

Caritas der Diözese Linz

Caritas der Diözese Linz is a catholic related social service provider which works in the field of care for elderly, disabled, people in special need and children and youth. This includes education and counselling of parents and families, who are socially disadvantaged and affected by poverty. Service is offered very close to clients, so the target groups can be reached very easily through our social work and counselling. The variety of service covers help and solutions for a big variety of difficult situations in life.

The organisation with its approx. 3,300 employees is widespread all over Upper Austria and has to be considered an important employer also in economically disadvantaged areas.

In addition the organisation is within a process of building up a full social-service-net to all regions of Upper Austria - to bring Caritas to all citizens (to all the diverse groups), and also to do networking and to create new services with local partners for clients - to offer what is really needed.

Caritas Linz has participated in several successful international projects and worked with international staff and clients during the last years and can therefore provide profound experience in working in multicultural teams.

The Caritas of the Diözese Linz has its own department for EU Information and Service. Which includes the general information about the EU topics, EU funding and preparation and implementation of EU projects. The Project Manager will be Mr Armin Gruber, who is head of the department "Kindergarten and After School Day Center" in the institute of Caritas for people with disabilities. Mr. Gruber has longstanding experience in EU projects since he is responsible for the EVS youth in his department. Furthermore, he implemented a project in early excellence and has profound know how in working with children with special needs and their families.

Caritas for people with disabilities has a variety of services for parents with children with disabilities for several decades. This includes counselling of expectant parents in the prenatal-phase while getting the information of disabilities concerning their child, counselling of young parents in the early-childhood-phase, medical and psychotherapeutic treatments of all kind and a widespread offer of different therapeutical methods. Furthermore Caritas for people with disabilities provides a network of kindergartens and crèches, as well as mobile and stationary treatment-institutions for children with all kinds of disabilities and discriminations, such as social, mental, physical handicaps. The focus of inclusion, especially concerning the counselling of parents and families in a participating and involving way is a throughout characteristic of the approach of Caritas for people with disabilities.