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As a city, it is one of our objectives to make Vienna the child- and youth-friendliest city in the world. In our very diverse city, it is important not to forget about the needs of the young, and to take their issues and concerns seriously. Vienna Children and Youth Work offers a plethora of recreational activities as well as social support and educational and cultural activities.

We are working closely with the districts and make sure to provide free, professionally organised activities with qualified staff in individual neighbourhoods as well as online.

With this diverse range of offers, we want to make sure that all children and youths feel safe and have the tools at their disposal to thrive in our beautiful city.

**Christoph Wiederkehr**  
Deputy Mayor and  
Executive City Councillor for Youth



# Meaningful diversity

- Open children and youth work meets kids where they are - at the park, the neighbourhood, the district, or in virtual space. It is open to all young people, all groups, scenes, and cultures. The foundation for positive development is the work we invest in building relationships between the children and our professional staff. All activities are free of charge, voluntary, and not bound to any membership. What we offer:

### Indoor activities

Youth centres, youth meet-ups, youth spaces

### Outdoor activities - flexible, no specific time or location

Street work, mobile youth work

### Outdoor activities - fixed, fixed times and places

Park attendants

### Digital Children and Youth Work

Blog: [jugendarbeit.wien](https://jugendarbeit.wien)

### • COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

for children and youths, but also for adults. Their aim is to improve community life i.e. FAIR PLAY TEAMS

### • SUPRA-REGIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

offers activities all over Vienna for all Viennese children and youths. i.e. Ferienspiel (Holiday Fun), Kinderinfo and Jugendinfo (information for children and youths), children's museum, children's university

### Vienna Children and Youth Strategy

i.e. participative one million funding for children and youths  
[werkstadt.junges.wien.gv.at](https://werkstadt.junges.wien.gv.at)

# Principles

Children and youth work is subsidised by the City of Vienna and is based on the following principles:

- Orientation towards the realities of young people
- Observation and analysis of social space
- Focus on abilities, strengths, and needs of young people
- Low-threshold access
- No compulsion to buy
- Politically and denominationally neutral
- Cooperation between youth work and schools
- Respect for democratic principles, especially children's rights
- Voluntary participation
- Confidentiality and transparency towards children and youths
- Reflexive partiality
- Participation and strengthening of young people's self-management
- Promotion of health competence
- Diversity - with a focus on the diversity of different life situations
- Gender sensitivity - supporting equity of opportunities for all genders
- Networking and lobbying
- Awareness raising for sustainability and climate protection



Association-related children and youth work is not included in this folder. It has a religious, political, or ecological focus and usually requires children and youths to set up a membership. Working in association-related children and youth work is usually voluntary.

# Objectives of Vienna Children and Youth Work

- Fun and a love of life
- Quality of life and health
- Self-worth and forming an identity
- Equal opportunities and social cohesion
- Creation of free spaces and cushioning of social imbalances
- Diverse lifestyles and interests
- Providing educational opportunities
- Opportunities for participation and understanding of democracy
- Identification with urban society
- Expanding scopes of action

# Who

- Around 800 trained employees
- 22 clubs
- at more than 530 locations and public spaces



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# Contact and more information



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# Activities by Children and Youth Work

- Gender-specific activities
- Fun, games, and leisure-educational activities
- Work with cliques, groups, and peers
- Invitations to talk and form relationships
- Information, counselling, and support, i.e. regarding work, school, family, relationships, sexuality, health
- Conflict management and conflict regulation
- Social media and digital youth work
- Ball games, board games, group games
- Organisation and celebrations of parties and festivals
- Health-specific offers
- Projects
- Sports, tournaments
- Field trips
- Music, dance
- Cooking, eating
- Debates and theme-oriented educational work

... and much more for teens, youths and young adults!



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"Honesty, authenticity, and respect towards the children and young people are essential to us."

Employee

"I feel seen and heard by them."

Young person

"For social learning, the training field of open children and youth work is essential."

Head of an establishment

"Children and youth work is a learning space. If we want young people to become independent, active participators in society, we also need to have confidence in them and provide them with free space to thrive."

City politician

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