

## Youth centre AUSZEIT Gleisdorf

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**AUSZEIT Youth Centre Gleisdorf** is a welcoming space for children and young people to connect, explore, and grow. We offer a safe and supportive environment where young people can spend their free time, discover new interests, and build meaningful relationships.

Our work is rooted in **inclusion, participation, respect, and empowerment**. We believe that every young person deserves a place where they feel seen, heard, respected, and valued.

The youth centre is open to children and young people **aged 10 and above**. Whether they come to relax, meet friends, play games, get creative, listen to music, or simply spend time together, everyone is welcome at AUSZEIT.

During opening hours, there are always at least **two youth workers** present who are available to talk, listen and provide support whenever needed.

#### Opening Times

Tuesday: 13:00 – 18:00 (every 2 weeks!)

Wednesday: 13:00 – 19:00

Thursday: 13:00 – 19:00

Friday: 13:00 – 20:00

Saturday: 16:00 – 22:00 (every 2 weeks!)

#### Facilities & Location

AUSZEIT Youth Centre is located in **Gleisdorf**, a town in Styria.

The youth centre provides a relaxed and informal environment where young people can meet their friends and spend their free time without any pressure to consume.

#### At the centre, young people can enjoy:

- **Games:** Table football, billiards, darts, PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch and board games.
- **Sports and activities:** Different games, tournaments and recreational activities.
- **Creativity:** Creative activities, handicrafts and projects based on the interests and ideas of young people.
- **Music:** Music and playlists based on the wishes and interests of our visitors.

- **Events and excursions:** Tournaments, special events, excursions and other activities throughout the year.
- **Relaxation and socialising:** A comfortable space to meet friends, talk, listen to music and simply spend time together.
- **Youth-specific activities:** Activities and events adapted to the interests and needs of different age groups.

We aim to create an atmosphere that feels **informal, open and youth-friendly**, where young people can contribute their own ideas and help shape the activities.

The youth centre also offers opportunities for personal development, conversations and support with everyday issues. Young people can receive help with school-related questions, career choices, job searches, apprenticeships and further education opportunities.

Small snacks and **non-alcoholic drinks** are available for purchase. We source our drinks regionally and place great importance on quality.

In addition to complying with applicable youth protection regulations, we place particular emphasis on **mutual respect, tolerance and a friendly atmosphere**.

## **Our Team**

Our team consists of experienced youth workers who are passionate about working with young people and creating meaningful connections.

We work with **empathy, humour, openness and flexibility** and value trust and authenticity in our relationships with young people.

The ESC volunteer will be welcomed as a member of the team and supported in finding their own role within the youth centre. We encourage open communication, teamwork and reflection and are happy to include new ideas and perspectives.

## **Volunteer Role**

As a volunteer, you'll be a valuable part of our team and involved in many aspects of our daily work. An important part of the youth center's work is supporting young people in navigating the challenges they face in their everyday lives. Volunteers are also involved in this process, accompanying and supporting the young people under the guidance and supervision of the youth center's staff. Your main tasks may include:

- Supporting open youth work activities (games, cooking, crafts, conversations...)
- Helping run workshops or small events
- Assisting with social media and creative documentation
- Bringing in your own ideas and culture
- Creating and leading a small personal project (with support)

### **Volunteer Benefits**

Basic German will help you feel more connected, both in the centre and in daily life. You'll receive one **German language course**.

Accommodation is provided in a student dormitory in Graz, a single room in a shared flat. Local transportation to the youth centre (public transport ticket) is covered.

As a volunteer you receive food allowance of 330 Euro/ month and pocket money 210 Euro/ month - according to ESC program guidelines. Travel and visa costs are also covered by the program.

### **Training and Support**

Volunteers take part in On-Arrival Training and Mid-Term Training provided by the Austrian National Agency. A German language course is offered, and volunteers receive continuous support from experienced youth workers. We want volunteering experience to be a learning opportunity for both the volunteer and the organization. Your ideas, skills and cultural background are therefore very welcome.

### **We're looking for a volunteer who is:**

- Motivated to work with young people
- Open-minded and communicative
- Interested in creativity, inclusion, and youth participation
- Willing to learn and contribute to a team

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