



OCCUPATIONAL NON-DISABILITY – Barrier-Free Employment Market

Special Exhibition | Nicole Steinacher & Krassimir Kolev



SPECIAL EXHIBITION IN THE IMPERIAL CORRIDOR June 11 to August 18, 2024 | daily 9 am to 5 pm

ACTIVELY INCLUSIVE: OCCUPATIONAL NON-DISABILITY – BARRIER-FREE EMPLOYMENT MARKET

As of June 11, the exhibition **Actively Inclusive: Occupational Non-Disability – Barrier-Free Employment Market** enhances the visit of Melk Abbey. In the Eastern part of the Imperial Corridor the entrepreneuse **Nicole Steinacher** and the artist **Krassimir Kolev** present works addressing the inclusion of people with Down's syndrome into the vocational world. Twelve powerful paintings illustrate the models' joy and competence during their daily work. The exhibition provides insights into their everyday work in a very personal way and invites visitors to discern and implement the advantages and potential of the employment of persons with disabilities.

For people with disabilities, the path towards their first employment is still characterized by big obstacles. Especially persons with cognitive disabilities are confronted with prejudices regarding their competences and skills.

It is necessary to remove these stereotypes to create new possibilities and perspectives, since inclusion in the workplace is not just wishful thinking, but a reality in some companies, which this exhibition wants to express.

These special works of art are presented in a series of exhibitions all over Austria. The official inauguration of this touring exhibition took place on June 4 in the building of the Federal Government of Lower Austria. Then the works are on display in Melk Abbey and as of August 21 in the museum of St. Peter an der Sperr in Wiener Neustadt. Other stations are Salzburg in September, then Graz and Carinthia as well as MQ Vienna in April 2025.



