

CulTrain V

Cultural Orientation Trainings for Young Refugees

Project summary



Since 2012 the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is successfully implementing the project CulTrain, which supports the integration process of young refugees through cultural orientation trainings. The **experiences gathered in previous project phases** reveal that contents and methods of the trainings meet the needs of the target group, especially regarding their interest in Austria. The conduction of cultural orientation trainings thus enables trainees to orient themselves in the Austrian society. Participating in the training not only reduces misunderstandings and insecurities that may have occurred during daily contact with Austrians on the part of the target group, but also fosters the sense of living together in Austria by facilitating an active and independent participation in life of society.

The CulTrain trainings are addressed to young individuals aged between 14 and 27, who meet the conditions of participation, which would be a refugee or subsidiary protection status in Austria and German language skills at level A1 or higher.

The core element is the conduction of **cultural orientation trainings**, which are conducted all over Austria. The trainings will be divided into three modules: “Austria and its People”, “Living Together” and “Politics and Daily Life” and provide comprehensive information on Austria. Optionally, the trainings can be combined with **intercultural events** that foster the exchange between young refugees and members of Austrian youth organizations. When organizing these events project staff works closely with Austrian youth organizations.

In order to ensure that trainings and contents closely meet the needs of the very different participants within the target group, close communication and consultation with their caregivers is constantly pursued. Each training lasts **from 8 to 12 hours**, including the intercultural event, and can be held with groups of 6-15 people.



Additionally, the knowledge imparted during the trainings can be deepened in practical **extra-curricular activities**. The extracurricular activities usually take place in Vienna and include thematic workshops, excursions, guided tours at museums, etc.

Participation is **free of charge** and, if necessary, possible travel expenses will be covered by IOM Vienna. Each training is evaluated separately by the participants. Additionally, a **certificate of participation** is issued to every participant. Furthermore, participants receive a **voucher** (worth € 20,-) as a sign of appreciation for their time.

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