



**WE SEE INPUTS OF VOLUNTEERS
FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD AS AN
ADDED VALUE. YOU TOO?**

Let your students discover their
community in a playful way with the
programme **Our Community**.

Our Community

A Unique Discovery Journey for Primary School Students

«The class was very happy about the volunteer's visit. His knowledge, his confident and empathetic manner, the anecdotes as well as the perfect preparation impressed the class and me very much.» - Nicole Locher, primary school teacher

The Our Community programme gives primary school students a basic understanding of the roles, tasks and responsibilities of the various players in a community in a playful way.

Implementation

The programme is recommended for students in the 3rd or 4th grade (primary). Our Community is divided into five units and ideally supplements the primary school's curriculum. A business volunteer, who is placed by YES, guides the students through the units. The professional inspires the children with their experience and ability to interlink theory and praxis. The students take part in the programme during their regular school lessons.

Service and Support

The volunteer is trained in advance by YES and prepared for his or her assignment. Before and during the programme, a contact person from YES will be available at all times to support you. YES will also provide you with the materials you need to carry out the programme.

No Costs

The programme is free of charge. The costs are covered entirely by YES partners. However, the programme is neutral and there will be no branding activities from the companies.

Benefits for the Students

- The Students get to know how a community and discover various professions.
- The students gain an insight into the tasks of municipal administration.
- Get to know decision-making processes and understand how political votes are conducted.
- The learning contents are imparted by a volunteer from the business world with practical experience in an exciting and varied manner.

Programme Timeline

Lesson 1

How Does our Community Function?

Students get to know as many professions and businesses as possible and also learn how people live together in a community.

Lesson 2

Croissant Bakery

By means of an interactive exercise with croissants, students discover various production strategies (individual and assembly line production).

Lesson 3

The Role of Municipal Administration

This lesson conveys the public services provided by the local government to the community and shows that these are funded through taxes.

Lesson 4

A New Business

In this unit, the students run through a decision making process, agree on voting options and learn to deal with majority decisions.

Lesson 5

Money & Banks

Students get to know the origins and significance of money and become involved in the flow of money in a playful way.



Supplementary learning videos, online assignments and digital volunteering assignments are offered.

YES is the leading provider of practice-oriented economic and opinion-forming programmes for schools in Switzerland. Children and young adults experience and learn about our economy, recognise social connections and form their own opinions. They develop their potential, build their network and find their role in the working environment. In the 2021/2022 school year alone, almost 7'000 young people, 600 Teachers and 500 volunteers throughout Switzerland took advantage of our five programmes: Our Community and Pintelino (primary level), Personal Economics (secondary level I), Youth Debates (secondary level I and II) and the Company Programme (secondary level II).

