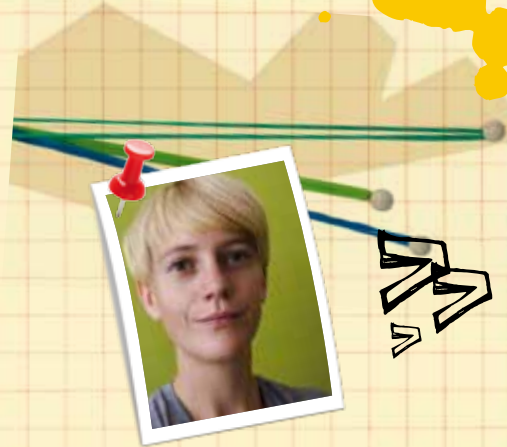


# The art of volunteering

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At the end of the project, I think of course there might still be some difficulties, but the biggest should be the red, the things I have learned.

The WG Refugio is a supervised residential group for underage refugees. At the moment 16 boys and girls between 16 and 18 are living here. My task is on the one hand to help them in their everyday life: for example I accompany them to the doctor and I assist them in the asylum procedure. On the other hand, communication is very important for them, so I try to talk with them and make them feel good, and I try to help them to be more open and integrated.

What I especially like, and what I took on responsibility for, is organising outdoor activities with them, like going to the cinema or the museum together or playing soccer at the park.



My EVS starts on the upper left. The yellow ones are my sunny days and the blue ones are my grey days.

The green ones are the difficulties that I meet and met. For example, in the beginning it was a challenge for me that all of the refugees have very different backgrounds and that I had to consider that. Also the German language was hard in the beginning.

The red ones are the things I learned. For example I learned that it is a very good feeling when you are helpful, even if you don't always get feedback on your work, you just take on the responsibility and you do everything to make the refugees feel at home.