



# ÖJAB

**ÖJAB (Österreichische JungArbeiterBewegung / Austrian Young Workers Movement) is a non-profit organization, which provides students and youths with a home at their place of education, offers in-patient and mobile care and engages in the fields of education, integration, refugee relief and development cooperation.**

As one of Austria's largest residency organisations and as a youth organisation independent of any political party or religious obligation, ÖJAB offers **4.600 places to stay**: in 23 student and youth dormitories, two intergenerational dormitories, an intercultural hostel, and three senior citizens' residences and nursing homes. Young people can find new friendships, common activities and formative experiences in the dormitories. Seniors receive tender and professional care with intergenerational encounters in the ÖJAB houses. In Vienna, home care complements this range.

Additionally, every year ÖJAB supports **2.000** youths and adults mainly from a socially underprivileged background in their educational path, qualifies them for the job market and participates in European educational projects.

Asylum seekers and refugees are taken care of in ÖJAB houses and take part in ÖJAB training measures. In Burkina Faso (West Africa) ÖJAB conducts projects of development cooperation.

Altogether, ÖJAB operates in **40 locations**, including **29 dormitories and residences**. ÖJAB employs over 600 persons, over 500 of them in the field of care and education. Additionally, many more offer their highly treasured services on a voluntary basis.

Two subsidiary companies use ÖJAB dormitories during holiday times as youth hostels.

ÖJAB has **four main areas** of operation:

- 1. Students & Youth**
- 2. Senior citizens & Care**
- 3. Education & Integration**
- 4. Development cooperation**

In ÖJAB dormitories, residences and facilities, people from different parts of Austria, Europe and the world, from different social backgrounds, of different ages, with different (political) viewpoints and religions meet. The organisation's primary objective behind all its activities is to bring these people together, provide opportunities for them and help them learn from one another.

ÖJAB is continuously striving to foster the promotion and integration of disadvantaged and special needs people.

## 1.) Students & Youth

In **23 dormitories**, ÖJAB offers young people high-quality, economically priced accommodation located near their education and training institutes. Students and youths from diverse backgrounds meet there. A warm, open and humane atmosphere in the hostel, consideration for each other and mutual helpfulness shape the communal life.

This is all made possible by ÖJAB's special approach to running facilities for young people: the managers of the dormitories also live there and create a family-like, cozy surrounding and a „home away from home“ feeling.

The communal life is organized democratically by electing voluntary representatives for each floor and the whole dormitory.



To feel at home in an ÖJAB dormitory also involves many joint undertakings and projects, e.g. in the realm of sports, music, theatre, generations and social activities. They are usually supervised, initiated or actively promoted by the dormitory manager. In this way, friendships which last for a lifetime are made.

With its aims of arousing interest in cultural, social, economic, political and ecological questions and initiating global learning, ÖJAB is member of the Österreichische Bundesjugendvertretung (Austrian National Youth Council).

## 2.) Senior citizens & Care

**Three residences** provide a home with professional and tender care for seniors. Freedom and autonomy of the residents are preserved. The particular biography is integrated in the care. „Activating care“ plays a central role – existing abilities and interests are encouraged and reinforced.

The needs of the residents are taken into consideration sensitively. Private favourite furniture and pets can be brought along, living rooms can be designed personally and preferences concerning food and time management are respected. The nursing and care team accompanies the residents and relatives holistically and affectionately.

The ÖJAB nursing homes are open for everybody regardless of their financial situation. Also independent seniors without care need enjoy living there: they appreciate the medical security, good food and the company in the house and know that later it will be possible for them to be cared for without having to move.

The nursing homes take an intergenerational approach, with visits from groups of pupils, learning projects, traineeships, kindergarten in ÖJAB-Haus Neumargareten and activities with younger people. These include cooking together, singing, memory training, concerts, slide shows, birthday parties, seasonal celebrations and theme excursions. The objective is spending the late stage of life in a positive way.

**ÖJAB home care** offers care and support service for people who are not living in a seniors residence.

The ÖJAB seniors residences were founded back in the eighties, when senior citizens who had spent their youth in an ÖJAB dormitory expressed the wish to return to live in a residence run by ÖJAB.



## 3.) Education & Integration

In addition to the work carried out in dormitories and residences, ÖJAB is widely engaged in a variety of education projects – all of which are based on the aim of connecting people and providing opportunities for them:

**BPI der ÖJAB** (Berufspädagogisches Institut – institute for professional training and development of ÖJAB) is a private school which is run by ÖJAB and officially recognised by the Austrian authorities. The school focuses primarily on technical, business and language **vocational training, vocational orientation and job market integration support** in Mödling (Lower Austria) and Vienna for both young people and adults alike. This includes competence checks, competence centre, youth college and German courses (level A1 to B2). Course participants are usually from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, and refugees.

In the **„Produktionsschulen“** (vocational schools) ÖJAB supports disadvantaged youths and contributes to their integration significantly. Altogether, ÖJAB qualifies around 2.000 youths and adults each year in order to help them find their way to a regular working life.

**Refugees and asylum seekers** who come to Austria from different parts of the world have been admitted to ÖJAB dormitories since the 1950ies – currently mainly in ÖJAB-Haus Mödling. They receive guidance and education, also as part of projects of BPI.

ÖJAB's **European educational work** comprises European cooperation projects for vocational and advanced education for youths and adults. ÖJAB was already dreaming of a united Europe back in the 1950s and played an essential part in the foundation of the Europe Houses, which still organize European educational events independently.

Additionally, ÖJAB organizes youth exchanges and projects with **Japan**, namely with NIHON YUAI Kyoukai in Tokyo, patronized by the distinguished Japanese Hatoyama family, and with Kai-You-Kai in Wakayama.

With its international activities ÖJAB strives to promote intercultural leaning and bring about tolerance and friendship across cultural frontiers among young people.



## 4.) Development cooperation

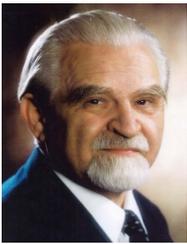
The focus of ÖJAB's development cooperation is on **Burkina Faso** (West Africa) and on the **technical vocational training**. In the capital Ouagadougou ÖJAB has a representative office and engages in different projects improving the living conditions of local people. This is financed by grants, partners and donations collected in Austria („Ouagadougou street kids“).



ÖJAB has been continuously involved in development cooperation for Burkina Faso since 1961, founded a technical-commercial school in 1970 there and was a pioneer of Austrian development cooperation for this country.

Since 1966, ÖJAB has shared an office with an honorary consulate for Burkina Faso in Vienna.

### How did ÖJAB come into existence?



ÖJAB was founded by Dr. Bruno Buchwieser (photo on the left) in 1946.

Representing his parents' construction company, Dr. Buchwieser was the head of the **reconstruction operations of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna** (photo on the right) at that time. There the Buchwieser company employed a great number of workers who came to Vienna from different parts of Austria in search of work.



To solve the problem of accommodation for these young workers, Dr. Buchwieser and friends founded a sort of dormitory in a bomb ruin in Himelpfortgasse in Vienna – the first hostel of ÖJAB.

A society of young people then developed who helped each other and worked for common goals – the “Young Workers Movement” was born.

Further dormitories were founded in Vienna, and later on in other Austrian towns, to offer a second home to young workers, pupils, students and apprentices in the town to which they came to work. Since they all work – either using their mind as pupils and students or physically as apprentices – they all are, as understood by ÖJAB, “young workers”.

**The basic idea of ÖJAB** is distinctly displayed by its coat of arms:

- the red-white-red field represents the Austrian flag: as a declared belief in Austria.
- the black, the red, and the blue field, stand for those three parties which were represented in parliament during the first years of ÖJAB: as a sign of political independence.
- the cogwheel: is a symbol of the common work with the main goal to give youth a chance.
- the cross in the middle of the coat of arms: as a symbol of humanism based on a Christian philosophy of life



**Magazine:** “Senf. Das ÖJAB-Magazin zum Mitreden” (translation: “Mustard. The ÖJAB magazine to join the conversation”), the organisation's quarterly published magazine, provides a detailed account of current ÖJAB activities and also writes about related topics in general.

**Subsidiary companies:** To support its non-profit work, ÖJAB established two subsidiary companies:

- **Europahaus Wien G.m.b.H., Education, Conference and Event Center**, Linzer Straße 429, 1140 Wien.
- Liegenschaftsverwertung der Österreichischen Jungarbeiterbewegung Ges.m.b.H. which uses ÖJAB dormitories in summer as **myNext Hostels**.



# Overview: all ÖJAB facilities

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## 1.) Students & Youth

### STUDENT DORMITORIES

(for 18 years and over)

#### ☛ in Vienna

ÖJAB-Europahaus Dr. Bruno Buchwieser  
Linzer Straße 429  
1140 Wien

ÖJAB-GreenHouse  
"asperrn Die Seestadt Wiens"  
Sonnenallee 41  
1220 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Burgenland 1  
Wilhelm Exner-Gasse 4  
1090 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Burgenland 2  
Mittelgasse 18  
1060 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Burgenland 3  
Bürgerspitalgasse 19  
1060 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Donaufeld  
Donaufelder Straße 54  
1210 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Dr. Rudolf Kirchschräger  
Schelleingasse 36  
1040 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Johannesgasse  
Johannesgasse 8  
1010 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Liesing  
Elisenstraße 1  
1230 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Meidling  
Eichenstraße 46  
1120 Wien  
and ÖJAB-WG Meidling  
Abmayergasse 5-7/2/1  
1120 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Niederösterreich 1  
Untere Augartenstraße 31  
1020 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Peter Jordan  
Peter-Jordan-Straße 29  
1190 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Salzburg  
Mollardgasse 16  
1060 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Sandwirtgasse  
Sandwirtgasse 5  
1060 Wien

#### ☛ nationwide

ÖJAB-Europazentrum Krems  
Arbeitergasse 5  
3500 Krems

ÖJAB-Haus Eisenstadt  
Campus 2  
7000 Eisenstadt

ÖJAB-Haus Bad Gleichenberg  
Albrechtstraße 8  
8344 Bad Gleichenberg

ÖJAB-Haus Graz  
Glacisstraße 39-41  
8010 Graz

ÖJAB-Haus Steiermark  
Liebiggasse 4  
8010 Graz

ÖJAB-Haus Salzburg  
Strubergasse 1  
5020 Salzburg

### YOUTH DORMITORIES

(also for under 18s)

#### ☛ in Vienna

ÖJAB-Haus Niederösterreich 2  
Brigittaplatz 14  
1200 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus Leebgasse  
Leebgasse 14  
1100 Wien

ÖJAB Intergenerational Dormitory  
Neumargareten  
Hanauskagasse 4  
1120 Wien

Intergenerational Living  
in ÖJAB-Haus Neumargareten  
Siebertgasse 21  
1120 Wien

#### ☛ in Lower Austria

ÖJAB-Haus Mödling  
Youth residence and education center  
Dr. Bruno Buchwieser-Gasse 1  
2340 Mödling

## 2.) Senior citizens & Care

ÖJAB-Haus Neumargareten,  
Residence and Nursing Home  
with kindercompany Kindergarten  
Siebertgasse 21  
1120 Wien

ÖJAB Home Care Neumargareten  
Siebertgasse 21  
1120 Wien

ÖJAB-Haus St. Franziskus  
Residence and Nursing Home  
Schulstraße 4  
7540 Güssing

ÖJAB-SeniorInnenwohnanlage Aigen  
(Senior Citizens' Residence)  
Aignerstraße 19  
5026 Salzburg

## 3.) Education & Integration

BPI der ÖJAB (institute for professional training and development of ÖJAB)  
Dr. Bruno Buchwieser-Gasse 1  
2340 Mödling

BPI der ÖJAB –  
Ausbildungszentrum Wien  
(vocational training centre)  
Längenfeldgasse 27/A/3  
1120 Wien

Produktionsschule ÖJAB – Bildung,  
Perspektive, Integration  
(vocational school – education,  
perspective, integration)  
Längenfeldgasse 27B  
1120 Wien

Produktionsschule Industrieviertel Nord  
(vocational school)  
Dr. Bruno Buchwieser-Gasse 1  
2340 Mödling  
also located in: Bad Vöslau, Bruck an  
der Leitha and Schwechat

Produktionsschule Industrieviertel Süd  
(vocational school, in cooperation with  
Integration Niederösterreich)  
Bahngasse 14/Top 2-4  
2700 Wiener Neustadt  
also located in: Neunkirchen

ÖJAB-Haus Greifenstein  
Intercultural dormitory  
Hauptstraße 2  
3422 Greifenstein

ÖJAB-Haus Mödling  
(see youth dormitories)

## 4.) Development cooperation

ÖJAB BPI office in Burkina Faso, West Africa

Lycée Professionnel Bruno Buchwieser  
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Burkina Faso, Westafrika

Consulate General of Burkina Faso  
Mittelgasse 16  
1062 Wien

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