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“A ten year old girl from Syria with no knowledge of the German language started attending the Lerncafé in autumn 2016. Last school year she was graded ‘A’ in all subjects, meaning she could attend secondary school. Her curiousness, ambition and joy of learning will make her wishes become true.”

Due to their age, children of refugees, asylum seekers or families with migrant backgrounds can find themselves in particularly vulnerable situations and experience difficulties in integrating in their host country. The setting-up of so-called **Lerncafés** in Austria aims at providing educational support and afternoon care with recreational activities free of charge.

Children between the ages of 6 and 15 have the opportunity to participate in these Lerncafés to enhance their knowledge of the German language, improve their reading and writing skills, do homework and prepare for tests, develop communication and social skills, and nurture their motivation to continue higher education.

The Lerncafés have proven to be a great success: 51 Lerncafés are run by 690 volunteers and visited by more than 1,490 children every year. 97% of the children successfully graduated their high school year. Projects like these show that education is not only a key component of successful integration, but also for a promising future.



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