About

Österreich der runden & eckigen Tische

1 What is “Austria of Round and Square Tables”?

“Austria of Round & Square Tables” is an initiative that aims to foster dialogue within society. We want to bring people from different social bubbles together over a shared meal.

- To meet one another, to listen, and to get to know each other.
- To strengthen solidarity within society.
- And to build bridges.

2 Where do Round and Square Tables take place?

Round and Square Tables can happen anywhere—wherever people can eat and talk together. And truly anyone can be a host: You as a private individual, the company you work for, or the organization you’re involved in. By the way: many organizations are already working with us to host Round & Square Tables all across Austria.

3 What exactly happens—and who should I invite?

As a host, you invite people to a meal whom you normally wouldn’t think to invite. The key is to bring together people you don’t know very well or who have a different background than you. This could be differences in thinking, lifestyle, worldview, education, or political opinions.

It might be your classmate, a colleague, other kindergarten parents, or the vendor at your local market. But maybe just start with your neighbors—that might be the easiest step.

4 How can I actually organize a Round or Square Table?

1. Invite someone you don't know very well—maybe your neighbors you've only greeted in the stairwell so far.
2. Share a meal together! It doesn't matter whether you cook something yourself or grab a bite from the store or a restaurant.
3. Talk and get to know each other.
4. You can also check out our Toolbox on our website.There you'll find lots of inspiration for hosting a successful Round & Square Table.

5 Why?

- Because we believe that hospitality and conversation can build bridges between people.
- Because we need more dialogue in society for peaceful coexistence—especially between people who think and live differently.
- Because in the face of the powerlessness we feel in the current situation, we feel a responsibility to start something positive.

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