### ... is diverse and professional

The activities of open child and youth work in Vienna are based on three pillars:

#### INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Youth centres, youth cafés, clubs for kids, teens or young people, kids and youth spaces

#### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (FLEXIBLE)**

Street work, mobile youth work (flexible times and places)

#### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (FIXED)**

Park-based youth work (fixed program at specific times and places)

All offers are free of charge, voluntary and not bound to any membership.

#### **BROAD RANGE OF METHODS**

- Play and experiential education
- Individual or group work, work with cliques
- Community work
- Conflict management
- $\bullet \, \mathsf{Gender}\text{-}\mathsf{sensitive} \, \mathsf{and} \, \mathsf{queer} \, \mathsf{youth} \, \mathsf{work}$
- · Media education and digital youth work
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \, \mathsf{Councelling} \, \mathsf{and} \, \mathsf{information} \,$
- Project work

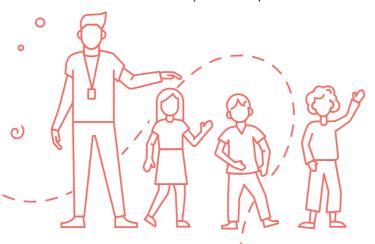
The open work setting helps address children's and young people's needs quickly and flexibly and carry out activities such as day trips, discussions, cooking and eating together, music, creative or sports activities, or organising neighbourhood festivals.

### ... is part of a strong network

The City of Vienna's Department for Education and Youth is the specialist department providing the necessary incentives for open child and youth work. The department carries out a large number of administrative tasks and cooperates with associations:

- Funding
- Planning
- Management
- Coordination
- Quality development
- Vienna-wide, national and international networking and cooperation

New activities are developed in close cooperation with political players at city and district level, associations and the Youth Division at the City of Vienna's Department for Education and Youth as the specialist department.





More information: bildungjugend.wien.gv.at

Examples of child and youth work: jugendarbeit.wien

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# 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.

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

### **FACTS & FIGURES**

- about 80 locations
- about 800 staff in more than 20 associations

