

Open child and youth work ...

... meets children and young people where they are

More than 500,000 children and young people up to 24 years of age live in Vienna. Their diversity and activities shape our city. Their needs and ideas are taken seriously because they are the experts of their everyday life. Vienna aims to be the child- and youth-friendliest city in the world and takes a variety of measures to reach and include young people.

Open child and youth work forms part of these measures. It supports young people in

- organising their leisure activities and managing their everyday life,
- improving their skills,
- developing their own identity, and
- developing their interests.

FACTS & FIGURES

- about 80 locations
- about 800 staff in more than 20 associations
- about 160 parks and more than 350 public spaces with youth work



Whether public spaces, youth centres, indoor skateparks, youth clubs or child and youth parliaments: open child and youth work is available for all young people in Vienna. Relationship work with children and young people forms the basis for positive development processes.

The world children and young people live in is diverse and ever changing. Youth work addresses all kinds of topics relevant to children and young people such as climate crisis, gaming and social media, gender identity, food and sports.

It is a matter of course for open child and youth work to focus on children and young people, to take them seriously and to stand up for their interests and concerns.

... is at eye level with young people

The strengths of open child and youth work are also the key principles: voluntariness, accessibility, openness, and participation.

OBJECTIVES OF OPEN CHILD AND YOUTH WORK

- Having fun and developing a joy of life
- Improving the quality of life
- Promoting health literacy
- Promoting equal opportunities and social cohesion
- Strengthening opportunities for participation and an understanding of democracy
- Facilitating opportunities for education and enhancing scopes of action
- Enabling the identification with urban society
- Promoting the diversity of lifestyles and interests

