

About Light for the World

Light for the World is an international disability and development organisation whose vision is an inclusive society where no one is left behind. We enable crucial eye health services and empower people with disabilities in some of the poorest regions of the world. We break down barriers to enrich society and unlock the potential in all of us. As an international disability and development organisation we strive for full participation of persons with disabilities in society. That is why we remain steadfast in our vision: Education for all, health and eye care for all, rehabilitation for all, empowerment for all – simply inclusion. At present we work in 20 partner countries and on an international level on health, education, and livelihood. Our work has a specific focus on inclusive education, eye health, prevention of blindness, and community based rehabilitation (CBR). We engage in the empowerment of persons with disabilities and support them in overcoming barriers in society to bring about social change. We work with local and national partners as well as international alliances and organisations. We have offices in Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

www.light-for-the-world.org



The <u>erste bank vienna night run</u> is a 5km charity event run, that takes place at the famous Ring street of Vienna where some of the most beautiful imperial monuments and sights in Vienna are located. The main goal of the erste bank vienna night run is not necessarily to conquer the 5km as

fast as possible, but to have fun in sharing this activity with others, especially also people with disabilities who are also participating (the event is fully inclusive), as well as it is a charity aspect.

At the first erste bank vienna night run in 2007 over 3.700 participants took a stand (or a run!) against preventable blindness. Every year the number of participants augmented and it reached a new record last year, when more than 20.000 runners registered. Every year Light for the World creates its own running team and hundreds of participants light a beacon of hope, running with the yellow Light for the World t-shirt. This team includes prominent runners like the blind top level runners and world record holders from Kenya Henry Wanyoike and Francis Karanja, Austrian prominent figures and the Light for the World staff!

With special **"Charity Tickets"** (cost 35 Euro) every participant can donate 100 % of the registration fee to the disability and development cooperation organisation<u>Light for the World</u> in order to help blind and visually impaired people. The participation fee of 35 Euro is considered as donation according to Austrian law and deductible from tax. The ticket to choose is "Charity Startplatz Licht für die Welt" and the link to buy the ticket is <u>https://www.licht-fuer-die-welt.at/vienna-night-run-2018(only in German)</u>.

In the last twelve years 150,000 runners in the vienna night donated around 800.000€ to Light for the World and gave eyesight back to almost 27.000 people!

Get in touch with Soraya Sahli (<u>s.sahli@light-for-the-world.org</u>) in case you want to run with a yellow Light for the World T-Shirt (latest by 1st September 2018)

Meet the Paralympic gold medal winner Henry Wanyoike and other Light-runners on 25th September 2018 at the Light for the World tent (between Café Landtmann and Burgtheater)

We would like to invite all participants of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons to be part of the erste bank vienna night run 2018!