Faces of EGL: Kathrin Weichselbaumer-Wimmer, Regional Office Manager in Akzente Salzburg

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Kathrin hails from a rural area in upper Austria. Being part of the project *Mitmischen & Aufmischen im Dorf!* (Be Involved!) which boosts youth participation in rural areas, is right up her alley. Like many young people, Kathrin came to Salzburg to study. There, she completed a degree in German language and Communications. Last three years she has been part of the Akzente Salzburg team on the *Be Involved!* project. The working environment is motivating and inspiring and it involves big number of local stakeholders. Kathrin is an enthusiastic and open person who likes to connect people.

Another passion for Kathrin is intercultural dialogue. She was happy it was an important part of her university studies. As a part of her program, she went to Shanghai for a semester and lived there for 5 months. This was a memorable experience that started with a culture shock and grew into one of the best abroad experiences she had so far. She had an opportunity to be immersed in a different culture and people and broaden her horizons in many ways. When she’s not working, she loves to dance and spend time by the lakes Upper Austria is known for. She is a proud holder of a sailing license.

What she likes most about her work is getting to know a lot of young people with great ideas and bringing them together with relevant parties and stakeholders. This synergy can lead to all kinds of projects that are valuable for the local communities and can bring a positive social impact.

A full interview with Kathrin about the project Be Involved! you can read here.

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