

## WUK Education and Counselling

Since 1983 WUK has initiated and operated innovative educational and counselling facilities for the disadvantaged in the labour market. At 12 locations in Vienna and Lower Austria, 16 facilities and projects support more than 5000 women and men with their entry into the labour market every year. A wide range of services – including counselling, professional orientation, qualification and job opportunities – are available for people with different types of disadvantages.

### Counselling and Information

#### A|B|O Jugend

A|B|O Jugend supports young jobseekers between 15 and 21 years with practical counselling tailored to their needs – from career choice to job application training. In addition to focused guidance in the search for education and employment, participants are offered diverse workshops to help them prepare for their new career. A|B|O Jugend is a cooperation project between WUK and itworks Personalservice.

#### Bildungsberatung in Wien

For individuals 21 years and above, WUK Bildungsberatung offers group counselling services for education entry and orientation as well as one-on-one counselling to clarify personal questions. Workshops help participants discover their individual strengths.

### Coaching and Job Assistance for Youth

#### WUK Arbeitsassistentz

WUK Arbeitsassistentz helps the disabled and disadvantaged to find a job and with problems in their current work positions. Advice is offered to companies on the development of internal support structures and financial support benefits. Cooperation partners are assisted in the development of CSR measures.

#### WUK CoachingPlus

WUK CoachingPlus offers coaching for youth and young adults with psychic impairments or Autism Spectrum Disorder as well as students in co-operation classes up to the age of 25 years. Additionally, young people can choose from different group programmes, and we provide social worker support and therapeutic assistance. WUK CoachingPlus is also partner for regional youth coaching projects.

#### WUK faktor.c

WUK faktor.c provides youth coaching and assistance to disabled youth and students of centers for inclusive and special education in Vienna on their personal and job related way after secondary school. WUK faktor.c is also partner for other projects working with disabled youth.

#### WUK Jugendcoaching West

WUK Youth Coaching West is the regional youth coaching project for the Viennese districts 5-9 and 16-19. WUK Youth Coaching West offers advice and support for students above the 9<sup>th</sup> compulsory school year and youth up to the age of 19 who are not in apprenticeship/education. With the 3-step offer participants can get individual support.

## Education and Qualification

### **WUK aut.fit**

As a competence center for autism, work, and education, WUK aut.fit supports young people up to the age of 34 diagnosed within the autism spectrum in their inclusion in employment and education. The offer includes individual intensive coaching lasting up to 2 years and specialized training tailored to the target group to prepare entering into the labour market.

### **WUK construct**

The WUK construct basic education course offers refugee youth and young adults from 15 years of age an opportunity to attain the competences needed to participate in compulsory education programmes in Austria. In the framework of customised modules for small groups, the participants receive individual support and socio-pedagogical assistance.

### **WUK m.power**

The WUK m.power course for secondary school completion exams offers youth aged 16 to 25 the opportunity to conclude the examination. Participation is open to youth who must complete the entire eighth grade as well as to those who only require examinations in individual subjects.

### **WUK work.space**

WUK work.space is an education-fit programme, an offer for adolescents and young adults who are seeking support for their further educational or professional training after completing their compulsory education.

## Employment in social agriculture and the circular economy

### **WUK bio.pflanzen**

Social agriculture creates jobs for long-term unemployed people aged 20 to 60 in the biological production of ornamental plants and herbs and in the cultivation of green spaces. WUK bio.pflanzen provides 29 age-appropriate and performance-appropriate transitional employment positions, professional guidance and support, as well as targeted further education and social work support.

### **WUK re.cycle**

WUK re.cycle employs long-term unemployed individuals aged 20 to 60 in the collection, refurbishment, and repair of used goods, as well as in the sale of reused products in a circular economy shop with a café. WUK re.cycle offers 26 age-appropriate and performance-appropriate transitional employment positions, with the aim of empowering people for re-entry into the labour market.

## Legal entities in charge

### **Bundesweite Koordinierungsstelle AusBildung bis 18 (BundesKOST)**

BundesKOST is an information hub for education until 18 years of age and the transition from school to profession. Its objective is to coordinate and improve cooperation between the relevant stakeholders in Austria.

### **Koordinierungsstelle Wien (KOST Wien) Ausbildung – Beruf**

The Coordinating Office Vienna “Education – Career” coordinates activities related to the transition from school to professional life for the professional integration of disabled, disadvantaged, and potential socially excluded youth in Vienna up to the age of 24 years.

### **Koordinierungsstelle Wien (KOST Wien) AusBildung bis 18**

On behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs, the Coordinating Office Vienna for “Education until 18” supports the implementation of the compulsory education law in Vienna.

### **Selbstvertretungszentrum für Menschen mit Lernschwierigkeiten (SVZ)**

The Self-Empowerment Centre offers persons with learning difficulties opportunities to enhance their self-empowerment. The centre communicates its interests through the organisation of events and participation in political forums. It is cooperatively run by persons with learning disabilities and by supporting staff.