

**“Pons Asinorum – Language support in Youth in Action “**

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The idea for the training course started some time ago. In 2009 we started in cooperation with the University of Manchester a language project called Avalon to support E-Learning and the learning of not so well dying languages. The project is based on teaching languages via second life, a virtual 3-D-Programm and place for different kind of activities. Within the project Avalon a virtual language school was established to enable people from all over the world to take part in the courses.

Through coordinating the MELANGE programm, the EVS in Vienna in close cooperation with the city of Vienna/wienXtra we also noticed that a lot of EVS mentors try to support their mentees in learning german with little methods, like stickers on the walls of the project place or key chains where they hang little key words and so forth.

On the other hand we also observe that language skills become a more and more important role in carreers of young people but also on a local level as the population especially in cities is more and more influenced by migration.

## THE EVS PROGRAMME IN VIENNA IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF VIENNA/WIENXTRA



Within the training Pons Asinorum 18 participants from different Youth organizations had the chance to explore different methods on language learning. The main aim of the training was to

- create a place to exchange experiences how to learn languages
- to support the learning of languages especially during Youth in Action projects (EVS, Youth exchanges)
- introduce E-Learning methods
- exchange methods among organisations
- improve the learning process and make it more joyful
- get new inputs

for organizations involved in activities within the Youth in Action programm.

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