

## Call for ESC-Volunteers at Miravita Innviertel

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**Miravita** is Latin and means „wonderful life“ – and this is exactly what our organization wants to offer persons with special needs. The special needs of our customers are due to cognitive impairment.

The aim of our institution is to assist our customers in living, working and educational interests. Persons with special needs shall be included into society and thereby be as independent as possible.



Miravita is a small organization in Upper Austria offering a residential home for fourteen people and workshops for forty-five.

The living house for two groups of seven persons each provides on two floors a personal room with a bathroom for each customer and a generous kitchen and living room for each group.

In the living house people are cared for round the clock (personal hygiene, dressing, shopping, cooking, going for walks, cleaning, leisure time activities).

Miravita also runs different workshops for 45 customers. In the respective groups activities are offered corresponding to the talents and resources of the individual persons. These groups focus on creative activities in various media, gardening, cooking and multi media.

The residential home is located at Waldzell. The workshops are based in Waldzell in two different houses.

Waldzell belongs to the Innviertel, a region of Upper Austria with beautiful landscape.

The main goal of organizations like Miravita is to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities into society and to assist them in pursuing their autonomy. The work of Miravita is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and on the Upper Austrian Equal Opportunities Act.

Our volunteers will support the team of the respective group in the daily work with our customers. The size of the team varies





according to the needs of the customers. The team consists of qualified staff members with professional experience in the field of working with people with cognitive impairment. Sometimes trainees, civil attendants, or other volunteers assist the team.

We are calling for two ESC-volunteers. One will support one of our workshops at Waldzell and the other one of our residential groups at Waldzell.

We offer to our volunteers the opportunity to promote social inclusion, to exercise solidarity, and to do this in an European context. This means the chance to learn or improve the German language, to experience Austrian culture and lifestyle. Possible leisure time activities range from high culture to sports and exploring our country's many sightseeing attractions.

Because the work of our volunteers is embedded in the work of the respective team with its qualified staff, there is no danger of unintended negative effects or doing any harm.

**GERMAN LESSONS:** Every volunteer is asked to proceed with learning the German language via the OLS (Online language support) offered from the National Agency in Austria. Otherwise, it's possible to take an official German course at Ried i. I.

**NATIONAL AGENCY TRAININGS AUSTRIA:** It is also mandatory for the volunteers to participate at the trainings of the National Agency in Austria (On-Arrival-Training, Mid-Term Training).

**ACCOMODATION:** The accommodations for volunteers are located in Waldzell. Every volunteer will have his/her own furnished guestroom with a bathroom/toilet, TV and free WLAN. Also, it is possible to use the common room with cooking facilities.

A bakery with cafe, bank, a supermarket and an inn are only few walking minutes away. The bus station is direct in front.



**MEALS:** Miravita has a kitchen for customers and staff. You will get free lunch on your working days. For the other meals you have the possibility to use the common room with cooking facilities in your accommodation, to cook on your own or with your co-volunteers.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** You will receive a monthly food and pocket money from Miravita (€ 396,-).

Waldzell is a beautifully located rural village with about 2.200 inhabitants.

The next town is Ried i. I., the capital of the district to which Waldzell belongs. It has about 12.000 inhabitants and accordingly possibilities for shopping and leisure.

Waldzell and some destinations of interest:

- Ried i. I.: 11 km, 0:12 h by car, (0:20-0:25 h by public transport)
- Linz: 90 km, 1:00 h by car (2:00 h by public transport)
- Passau: 66 km, 1:00 h by car (2:30 by public transport)
- Salzburg: 60 km, 1:05 h (2:15 by public transport)
- München: 160 km, 1:50 h (4:00 by public transport)
- Wien: 250 km, 2:49 h (3:30 by public transport)



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