

International Relations and Mobility Programmes WELCOME CENTER

NEWS @Welcome Center of Graz University of Technology

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Trip to the ski area Salzstiegl including sledging in February 2016



Snow? Check. ✓ Sledge? Check. ✓ A day filled with fun, laughter, great food & international friends? Check. ✓

On Saturday 20 February, the Welcome Center organized the first sledging trip to the ski area Salzstiegl. 35 people took the chance to enjoy their day outside in the snow.

After one (or two, or three) fun ride(s) with the sledge down the mountain, we spend the rest of the day at the restaurant "Moasterhaus" to warm up while enjoying good food and even better company.

For some participants, this trip was a special adventure as it was their first time to sledge down a mountain and to experience snow.

Workshop on "Taxes in Austria" in November 2015



Taxes and taxation laws can be quite confusing. How do our internationals know which forms to fill in, how to report on taxes and which costs are deductible?

In order to answer all of these (and even more questions), the Welcome Center organised the first Workshop on the topic "Taxes in Austria". Mr. Karre, a tax expert of "Deloitte Wirtschaftsprüfungs Styria GmbH", and his two colleagues explained which expenses are deductible.

During the Workshop Mr. Karre also demonstrated how to register for the simplified Austrian income tax return and how to fill in the deductible expenses to benefit from the tax return. After the Workshop the participants had the opportunity to ask questions about their own situation.

We are looking forward to our next Workshop on this topic.





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Why not join the team of the Welcome Center for further events?

Guided tour at the Opera House and Get-together in March 2016



Photo: Graz Tourismus/Harry Schiffer

Not only does the Opera Graz offer amazing performances, the Opera House itself is quite an interesting building to explore. The Welcome Center invites international staff and guests of TU Graz to a guided tour at the Opera House. During a one hour backstage tour, you will have the chance to look behind the scenes and learn more about the Opera House. After the tour, we will move on to the restaurant "Brandhof", which is just around the corner, for our monthly Get-together.

When: 22 March 2016 at 4.25 pm Meeting point: in front of the Opera House

Unfortunately all the available places for the guided tour are already booked. If you want to join us for the Get-together please send us an email (by 17 March 2016): welcomecenter@tugraz.at



FREE MUSEUM TICKETS (see flyer)

Graz museums are neither boring nor dusty. The Landesmuseum Joanneum has a wide range of fascinating collections and exhibits. For international staff and guests of TU Graz we offer two tickets for the Landesmuseum Joanneum (Joanneum Cards) which you can borrow for a maximum of two weeks. With the Joanneum Card, you enjoy free admission to <u>nearly all museums in Graz</u> and the surrounding area as well as to all regional museums in Austria. More information:

http://www.museum-joanneum.at/joanneumskarte

Where: Welcome Center, Mandellstraße 15/2nd floor Lending period: for a maximum of two weeks

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