



## ÇANAKKALE KOZA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

**Dear Volunteers,**

Hi from Turkey. We are really excited to welcome you to Çanakkale. We are an energetic team and excited to meet and work with you as well. For a successful project, we thought that we should share more information with you about ourselves and project venue.

As you know the project will take action in Çanakkale/TURKEY. So it's better to share some information for you about Çanakkale below;

Çanakkale, a city and region of education, culture and history with past stretching back 5,000 years, has been nourished by the legacy of ancient cultural treasures such as The Illiad by Homer and has come to appreciate the enchanting historical sites within its boundaries and is now a significant tourism center.

The Gallipoli Historic National Park, where one of the most important events in Turkey's history and that of the First World War, the Gallipoli Campaign, took place; and two of the most important ancient centres in western Anatolia, Troy and Assos, which are of the indispensable value as historical and tourism sites, are all in the province of Çanakkale.

**Location:** Çanakkale is a province of Turkey, located in the northwestern part of the country. Çanakkale has lands in both Asia and Europe. The European part is formed by the Gallipoli (Gelibolu) peninsula on the northwest coast of Turkey, while the Asian part belongs to Anatolia.

**Area:** Çanakkale has a 9,933 km<sup>2</sup> area. The altitude is 2m within the boundaries of Çanakkale Province.

**Population:** According to the 2019 census the total number of people living within the boundaries of Çanakkale Province is 547.157.

**Climate:** The passage climate of Blacksea and Mediterranean climates is dominant in the city. The climate during the tourism season is mild and the temperature of the sea reaches maximum degrees during July and August. Daily temperatures in the season are 30 °C - 25° C









Çanakkale Koza Youth Association is an active, energetic youth organization in Çanakkale, which is located in the North-western part of Turkey. It was founded in February 2010 by a group of young people. The target group of the organization is especially socially, economically disadvantaged young people aged between 15-30.

Our main working areas are cultural, social, sportive activities and courses. We are also working on youth policies and human rights education with young people by organizing workshops, training courses and other social activities.

Besides, we as Çanakkale Koza Youth Association not also take part in national-international projects and trainings but also arranges for development of project ideas addressing social, educational, environmental, and economic changes. We are collaborating with Çanakkale Municipality, Çanakkale 18 Mart University, City Council, High Schools and other organizations to reach youngsters and to improve our studies.

#### **Our main objectives are;**

- To help young people (especially aged from 17 to 25) to join social life in Çanakkale.
  - To support the personal, social, and cultural development of young people.
  - To raise awareness of the community on social and environmental issues.
  - To make knowledge raising studies on youth rights and human rights with young people.
  - To enable young people from diverse backgrounds in producing together.
  - To develop solutions on youth problems and foster their participation to social and democratic life.
  - To make specific studies on the subjects concerning the youth of the city and country.
  - To foster young people's involvement in decision-making and managing of the city.
- Çanakkale Koza Youth Association provides the following activities to achieve above-mentioned objectives;
- Training courses for personal development of young people (Seminars, training courses and conferences)
  - Capacity building activities for University youth clubs and different youth groups
  - Art, Language and Cultural courses; such as ceramic, movie-reading, drama, painting, English speaking etc.
  - Youth festivals and workshops
  - Sportive activities; swimming, dance
  - Preparing summer and winter programs for children
  - Local and national networking among youth organizations. Etc.



## **Learning Opportunities**

Being a volunteer in our organization means being a part of our team. Volunteers are going to be fully integrated into the partnership, projects, activities, and people who work for it. We will give the volunteer options and we will adapt to their needs, interests, and hours of work, engaging in, once we have several areas to offer. The volunteer will always work within a team, accompanied by more people and never alone to carry out any activity, this means that we will be here all the time helping to the volunteer to learn new things and to develop his/her tasks.

Participation in our ESC project will help him/her to develop creative skills, language skills, and communicative skills.

Our organization has a wide range of activities for young people and us to the volunteers the opportunity to develop working on the activities already implemented or to propose new activities which they will organize them with the entire support of the organization.

They will develop communicational and promotional abilities, relational competencies, and predisposition to interact with the public. This because they will be actively involved in the promotion of the volunteering, formative, informative activities carried out by KOZA. Çanakkale Koza Genclik Dernegi is a contact point of Eurodesk, regarding this we are organizing lots of informational trainings and meetings for the local community in order to present the Eurodesk network and also Erasmus plus as a program. Volunteers will take part and have the responsibility of making the local community and local youngsters aware of our Organization's work, Erasmus + Programme, Eurodesk and other opportunities for youngsters by opening a stand and doing flash mobs or other activities in order to attract the local people and to make them curious about this European programs. This will be good for him/her to develop their presentational skills and chance to get in contact with the local people, to get more closely with the new culture, to learn something new for the Turkish culture and most of all chance to improve and learn Turkish language.

Our organization is having a project with the organization for people with disabilities. We are offering swimming courses for people with special needs. The volunteer will have a chance to work with our team on this project, to learn something new, and to feel the real value of volunteerism.

Working with disadvantaged children and helping them to socialize and to motivate these children to take an active part in the activities. As an example, the volunteers will be in charge to help in the preparation process for those kinds of workshops intended for immigrant children as Chess, Painting, Drama, Cinema, English etc.



Volunteers will not only take part in different projects they will attend also the studies in different fields of the association at the same time. Every day, they will attend daily meetings done by all the coordinators and mentors.

This is important for us because we consider that having a permanent contact is very important for integrating the volunteer and at the same time being involved and in all of the association work.

In addition, the volunteer will be in charge of organizing the free language clubs on their mother languages. These clubs are going to be intended the local people. This will be another opportunity for the volunteers to integrate with the local community and to learn and develop their Turkish and English language.

Whats more; the volunteers are going to learn about Turkish culture and history and especially history of Troia. They will prepare activities to raise awareness of Troia legend and share them in their hometown and social media; facebook, blog etc.

### **Practical Arrangements;**

Volunteers will be accommodated in a house, which will be close to the organization office, max. 10-15 minutes on foot. If there will be more than one volunteer, they will share a flat/house. They will use the bedroom, living room, kitchen, and bathroom together. Volunteers will have their food money so they will have a chance to cook their own food and learn how to cook Turkish meals. They will receive their pocket money at the beginning of the week (in their first workday of the week). Some activities would be a little far from the city center; in that case, they will have bus tickets or other transportation opportunities.

The volunteers will have at least 2 hours Turkish lessons per week provided by a professional teacher and at the same time, they will have the opportunity to improve their language with the permanent contact with Turkish people.

According to ESC rules, volunteers will have 2 days off per week and 2 extra days off for a month.



## Project Summary

The aim of the Nature Protectors project is to promote the exchange of cultural and ethical experiences of young people from different countries, giving them the opportunity to get acquainted with each other's lifestyles, differences, behaviours in their country, and public views. In this way, we aim to promote a clean, garbage-free environment by giving residents a responsible attitude towards their environment.

The program will be implemented in three stages.

In the first part of the program, it is planned to select the places of Çanakkale city, where there is relatively much traffic during the day (forests, parks, beaches), and until noon the accumulation of garbage is visible. It is planned to clean those areas by volunteers. Crowded areas will be chosen, as the core idea of the program is that by clearing the area, they also involve local residents, which will allow residents to gain a sense of responsibility for their surroundings, they will begin to take more care of their area. This, in turn, is a good opportunity for the volunteers to get acquainted with the locals, to learn the peculiarities of Turkish culture, to make good friends. It is planned to sort the garbage during the cleaning of the area.

As it is not enough to instil in the resident the habit of keeping the surrounding area clean, only by cleaning and becoming an example for them, in the second part of the program it is planned to conduct trainings about the protection and preservation of the environment. This will give the opportunity to inform the residents about the importance of cleaning the area around them, about the harmful consequences of violating and polluting them. After that, it is planned to carry out interesting flash mobs, which will be thought out and planned by volunteers.

Being one of the historical territories of Turkey, Çanakkale has a unique color that represents history, so in the third part of the program, it is planned to separate the materials with which it is possible to create certain works of art. It is mainly planned to work with plastic and metal bottles and corks. The work of art must be in harmony with the city. In this part it is planned to involve people from the field of art, with whom beautiful works of art will be created (statues, mosaics, etc.). After the completion of the work, it will be placed in a public place by the decision of the municipality.



Volunteers will contribute to the involvement of the community in the work of their area through solidarity cooperation and mutual understanding. This will give the opportunity to the volunteers and the locals to get acquainted, to respect the culture and traditions of the other person, carrying the idea of responsibility and mutual support. This is our main idea, which stems from the goals and principles of the European Solidarity Corps.

**We are looking for:**

- youngsters between the age of 18 to 30
- able to at least communicate in English
- interested in youth politics, environment, art & culture and youth information
- open minded, creative, self-reliant, and responsible
- motivated to work with disadvantaged groups (children, disabilities and young people)
- ready to travel and participate in outdoor activities

**FOR SELECTION: Extra points**

Good at;

- Using Adobe Premiere, Photoshop, CorelDraw,
- Photo and video shooting
- Preparing brochures,
- Webpage design,



**Koza Social Media:**



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