



Council of International Fellowship Austria

The Council of International Fellowship Austria (CIFA) is a private and non-profit, politically and religiously independent organization, which organizes the

1st Virtual International Professional Exchange Program (VIPEP) from April 15th - April 20th, 2021

CIF Austria has over 30 years of experience in conducting an annual international Professional Exchange Program (IPEP). Due to current limitations in travel as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have developed a compacted VIRTUAL program for 2021 with the following aims: (1) to promote professional, cultural and educational exchange for social workers and professionals working in human services. (2) to provide a cross-cultural exchange for attending international participants.

• Your virtual GENERAL and INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM



Virtual International CIF Austria Party, Spring 2020

You will experience a professional exchange on social work by

- Virtually visiting general social welfare offices and NGOs together with other attending international participants
- Virtually visiting specific agencies according to your own professional background
- Attending a lecture on the Austrian Social Welfare System, conducted by the University of Applied Sciences in Vienna
- Sharing experiences and knowledge on social work during online country presentations
- conversing with other international participants, members of CIF Austria and social work students during several formal and more informal meetings online

• SOCIAL and CULTURAL EXCHANGE

There will be one or two buddies for each participant, accompanying you throughout your virtual program to experience some everyday life in Vienna, you will meet CIF Austria members and join a virtual city tour together with the other participants

- The program is in close cooperation with the **UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES** Department for Social Work (<https://www.fh-campuswien.ac.at/>). You will get to know the University itself, meet lecturers and social work students as buddies and during several events.
- **Language:** English
- **Number of Participants:** maximum 6 persons
- **Finances:** there is no registration fee
- **Time Commitment:** the program will take place from about 9 am to max. 8 pm central European time. You should ensure attendance during the whole 5-day program (breaks are included)
- **Technical requirement:** you will need a stable internet connection, a PC/ notebook with audio and video and access to ZOOM
- **Apply until Dec 1st 2020:** There is a two-step application process: Your written application (use the international application form - www.cifinternational.com) should go through your national branch. If there is no branch or CIF contact person in your country, please contact CIF Austria directly. Once you have been pre-selected, there will be an online interview with a member of CIF Austria.



Participants attending the IPEP of CIF Austria in 2019

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