Reducing obstacles to young people's access to culture

Free admission to museums

With the initiative "Freier Eintritt bis 19" the Austrian federal museums open since 2010 their gates for children and young people up to the age of 19. Young people have access to the biggest cultural treasures of Austria without financial barriers. More than 9 million children and young people have already used this offer.

Participating museums

- [Albertina](#)
- [Belvedere](#)
- [KHM](#) (Kunsthistorisches Museum mit Museum für Völkerkunde (Weltmuseum Wien) und Österreichisches Theatermuseum)
- [Austrian Museum of Applied Arts / Contemporary Art](#) (MAK - Museum für angewandte Kunst)
- [Museum of modern art](#) (mumok - museum moderner kunst stiftung ludwig wien)
- [Natural History Museum](#) (Naturhistorisches Museum)
- [Vienna Technical Museum](#) (Technisches Museum mit Österreichischer Mediathek)
- [National Library](#) (Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, ÖNB)

Culture Passport ([Kulturpass](#))

Children and adolescent are entitled to own culture passport if the budgetary family income is below the poverty risk threshold.

Programm K3 - Cultural Education with Apprentices ([Programm K3 - Kulturvermittlung mit](#))
This programme pursues the goal of motivating apprentices to participate in cultural activities on their own initiative by capturing their interest and involving them in a communicative exchange with people working in the fields of art and culture.

The p[ART] programme

The p[ART] programme [11], initiated in the school year 08/09, supports the development of sustainable cooperation projects between schools and cultural institutions over a period of three years.

Creative competition "projecteurope" (Projekt Europa [12])

The creative competition “projecteurope” is a nationwide project by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research [13] and invites schools to submit group projects and individual works.

u19 - CREATE YOUR WORLD

u19 - CREATE YOUR WORLD [14] is Ars Electronica’s festival especially for kids and young people. The colourful festival village surrounding the Ars Electronica Center is a playground for ideas, solutions to problems, concepts and experiments.

School Culture Budget for Upper Secondary Schools focussing on Agriculture and Forestry [15]

The initiative by the Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism [16] supports project ideas that promote the participative learning of young people in the field of contemporary art forms.

School Culture Budget for Federal Schools [17]

The nationwide initiative "School Culture Budget for Federal Schools" supports artistic and cultural projects at federal schools, which are implemented in cooperation with artists of all genres. (Finalisation of projects: October 2017)

culture connected - cooperation between schools and cultural institutions (culture connected – Kooperation zwischen Schulen und Kulturpartnern [18])

culture connected is a nationwide initiative by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research [13]. The main target is to support cooperation projects of schools and cultural institutions.

Kunsthistorisches Museum (KHM) art education

Guided tours for school groups are provided at the KHM [19]. All tours for school groups are conversational and tailored to the students’ needs. Visits can focus on one or two collections or look at a particular topic or theme in artworks from different collections and periods. The rich and varied collections of the KHM are ideal to illustrate and bring to life the syllabi of all types of schools and all grades, from primary to secondary school.

Workshops for school groups are provided after a short guided tour. Pupils are invited to recreate what they have just seen and experienced in a studio. Tailor-made programmes for different schools and grades allow pupils to understand constructive processes and invite them to work with assorted materials.
Open or private workshops and tours are provided for children and young people. Additionally, audioguides are provided online.

The department of art education is part of various co-operations addressing young people.

**Albertina art education**

The wide range of Albertina programmes for families as guided tours, workshops and art courses teach art to children and young people. For each exhibition, the Albertina art educators have developed didactic programs for all school levels, including kindergartens. The contents and methods are geared to the individual requirements of the group. Visual aids, worksheets and interactive games help children and young people to question and describe the works of art. This conversational manner of examining art stimulates their ability to associate and express themselves verbally. At the end of the exhibition tour, the group is invited to take part in a free-of-charge art workshop.

Beside school class programmes, aligned to their age, offers for individual young visitors (until 19 years old) have been established. Among others, junior tours, family Sundays, holiday games and workshops are provided for almost all special exhibitions. For all bigger exhibitions, riddle rallies which invite to individually the exhibition contents in a playful manner have been developed and offered free of charge. Additionally, audioguides are provided online and are free of charge.

The school classes programme writing workshop (Schreibwerkstätte) that inspires young people to write texts on the basis of artworks has been submitted to a relaunch. By this diversification of the range of products, the curriculum of German in schools are taken into account and thus, Albertina can be established as an extracurricular learning facility.

**MAK art education**

The MAK School Program is aimed at children and young adults aged between 6 and 18. Guided tours are provided aiming to arouse and foster interest with dialogue as the key: questions are welcome and knowledge should be imparted in a fun way. Workshops are an important feature of the art education program. Touching things is not usually permitted in the museum—this purely visual or verbal approach to the exhibits requires a high level of concentration. To make up for that, pupils can realize their ideas and thoughts, as well as creatively follow up on their questions and comments in the hands-on, material-oriented, and creative workshops.

**MUMOK art education**

The workshop „Overpainted- a club which is not a club“ is provided for young people. Within this workshop, participants can look behind the scenes at mumok, work with artists, and meet like-minded people. Art education for schools at mumok addresses original works of art directly and is designed to the needs of different ages.

**Naturhistorisches Museum (NHM)**

The museum pedagogic team at the NHM plans, organises and coordinates more than 5000 events each year. Tours and lectures are held, special programmes for children are offered on weekends and during holidays and public micro theatre shows are performed.

**Technical Museum (Teschnisches Museum)**

The technical museum provides various information and services for young people and schools.
Groups of young people can spend a night at the museum, projects and teaching material are provided online. The recent exhibition is all about the urban future. Examining innovations and slipping into the role of urban planners is the aim. Extensive offer of guided tours, workshops and events around the exhibition, designed especially with kindergartens and school classes are provided.

**Burgtheater art education**

The Burgtheater provides diverse services for young people. A theatre training is offered and commedia dell'arte weekend workshops, creative writing workshops, impro workshops are held.

**Staatsoper**

**Opera for Young People**

The Staatsoper welcomes children and young people at the opera house and at the Agrana Studiobühne, a location designed specifically with a young audience in mind.

The repertoire for children performed at Agrana Studiobühne and at the main opera building is updated regularly with new works commissioned for children aged 6 years and older. Ballets performed by students of the Wiener Staatsoper Ballet Academy and ballet appreciation programmes offer the young audience a first glimpse of dance theatre. Concerts designed specifically for children or “The Magic Flute for Children” are performed each year.

Children who are interested in actively singing or dancing can join the children’s chorus of the Opera School or attend the Ballet Academy at Wiener Staatsoper to learn how to be a dancer.

Special programmes for schools are offered for children and young people. Visits to performances and rehearsals, dance workshops, guided tours and a live stream programme designed for schools called “Wiener Staatsoper live@school” are provided.

**Volksoper Kulturvermittlung**

With the season 2017/18, the young Volksoper starts a row of workshops for young people of 14 years or older.

School classes can attend rehearsals free of charge. Backstage tours are provided for school classes to provide an insight of a modern theatre-making.

**National Library**

Together with the institute for youth literature (Institut für Jugendliteratur), young people can discover the national library and its five museums. Teaching material (German only) for different school levels is provided online.

**JUNGLE VIENNA - Theatre for a young audience** (DSCHUNGENL WIEN – Theaterhaus für junges Publikum)

JUNGLE VIENNA is a centre for children, youth and families. The programme consists of a wide spectrum from play through narrative theatre, music theatre, object theatre and figure theatre up to opera and dance theatre as well as interdisciplinary forms. Additionally, festivals, workshops and dialogue events with artists take place regularly. With different art forms artists, from more than 20 nations which live and work in Vienna, take up contact with the young audience.
Theatre of the youth (Theater der Jugend)

The “Theater der Jugend” [25] is the biggest theatre organisation for children and young people in Austria.

Public libraries

Disseminating information on cultural opportunities

- reaching out to young publics; programmes with schools...

Cultural education days (Tage kultureller Bildung an Schulen, KuBi-Tage)

From the 23rd to the 25th of May, 2018 the nationwide KuBi days will take place. The aim of the KuBi days in 2018 is to raise public awareness for the field of personality development and the creativity of pupils.

KulturKontakt Austria (KKA)

The website [26] and the facebook page [27] of KKA are informing young people about opportunities to access cultural environments. An event calendar (Veranstaltungkalender Kultur+Vermittlung [28]) for various events and genres is provided online.

Knowledge of cultural heritage amongst young people

Federal Monument Office

Austria’s Heritage Day

The Heritage Day is Austria’s contribution to the European Heritage Days. It is organized by the Federal Monuments Authority Austria and is celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September every year. The aim is to sensitize the public for the importance of cultural heritage by rendering it tangible as well as by arousing public interest in matters of monument protection and care.

Guide learning venue monument

Pupils can experience culture at the Federal Monument Office. The initiative invites pupils and teachers to start projects together with the ederal Monument Office. The co-operation of schools with monument experts allows a lively contact with monuments and their preservation and maintenance. The aim of the project is sensitisation and appreciation of witnesses of the history and the past. Free tours are provided for school classes.