

Volunteer for Your Future

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About Project

Despite the global developments and social assumptions in our country, level of participation in volunteering is low according to international researches conducted about voluntary activities in Turkey. According to the World Giving Index 2018 data Turkey ranks 126 among 146 countries in terms of time spent volunteering within an organization.

According to stage 6th of the World Values Survey, which is the world's most comprehensive a social research project that has been regularly conducted in nearly 100 countries since 1981, the rate of people participating in any voluntary activity is 1.7%. This rate was 7.7% for young people between the ages of 18-35 (2014).

According to the same research; candidates with voluntary or salaried experience working in non-governmental organizations are becoming more and more prominent. Companies rely more on candidates who have taken responsibility for social projects in terms of completion and being a team worker. In this way, the period of finding employment for the young people involved in voluntary projects or volunteering internship is reduced. As can be seen,volunteering also offers an alternative solution for reducing youth unemployment. Considering the fact that the youth unemployment rate in our country is at record levels as 24.8% according to TUIK data in 2019, the importance of volunteering for our country emerges.

Volunteering is also a strategic issue in reaching the 2023 targets of our country. Because of these reasons; The Ministry of Youth and Sports has declared 2019 as the Year of Volunteering. It has also published the 2019 Volunteering Year Strategy Document. The aims of the document include strengthening the culture of volunteering, more effective use of technology, more effective regulation and risk management, strengthening volunteer management and increasing education, strengthening inter-institutional relations, enhancing entrepreneurship, improving the recognition and evaluation of volunteering.

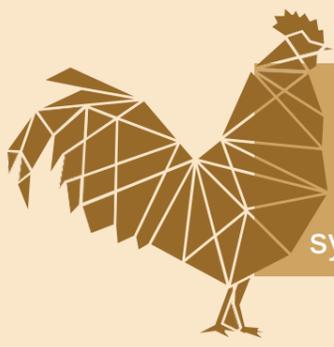




The aim of this project is to ensure that the concept and culture of volunteering in our the country is spread among young people and to contribute to the implementation of the 2019 Volunteer Year Strategy Document. In addition, to ensure that young people adopt the concept of volunteerism and volunteer for the future of youth unemployment is also among the objectives of the implementation of our project.

We are also planning to realize the following special targets with our project.

- To transfer reliable and accurate information from the experts to the youth about volunteering, voluntary activities, and institutions that can work voluntarily
- To provide young people with national and international volunteer activities through a web portal
- Providing and disseminating the contributions of volunteering to both personal financial/moral motivation and the national economy with numerical data (infographic)
- To develop cooperation between public, NGO, private sector and youth groups and to ensure the transfer of experience by making the concept of volunteerism sustainable among these institutions.
- Reaching and bringing together young people with people who have had a good career volunteered in the past and can serve as role models for young people in their future careers
- To make information studies to increase the motivation of volunteering among young people
- Sharing international volunteering stories with local youth
- To enable young people to adopt the concept of volunteering through non-formal education methods and to develop concepts such as EU Citizenship, active inclusion, intercultural learning, and volunteering
- To disseminate the opportunities provided by the European Commission, Turkish National Agency and the Erasmus+ program by ensuring the visibility of their logos Every stage of our project has been prepared considering Erasmus + goals and objectives. It directly covers objectives such as youth inclusion, civic participation, and responsible citizenship.



Denizli rooster
is an interesting breed
which became the
symbol of the city today.

About Denizli

Denizli province is situated in the inner part of the Aegean Region of Turkey, which once was known as the Phrygian region. The city is well known with its textile industry and is a tourist attraction with its numerous beauties and sites in the environs.

Dating back to the Calcholitic age (Copper Age), this was the site of a settlement of the earliest communities. The area has changed hands continuously in the past, becoming the center of various civilizations in Anatolia in different time periods.

The ancient city of Laodicea is located here, with its ruins awaiting for the sightseers in addition to Tripolis which was known as the center of bishops, while Christianity spread during its early years. Laodicea was one of the Seven Churches mentioned in the book of Revelations. The city is still being excavated today and great findings have been discovered so far.

Colossae is another ancient site located near Denizli city. It was also a religious site because St. Paul had visited the city and he wrote his Epistle to the Colossians.

Hierapolis is a very popular site, being a historical treasure, while it also offers a real wonder of nature. Named as "Pamukkale" (meaning Cotton Castle in Turkish) this place is astonishingly beautiful and unique in the world with its white travertines offering marvelous scenery.

The wide forests and numerous picnicking and camping areas here contribute to this natural and archaeological richness, while its position as a stopover between the major provinces like Izmir, Ankara and Antalya, increases the tourist attraction of Denizli. The thermal resorts also attract visitors to the province with their spring waters of therapeutic effects; Gemezli, Cezmeli, Tekke and Kizildere are the main spa resorts, besides the thermal centers of Pamukkale and Karahayit. Many thermal hotels are located in this area with local and foreign visitors all year around.

Participant Profile

9 Participants per Partner (8 Participants + 1 Group Leader)

- The gender balance of the group of participants is important
- Min level of English upper -intermediate
- Study or interested about the project topic



ACCOMMODATION

The project will be held at Halıcı Hotel in Pamukkale, Denizli.

Please see the venue here;

www.halichotel.com



Costs

Accommodation, travel, food will be covered within the program. Most importantly, travel costs will be reimbursed approximately after 3 months of the submission of all the original travel documents. Reimbursements will be done through bank transfer so as to assure the travel documents like boarding passes, bus, and train tickets.

Please keep your all boarding passes and tickets (bus, public bus, train, etc.) for reimbursement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not buy any tickets before consulting and confirming with Project Coordinator. The Coordinator will not take any responsibility for tickets bought without confirmation. Please ask for the Coordinator's approval before finalizing the purchase for your travel plans for this project.

Personal spending money

As a general rule, any cash machine that displays the Visa badge can be used by Plus cardholders and those displaying the MasterCard badge can be used by Cirrus cardholders. Recognised international credit cards and debit cards with a 4 digit PIN can also be used at shops.

Health/medical insurance/Visa

Please make sure you have adequate personal insurance (medical, travel/cancellation, personal possessions) for the duration of the event. There is no budget for insurance&Visa, so you should pay for your own.

Smoking/non-smoking arrangements

Turkey introduced a law to make all closed public places and workplaces not allowed to smoke.

The shops

The opening time for shops is around 8 am then the closing time is at 10 pm.

Electrical voltage

Turkey standard voltage is 220 V 50 hz, with 2 round pins plugs. You may wish to bring an adapter with you.

Emergency Number

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What Do You Need?

1. Casual Wears

- During the Project, you will be in a non-formal learning period. You will have ice breaker games, outdoor activities, and workshops. So you should have casual wears for your comfort.

2. Camera

- You will have many great moments, scene to make it immortal. We promise you!
And also some workshops that you should take photos.

3. Cultural Night Preparations

- A mixed, enjoyable, cultural night waiting for you! There will be there 5 different countries. That means 5 different cultures. So be ready to stock yourself with cultural elements.

- To contribute to this night and present your culture, you should make some preparations. Some cultural drinks and foods, prepare cultural music and dance and be ready to teach everybody your dance!

4. Presenting Materials of Your Organisation

- Also you will have an opportunity to promote your projects, campaigns, to build partnerships. So you can prepare some brochures, cards, posters or any materials about your organization.

5. Full Motivation and Energy

- This is very important. :)

