in the district or attend school nearby. The 16<sup>th</sup> district, called Ottakring, is located west of the central districts of Vienna. Over 20 % of its population has migrational background.

\*peppa is situated in a residential area, with shopping streets, parks, schools and recreational facilities nearby.

Volunteers will be placed directly in the Girls Centre, but will also take part in organised outdoor and cultural activities. This project is coordinated by Grenzenlos, which means that the volunteer will be integrated in the MELANGE-programm, the EVS in Vienna in cooperation with the city of Vienna/wienXtra. This means that she will have the opportunity to meet 25 other foreign ERVS volunteers as well as Austrian returnees. All volunteers will be offered a leisure time program, in order to get to know specifics about the Austrian and Viennese culture. There are monthly meetings in order to offer continuous follow-up of the volunteers and to offer a social event where current future and former volunteers can meet. Grenzenlos also organizes housing, helps with finding language courses for the volunteers and offers a mentoring program as well as help with all administrative matters.

### **Proposed activities for EVS volunteers:**

*Please explain:*

- *what you can offer to volunteers in terms of Service and learning opportunities,*
- *what will be the role of EVS volunteers in the Host Organisation,*
- *the activities in which the volunteers could be involved and the activities the volunteers could create in your organisation. Please give examples of typical activities/tasks for the volunteers.*

Volunteers of \*peppa get the opportunity to work with girls and young woman from different cultural, religious and social backgrounds.

Volunteers will be able to get insights into the life of immigrant girls in Vienna, appreciate and value different cultures and customs and are able to gain experience in emancipatory and partial work with girls and young women.

Volunteers of \*peppa will be involved in the organisation and realisation of leisure activities, in- and outdoor as well as excursions. Furthermore, they will assist qualified members of \*peppa during study support sessions. They are welcome to accompany the staff of \*peppa and participate in discussions and discussions and activities in the daily Girls Café. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own ideas into the work of \*peppa.

Volunteers of \*peppa will be valued members of the team and participate in the weekly team-meetings.

A typical day could look like this:

13:00-15:00 Girl's Café / Lunch Special

15:00-17:00 Girl's Café / Learning Aid

17:00-19:00 Girl's Café / Workshop

As being part of the MELANGE programm volunteers are invited to take part in free time activities together with other EVS volunteers in Vienna. Also additional workshops are offered by Grenzenlos on the topic inclusion, theater etc. EVS volunteers are also invited to probe their own activities.

### **Volunteer profiles and recruitment process:**

*Please describe the profiles of volunteers you would like to receive in your organisation. Include information on how you ensure an open and transparent recruitment process as well as the overall accessibility of EVS to all young people. Consider further information about the type of Sending Organisation you want to cooperate with. This information can help the match-making between volunteer candidates, Sending Organisations and your organisation.*

\*peppa is a project for girls and young women only. Because of this specific nature \*peppa – volunteers need to be female. They are required to show an interest in partial and emancipatory work with girls and young women as well as different cultures, customs and social backgrounds. Because of the responsibility and sensibility that is required in the work of \*peppa, volunteers need to be 20 years and above.

\*peppa invites interested volunteers to introduce themselves via email and include their motivation and expectations regarding their placement at \*peppa – the Intercultural Girls Centre. \*peppa will choose suitable candidates in a transparent and open process involving all members of the team and including phone conversations with the applicants.

Vacant places can be found on [www.melange.at/fse.php](http://www.melange.at/fse.php)

Concerning the type of Sending Organisation \*peppa has no specific preferences.

**Number of volunteers hosted:**

*Please state the maximum number of volunteers your organisation is able to host at the same time (ensuring all quality, learning, and welfare standards of EVS for each volunteer):*

\*peppa is a small project, which is able to host one female volunteer only to ensure quality, learning and welfare standards of the volunteer.

**Risk prevention, protection and safety:**

*Please describe:*

- *how you will guarantee a safe living and working environment for the EVS volunteers,*
- *how you will prevent risks and crises,*
- *how – in the case of EVS volunteers aged 16 or 17 – you ensure appropriate supervision, protection and safety.*

Regular formal and non-formal meetings with the staff of Grenzenlos who coordinates the melange programm and the project mentor are planned.

Grenzenlos staff will intervene and provide support and deal with crisis management with both the volunteer and host organisation and will in turn report, if necessary, will liase with the volunteer's family.

The volunteers will be provided a emergency phone through which, in case of emergency, the Staff of Grenzenlos can be reached.

Furthermore she will receive the contact of the mentor. \*peppa staff will of course instruct the volunteer on whom to contact of the staff in case of emergency, escape routes will be shown. First Aid as wee as Fire and Safety Trainings are provided to all staff. In order to prevent risks, \*peppa is committed to provide a safe working environment to its staff as well as volunteers. It follows the safety standards required by the Caritas Archdiocese Vienna.

\*peppa does not host a volunteer aged under 20.

Besides physical health and safety, \*peppa is concerned with the psycho-social well being of its members of staff as well as volunteers. Therefore volunteers will be involved in regular team meetings and participate in supervision-sessions.