

VOLUNTEER AT EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM IN AUSTRIA



EYFON - European Youth Forum Neumarkt
Where: Neumarkt in der Steiermark, Austria
When: Mid June – Mid October 2023

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

European Youth Forum, a meeting centre at the castle Forchtenstein in Neumarkt/Styria provides a space for the promotion of European values and principles among young people. The European Youth Forum Neumarkt aims to support young people's identification with Europe. Young Europeans are invited to learn about their history, the European principals and to get to know each other and network in the European spirit. We offer an exciting and inspiring programme for young people from all over Europe about European ideas and ideals. Professional talks, presentations, and workshops alternate with fun social activities, cultural excursions, and sports events. Our focus is laid on discussions about European values and tolerance. We want to give a young European the chance to stay and to volunteer in other European country, meet different people from other nations, discuss and learn about Europe as well as to get an impression of the idea of EYFON and lived European integration. A volunteer support us in event management, photography and social media. S/he accompany groups on excursions and social or sport activities. Personal ideas for workshops are very welcome.

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

A proper accommodation in Neumarkt is offered, a volunteer will live in a flat. Self-allowance for food is according to Program guidelines, pocket money is €180/month.

TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

Volunteer will participate in On-Arrival Training, organized by the National Agency. They will be able to use the Online Language Support Tool. The organisation provides task related support, supervision, and guidance through experienced staff.

WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE PART OF THE EUROPEAN FAMILY

ANA ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE

I am an 18-year-old student from Georgia and spent three months in Neumarkt in Styria as an ESC volunteer with the European Youth Forum Neumarkt. I'm studying Strategic Communication and Journalism. The decision to leave my country for three months and go on this wonderful journey was a bit spontaneous. Totally changing my everyday life (without knowing what it would be like) is scary, but definitely the most exciting thing I've experienced so far. My goal was to enjoy the small things I would achieve and the friendships I would make; to let go of the fear of the future and to fully unfold in the present.

I remember before getting on the plane how surreal this opportunity seemed. I feel the same now that the project is over. I can hardly believe that three months have come to an end. The Europaburg has really become a special place for me and all the participants who have been there. The most amazing part of the project was getting to know so many different people. The environment created by complete strangers (who then became friends) was surprisingly friendly and, most importantly, there is not a single person who does not want to come back.

Looking back on the first event I attended, I can hardly find the words to express the feelings I experienced. The castle of Europe, filled with participants from different countries who share the same vision of Europe, is the purpose of EYFON. Discussions, getting to know each other and foreign cultures, learning how to live in peace, even though there are many significant differences, are what our projects stand for. For many people, the term "European" does not come naturally. That is why EYFON aims to spread information about the EU and the importance of European unity. Our aim is also to connect and unite very different people. When they leave the castle, we know that the participants feel a special bond that creates a feeling of togetherness, a feeling of being European.



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

We are looking for a responsible and motivated person to help organising events. We appreciate assistance in photography, social media & events management, accompanying groups on excursions and social or sport activities. We are looking for an open-minded, active, initiative person and appreciate a specific interest in European topics.

APPLICATION

Please send us your CV and a specific motivation letter to esc@logo.at.
Deadline: 07.05.2023