

THE EVS PROGRAMME IN VIENNA IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF VIENNA/WIENXTRA



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The year 2013 is the European Year of Citizens. Therefore Grenzenlos – intercultural exchanges organized an international training course about how to support global learning especially in the context of the Youth in Action program. We discussed the social, political, intercultural and economical conditions youngsters have to face in a globalised world and the possibilities young people have to participate as citizens in the European Union.

The main aims are:

- improve the learning process for global matters throughout different perspectives
- create a place to exchange methods and experiences among organisations
- exchange the challenges among organizations who work or would like to support global learning projects
- to support organizations in the development and implementation of global learning projects and how these projects can support participation as citizen
- get new inputs for organizations involved in activities within the Youth in Action program.

Furthermore, the training created space to exchange practices, methods and experiences among the organizations as well as share the challenges of those working with young people through projects in order to promote international cooperation, dialogue, exchange, learning in the field of global learning and European citizenship.

As most volunteering programs are focused on youths, and fitting to the „The European Year of Citizens ", this training introduced best practice projects, offered expert inputs, enabled project simulations and funding as well as working fields in order to advocate the possibility of international exchange and learning with creative methods. This did first and foremost lead to a better understanding of the connections of the different fields of global learning and citizenship within the target group, youth, and also showed them the importance and possibilities of being a citizen in a globalised world.

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