

Citizenship education activities days

Austria

<http://www.aktionstage.politische-bildung.at/>

DESCRIPTION

Since 2003, *Aktionstage Politische Bildung* (Citizenship Education Activities Days) have been developed **to bring together local actors of politics and citizenship education schools and young students.**

The **Activities Days** are held **annually** and are open to all schools during a specific period (April 23 to May 9) as a kind of **marketplace of specific activities throughout the school year.** These activities must evolve **in parallel with developments in politics, science, and media.**

Through these events, **young people can gain both knowledge and practical experience in participating in democratic processes** within an increasingly complex society and world. For VET students it is often a **chance to learn democracy outside the narrow regulations of their enterprises.** Additionally, the Activities Days give them the opportunity to interact in activities with peers from other types of schools, **opening the to a broader society and to diverse concepts of life and professions.**

The Activities Days also serve as an example of a nationwide initiative of the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research, called "**DNAustria**". This initiative highlights the **importance of science, research and democracy** in shaping students and others toward an open, scientifically informed, and democratically minded society.