



MEDITERRANEAN CITY-TO-CITY MIGRATION

VIENNA

JUGENDCOLLEGE: TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR YOUNG MIGRANTS

MENTORING

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ABOUT VIENNA:

- 1.8 million people
- 31% foreign born
- As well as a city government, Vienna is also one of Austria's nine federal provinces – this means that it has greater responsibilities and resources than other Austrian cities with regards to social inclusion and migrant integration.

WHY:

Given that compulsory schooling in Vienna ends at the age of 15, a need was identified to provide recently-arrived asylum seekers and young migrants who are beyond the mandatory school age with an opportunity to facilitate entry into further education, vocational training or workplace.

WHAT:

Launched in 2016, the Youth College is a free education, training and mentoring programme for young migrants, predominantly asylum seekers, refugees who are entitled to asylum, or people granted subsidiary protection, aged between 15 and 21 in Vienna.

WHO:

Led by VHS - City-sponsored Adult education centres in Vienna
Engages a network of 9 institutions and NGOs working with refugees and migrants, in 2 locations in Vienna.

AIMS:

Give recently-arrived young migrants the best possible opportunity to join the Austrian education and training system for long-term career, with the conviction that this will form the foundation of a strong and united society.

The curriculum is modular and allows flexibility according to participant's skills and needs. It offers 20 hours of tuition in core modules including German language, Maths, English and ICT. Students also receive mentoring sessions and optional training modules, according to their needs. The maximum stay at the College is 9 months.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Over 1,000 beneficiaries in its first months of existence
- 147 graduates moving onto further training or employment
- High motivation among youngsters enrolled in College

EDUCATION

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- European Social Fund (ESF) – funding two thirds of the costs
- Public Employment Service Vienna (AMS Wien)
- Department of Integration and Diversity (MA 17) of City of Vienna
- Social Funds Vienna

SOCIAL INTEGRATION

