

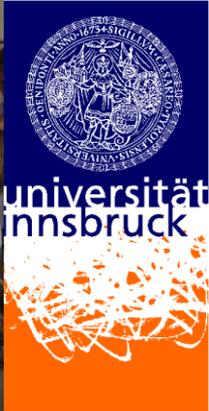
# Contribution of Austrian Children's Universities to refugee integration

<http://www.uibk.ac.at/jungeuni>



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Austria



Population: 8.7 Mill.

Area: 83.870 km<sup>2</sup>

GDP/person:  
44.498 US\$



Japan



Population: 126,7 Mill.

Area: 377.900 km<sup>2</sup>

GDP/person: 38.917  
US\$

Austria-University of Innsbruck

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founded in 1669

28.500 students

4.500 employs

16 faculties

125 studies

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# Junge Uni Innsbruck - Children's University





## What is a Children's University? (eucu.net)

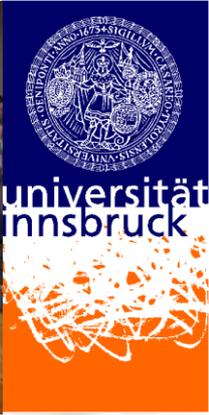
- Children's Universities are organised by or closely linked to a university with the aim to attract children for science and humanities, economics and social science.
- Children's Universities are for children and with children (typically aged between 7 to 12 years, social inclusion, eye-level)
- They are not for profit and independent in all aspects (politics, religion, private, enterprises)



# Children´s Universities

## Aims of Children´s Universities (eucu.net Charta)

- Providing access for all children without boundaries and on a voluntary basis
- Involving and providing benefit for children from disadvantaged groups (social, ethnic, gender, etc.)
- Providing an atmosphere of respect without pressure to perform
- 350 Children´s Universities in more than 25 countries worldwide (eucu.net White Book)





## Activities

- **Founded in September 2001 – First children's university of Austria and German speaking countries**

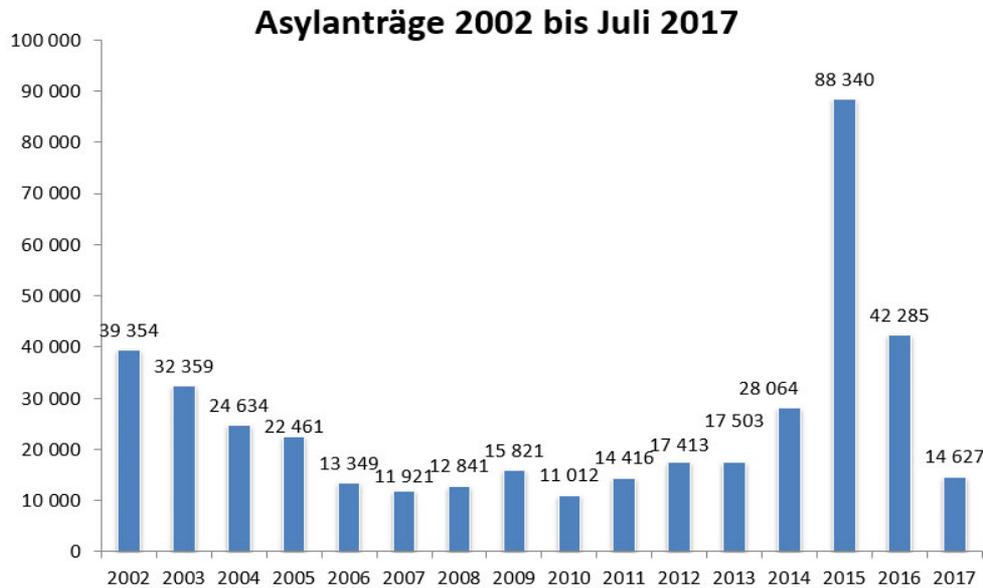


- 4890 young visitors in 2017
- Action Day: 2000 school-students at the University
- Children's Summer University
- Outreach Programs
- **Refugee-Programs**

# Asylum-Situation in Austria



## ASYLANTRÄGE AT



Numbers of applications for asylum

- Asylum (2016): 21.393 (Syria, Somalia, Russia, Iraq, Afghanistan)
- 9% of all applications in Austria from people under 18 years and without parents



Source: Ministry of Interior Austria



## The project

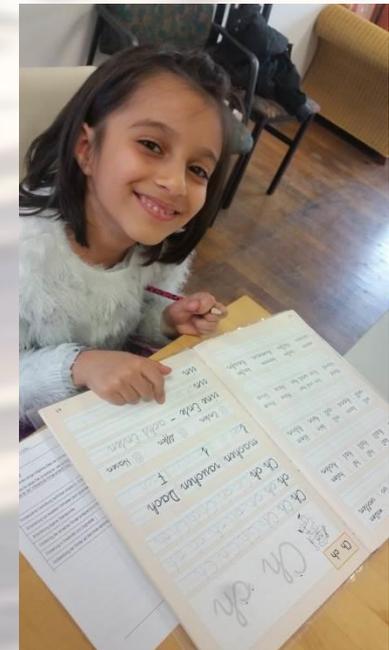
- Students from the Pedagogical Highschool Tyrol: (Primary school teacher students) Junia Wiedenhofer, Barbara Eisele, Martina Eisele, Belinda Korkmaz
- Start in September 2015, volunteers
- Combination of study and real life



# FlüKiPro – Science for refugee-children

## The implementation

- 15 Children between 6 and 12 Jahren from Syria, Irak, Afghanistan, Tadschikistan from the Trappschlössl – an accomodation for refugees in Innsbruck
- once a week – support with homework
- once a week – activities: swimming, tobaggoning, cooking, science (Junge Uni) , arts (bilding)



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## Activities at the University - Junge Uni

- science, archaeology, technique, sports



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# mobilding – the mobile arts and architecture workshop

**bilobing** Kunst- und Architekturschule



- Facilitation through creativity with creativity

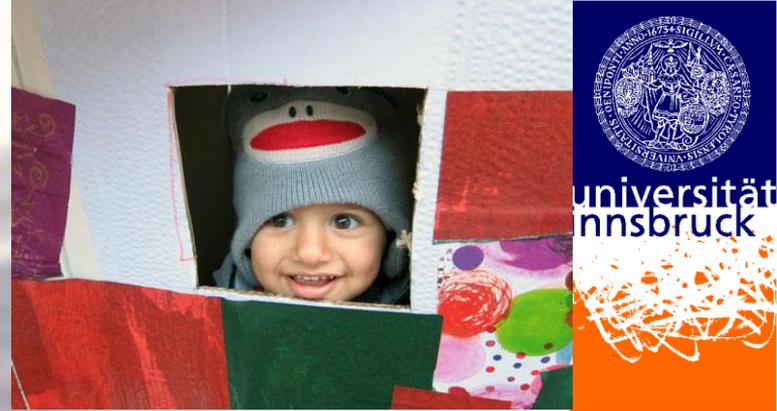


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# mobilding – the mobile arts and architecture workshop

## Activities

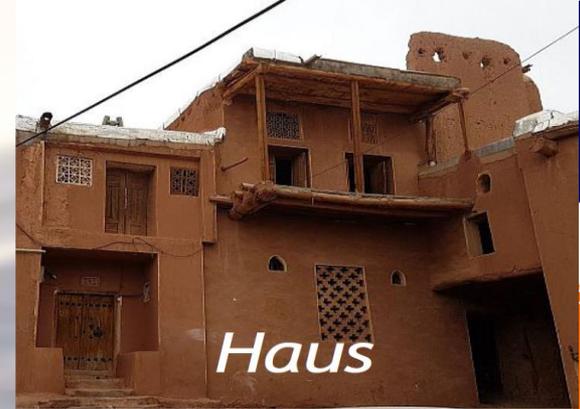
- Bilding with cardboard and wood
- Painting



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**mobilding** – the mobile arts and architecture workshop

**Picture lexicon**



mobilding

**bilobing** Kunst- und  
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## Experiences

- Children live in the Now life
- Building of trust by children and parents
- Non – verbal communication through arts and sports
- Learning by doing: learning of rules by playing games
- „Everybody is an expert“
- Esteem and respect
- Responsibility for the children: they are waiting for you!!



# Refugee - Children Integration



## What needs to be considered

- Organizational overhead: honorary members and voluntariness are limited!!
- Financial issues: No costs for children
- Dynamics between the children : children from different home countries
- Cultural differences
- The children change
- Science programs must be interactive: hands on, minds on
- Training for scientists and explainers



# Refugee - Children Integration



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## Reaching the goal:

It is the long-term goal of the Children's Universities to encourage children to participate in education, regardless of their age, abilities, gender, ethnic or religious (or any other) preferences.

# EDUCATION FOR ALL!



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