

## WUK Education and Counselling

Since 1983 WUK has initiated and operated innovative educational and counselling facilities for the disadvantaged in the labour market. At 9 locations in Vienna and Lower Austria, 10 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 Youth)

A|B|O Youth 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 Youth is a cooperation project between WUK and ÖSB Consulting GmbH.

#### Bildungsberatung in Wien (Educational Guidance in Vienna)

For individuals 21 years and above, WUK Educational Guidance in Vienna offers group counselling services for education entry and orientation as well as one-on-one counselling to clarify personal questions. Competence+Counselling Workshops help participants discover their individual strengths. Educational Guidance Mobile provides information on the go, counselling in parks and public spaces and at information events and fairs.

### Coaching and Job Assistance for Youth

#### WUK Arbeitsassistentz (Job Assistance)

WUK Job Assistance 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 “Kooperationsklassen” up to the age of 24 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 special needs education centres 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.

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### **WUK Jugendcoaching West (Youth Coaching 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, Qualification, and Employment**

### **WUK bio.pflanzen**

Social agriculture creates jobs for long-term unemployed people aged 24 to 60 in the biological production of ornamental plants and herbs and in the cultivation of green spaces. WUK bio.pflanzen provides 19 age and performance-based transitional jobs, professional guidance and support, as well as targeted further education and social work support.

### **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 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 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.

## **Legal entities in charge**

### **Bundesweite Koordinierungsstelle AusBildung bis 18 (Austrian Coordination Office “Education until 18”)**

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.

### **Koordinationsstelle Jugend – Bildung – Beschäftigung (Coordination Office Youth – Education – Employment)**

The Coordination Unit Youth – Education – Employment 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 AusBildung bis 18 Wien (Coordination Office “Education until 18” Vienna)**

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

**Selbstvertretungszentrum für Menschen mit Lernschwierigkeiten (Self-Empowerment Centre for Persons with Learning Difficulties)**

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.