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# MÄDCHENZENTRUM CENTER FOR GIRLS KLAGENFURT

## WE ARE WHERE GIRLS NEED US

### HERSTORY – WHO WE ARE, AND HOW WE CAME TO BE

When the Klagenfurt Center for Girls was founded in 1995, it was one of the first centers for girls and young women which offered counseling, support, and information for a variety of situations and living conditions. Since then, a transdisciplinary team with specialists in the fields of pedagogy, social work, psychology, career counseling, and more, has offered guidance to girls and young women.

Years of 'hands on' work, the focus on gender theory and its real world application, and the awareness of economic, social, as well as sociopolitical challenges, have made the Center for Girls a switchboard between: Girls and their Families, young women and business', students and schools or universities, apprentices and firms or workshops, patient and doctor or psychotherapist.

Today the goal of the Center for Girls in Klagenfurt is to enable and assist girls in making self-determined life choices. In order to reach this goal we work together with young women and anyone who shares our aims.

### THAT'S WHY WE ARE ...

A PLACE TO START, A PLACE TO MEET, A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LISTEN, A PLACE YOU CAN TALK TO GENDER-TRAINED WOMEN, A PLACE TO LEARN, A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN MEET WOMEN WHO CAN MEDIATE FOR YOU, AND A CENTER FOR PROJECTS AND INNOVATIONS.

### FOR GIRL AND YOUNG WOMEN – WE OFFER:

- Social-educational counseling – free, anonymous, and confidential
- Workshops to further competences (such as communication, self-esteem, self-confidence, self-assertion, and self-reliance) as well as workshops on Sexuality, eating disorders and violence.
- Open meetings on eating disorders
- Career orientation with lectures, workshops and courses on: Strengths and interests, career information as well as expanding awareness and reducing gender bias in career choices (girls and mechanics, engineering, and technology), training in the application process and finding of jobs
- Contacts to business', firms, and workshops for internships
- Contacts to and mentoring by female role models
- Assessment Center which helps you find your strengths and aptitudes



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- Information days and major events on various topics
- Current and seasonal courses on the subjects of leisure and creativity
- Access to specialized library

### FOR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES – WE OFFER:

- Social-educational counseling – free, anonymous, and confidential
- Open meetings on eating disorders
- Further education on various topics

### FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, YOUTH CENTERS AND SUPERVISORS – WE OFFER:

- Lectures (e.g. in the context of parent-teacher conferences) and workshops to further competences (such as communication, self-esteem, self-confidence, self-assertion, and self-reliance) as well as workshops on Sexuality, eating disorders and violence.
- Lectures (e.g. in the context of parent-teacher conferences) and workshops for girls and young women on Career orientation with an emphasis on expanding awareness and reducing gender bias in career choices (girls and mechanics, engineering, and technology), training in the application process and finding of jobs,
- Project-initiation, project-design, and guidance towards gender sensitive pedagogy
- Training and continuing education in gender sensitive pedagogy
- Information and assistance with questions on pedagogic interventions in matters concerning girls
- Gender sensitive texts and access to a specialized library
- Newsletter of the Center for Girls

### FOR COMPANIES, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS, AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS – WE OFFER:

- To work as intermediaries between companies, employment services (AMS) and the Girls we represent
- Contacts to potential Interns and Employers
- Information, advice and support with the hiring and training of young women
- To help realize projects designed to create or improve working conditions for girls and young women within the companies they work for. (e.g. the development of internal assessment centers designed to aid in the hiring process)



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### FOR OUR PARTNERS IN JOINT PROJECTS, DECISION-MAKERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC – WE OFFER:

- Effective measures to raise awareness and sensitize the public to issues concerning girls and young women, as well as issues of gender equality (e.g. conferences, fairs, publications, etc.)
- Gender expertise at the Center for Girls: a contact for questions concerning gender equality in education, as well as assistance for the development of networks and cooperation (e.g. specialized newsletters, topical debates, etc.)
- Coordination for the “Netzwerk Ess-Störungen Kärnten” [Network for aid with Eating Disorders in Kärnten] (e.g. Networking meetings, the sharing of information, newsletters, etc.)
- Network-management in Kärnten for the “Platform against domestic violence” – Department for concerns of violence towards and amongst adolescents (e.g. Publications, networking meetings, projects, etc.)

**IN EVERYTHING WE DO WE REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN**

**WE PUT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN FIRST**

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