

## VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION YEAR

**You are in Austria entitled to asylum or subsidiary protection status? And you did not find any work so far? , but nevertheless want to work voluntarily? Maybe the Voluntary Integration year would be a good solution for you.**

### Who?

You can participate in the Voluntary Integration year, if you are entitled to asylum or subsidiary protection status (within two years of the granting of such status). And if you receive a guaranteed minimum income (BMS) and receive in parallel no financial benefits from the AMS.

### What?

The voluntary integration year offers you the possibility of participating in the social life of the host country, improve your job prospects by expanding and acquiring knowledge in various professional fields and assists you in learning the German language. This voluntary integration year is not employment relationship, it is a work training and it offers a mix of training and practical familiarization with activities in the operation sites.

In addition to the voluntary work in organizing, low-threshold training and integration measures with a minimum duration of 150 hours is also provided (German courses, introduction to the activities, cultural principles of coexistence, etc.).

### How much?

You still get the guaranteed minimum income. Thus you are also automatically covered by health insurance. While participating in the Voluntary Integration year you will be additionally insured against accidents by your institution.

### For how long?

Participation in the Voluntary Integration year can - depending on the agreement - take between six and twelve months.

During this time you will be working - depending on the agreement - 16-34 hours a week and you have the right in the twelve months duration of the Voluntary Integration year to claim an exemption to the extent of 25 days per year. For shorter duration, this claim is reduced accordingly.

### Where?

All notified vacancies are on [www.integrationsjahr.at](http://www.integrationsjahr.at) published. If interested, please contact the mentioned contact person in contact and apply directly to the respective support organization.

General information also provided to you by your competent consultant competent advisor in the regional office of the AMS.