



Guidance for refugees in Austria



Introduction – three sentences on guidance for school-work transition

- **Most important player: school**
- **Curriculum for career guidance covers all levels of education**
- **Focus:**
 - Students aged 12-14
 - Students attending polytechnical schools
- **Separate subject or integrated in other subjects**

Methods for career guidance include...

- Invitation of representatives of companies, vocational schools, universities,...
- Invitation of experts on career guidance
- Company visits
- Work experience days
- Projects
- ...

Professional profiles of guidance

- Many organisations from outside school offer support in career guidance (Public employment service, Federal chamber of commerce, Chamber of labour,...)
- The Austrian teacher training colleges offer further education courses for teachers:
 - Career guidance teacher
 - Career guidance coordinator
 - Students' and career counselor

How are young refugees supported?

- Typically, refugees attend „normal“ schools

Some additional support is given by...

- ...specific information for students' counselors working with refugees including legal information, useful materials (handbooks, guidelines) and information on initiatives by the Ministry of education.
- ... courses for refugees ages 15 and up preparing them for attending secondary schools or for the Compulsory school leaving certificate for adults.
This also requires classes on career guidance!

Examples for guidance services and activities

OÖ. Wegweiser Arbeit & Integration

- Collection of offers for asylum seekers, people granted asylum and migrants based in Upper Austria to help them enter the labour market
- Including language courses, guidance services, contact points, offers for mentoring, offers for the job market,...
- Available in 10 languages



Examples for guidance services and activities

I am refugee

- Webportal created by the association „I am refugee“
- Goal: Supporting refugees' integration by providing structured information on Austria's „integration landscape“
- Target audience: asylum seekers, people granted asylum, (Austrian) volunteers
- Pages on „How to find a job“ consider many aspects (legal, social, organisational.....)

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Refugee

Our expectations

- **Education Group is a multiplier.**
- **We want to share information about the situation in Austria and to learn from other countries about career guidance for refugees to find out about great methods that can also be helpful for Austrian teachers.**
- **This information will be made available online – we want to support Austrian schools in trying out new and innovative methods in their career guidance classes.**



**Thank you
for your attention!**

