

GÜÇ KOŞULLARDAKİ BİREYLER FEDERASYONU



“We are located in a deprived area of Ankara and we promote recreational, sportive and non-formal educational activities as a way to achieve social integration for the children growing up in poverty and disadvantage. Our aim is to fight against prejudices that lead to social exclusion and help the local youth community to have access to the same opportunities and rights of any other child. Moreover, we intend to provide the local youth community with alternatives to deviant behaviours and help them to improve their academic performances and complete their education. ”

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European Voluntary Service (EVS)

We have been receiving volunteers from all over Europe for more than 10 years and we truly believe that the EVS benefits everyone involved in it directly or indirectly.

The volunteers have the opportunity to learn about the Turkish culture, heritage and society, while they gain knowledge and understanding about the values and traditions of the national minorities. Additionally, by working within an international group of volunteers, they can learn more about other European societies and cultures. The EVS allows the volunteers to gain new competences and skills that later on will have a positive impact in their academic and/or professional life.

The local community also learns about other cultures, customs and societies and we assure that everyone is excited to meet with foreign young people. In some cases, the volunteers become role models for the youth community and inspire them to get further in life.

Finally, we would like to thank all the former volunteers, current volunteers and the ones who will arrive for all the time and dedication given to our community. As Helen Keller once stated “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”.



What have we been doing? Muay Thai Classes!



"THE SECRET OF
CHANGE IS TO FOCUS
ALL OF YOUR ENERGY,
NOT ON FIGHTING THE
OLD, BUT ON BUILDING
THE NEW."

— SOCRATES



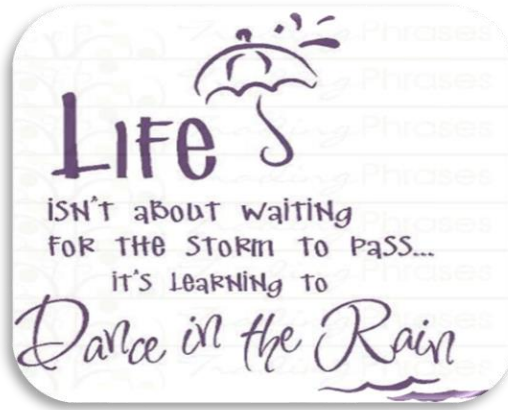
What have we been doing? Capoeira Classes!



**Capoeira - a Brazilian martial art -
combines elements of dance,
acrobatics and music!**



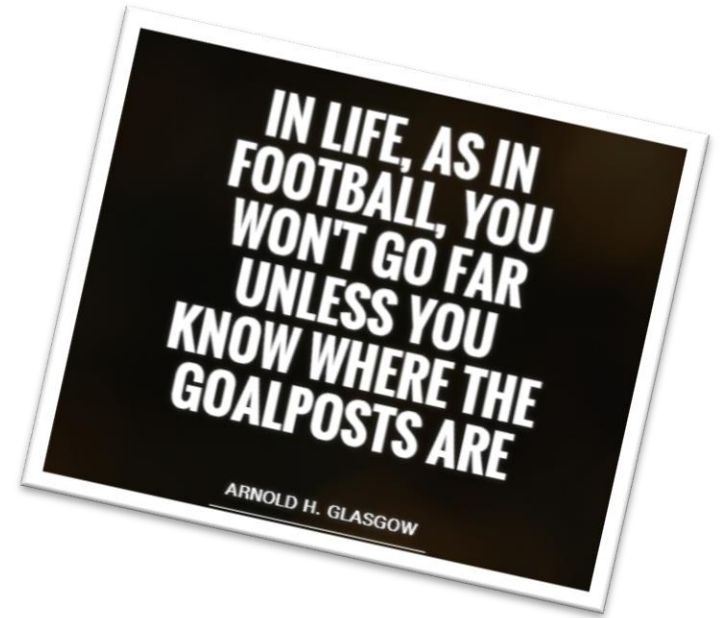
What have we been doing? Dance Classes!



What have we been doing? Basketball Classes!



What have we been doing? Football Classes!



What have we been doing? Volleyball Classes!



EUROPEAN
YOUTH

What have we been doing? Chess Classes!

If you're not big
enough to lose, you're
not big enough to win.

-Walter Reuther



We learn little from victory,
much from defeat.

- Japanese Proverb



What have we been doing? Art Classes!



I BEGIN WITH AN
IDEA, AND THEN
IT BECOMES
SOMETHING ELSE.

PABLO PICASSO



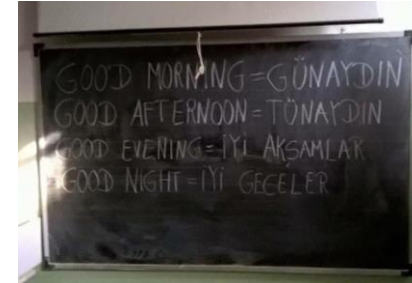
Mr. Murat Berksun is our
best artist!



What have we been doing? DIY Jewelry Classes!



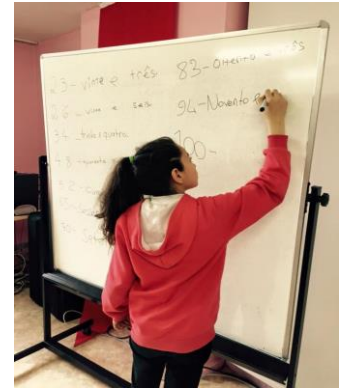
What have we been doing? English Classes!



What have we been doing? English Classes at the Kindergarten!



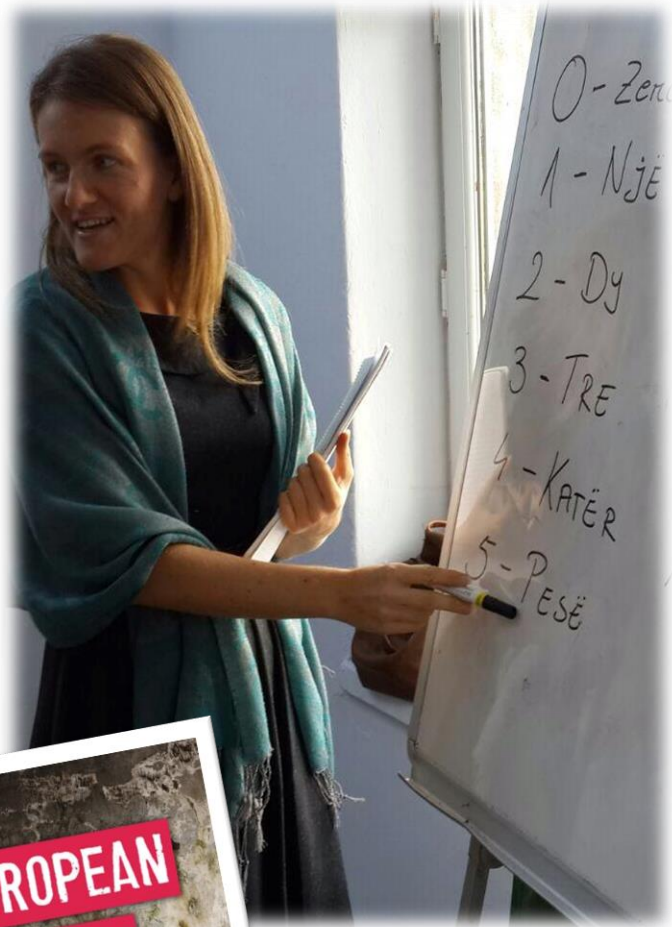
What have we been doing? Portuguese Classes!



"To have
another
language is
to possess a
second soul."
-Charlemagne



What have we been doing? Albanian Classes!



“JUST LEARNING TO THINK IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE ALLOWS YOU TO SEE YOUR OWN CULTURE IN A BETTER VIEWPOINT.”



What have we been doing? Helping with homework!



The secret
to getting
ahead is
getting
started



What have we been doing? Birthday parties!



**BIRTHDAY
CAKE
CALORIES
DON'T
COUNT.**



What have we been doing? Picnics!



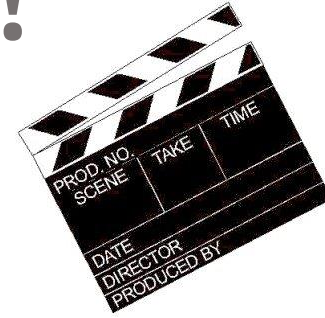
What have we been doing? Going to competitions!

IF YOU CONTINUOUSLY
COMPETE WITH OTHERS,
YOU BECOME BITTER, BUT
IF YOU CONTINUOUSLY
COMPETE WITH YOURSELF,
YOU BECOME BETTER.

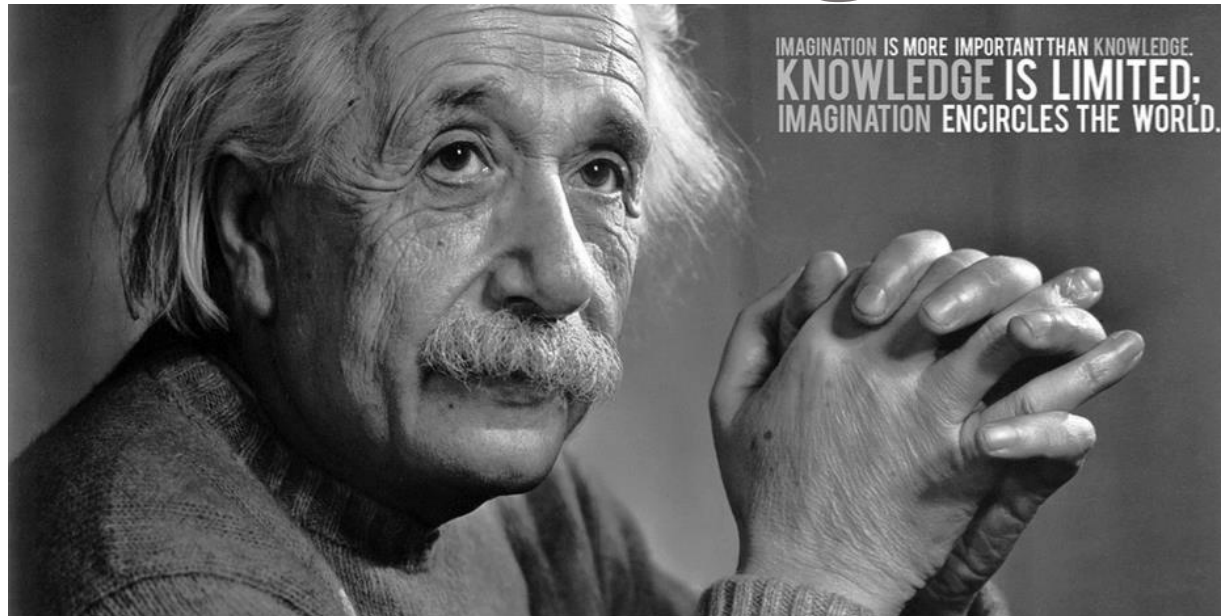
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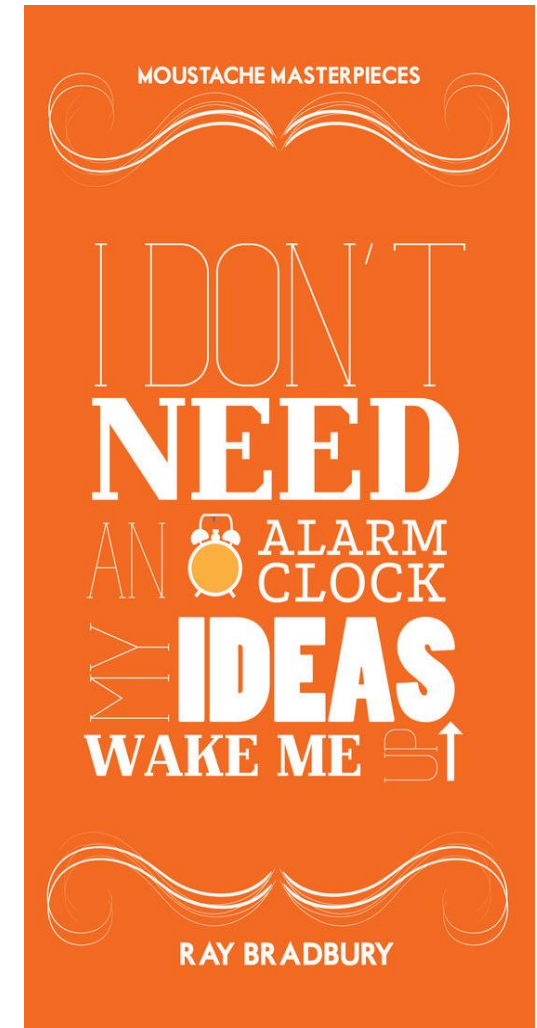
What have we been doing? Going to cinema and theater!



What are we looking for?



We are looking for volunteers with new and creative ideas!



What will you do?



Develop your own activities!



What will you do? Attend to trainings!



What will you do? Learn Turkish!

TÜRKÇE	İNGİLİZCE
evet	yes
hayır	no
merhaba	hello
hoşgeldiniz	welcome
iyi günler	have a nice day
günaydın	good morning
tünaydın	good afternoon
iyi akşamlar	good evening
iyi geceler	good night
nasılsınız?	how are you?
iyiyim	i am fine
teşekkürler	thank you
lütfen	please
afedersiniz	excuse me
özür dilerim	i am sorry



What will you do? Try the Turkish cuisine!



What will you do?

Try the Turkish drinks!



What will you do? Travel!



Traveling - it leaves you
speechless, then turns you into a
storyteller.
Ibn Battuta



What are you waiting for?



**"ALONE WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE
CAN DO SO MUCH."
- Helen Keller**

**WE MAKE A LIVING
BY WHAT WE GET.
WE MAKE A LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.
-WINSTON CHURCHILL**

Get your baggage ready!



Do you still have questions?



Is Turkey a safe destination?

Unfortunately, not only Turkey, but other countries in Europe have been target by terrorist groups and suffered attacks. The Turkish Authorities have successfully disrupted many attack plans and all the necessary procedures have been taken to increase security. In this context, Ankara, as any European Capital, is a safe destination.



How is the selection process? Which criteria is considered?

The selection is based on your CV and mainly on your motivation letter (in some cases we may conduct an interview). We do not select based on a particular education and/or professional background. We give the same opportunities to all young people, so it is your motivation and ideas that count.



When do I know if I was selected for the project?

Every selection process has different deadlines. Please contact your sending organization for further details.



Do you still have questions?



What will I do?

When you arrive, you will start by attending Turkish lessons and participating in the activities developed by other EVS volunteers and local staff. We are aware that you need some time to get used to the city and to the local community, so you will not undertake any responsibility by your own. After the adaptation period, you will have your own activities and you can start something new and/or repeat the same initiatives at a different place, as we collaborate with different organizations and work with different group ages.



What about my weekly schedule?

You will work a maximum of 38 hours per week. You will attend Turkish lessons 3 days per week during the morning. The activities for the children start at 9.30 a.m. and finish at 5.00 p.m. Usually, every class has a duration of 40 minutes and there is a break time of 10 minutes between classes. The Turkish lessons are included in your schedule, as well as the time to study the language and to prepare your activities. Additionally, we may ask you to accompany the children to recreational and sportive events in the city or out. If you agree, your days off and schedule will be rearranged.



Do you still have questions?

? What about free days and vacation?

You are entitled with two consecutive free days per week and two days of holiday per month. You need to notice in advance your coordinator when you want to take your holidays. During your vacation and free days, you may leave the country, but we recommend you to notice us about your destination.

? How much money will I receive per month?

The volunteers are at this moment receiving 600 TRY per month, which covers the money for food, transportation and the monthly allowance stipulated for volunteers in Turkey (85€). Nevertheless, that is a floating amount, since it is adjusted to the exchange rate.

? Is the monthly payment enough?

The monthly payment is enough for healthy eating, local transportation and it includes pocket money, but it is your responsibility to manage it. Therefore, depending on your lifestyle and expenditures, you may be able to save money or be broken after one day.

? Will I still be entitled to the monthly payment during my vacation?

Yes.



Do you still have questions?

? Who will apply for the visa?

You are responsible to apply for the visa, but we will support you during the process and provide the required documents.

? Will I pay for the visa?

You will pay for the visa in advance, but we will reimburse you when you arrive upon presentation of the invoice.

? What about the resident permit?

After your arrival, we will be responsible for all the procedures and costs related with the resident permit.

? Will I pay for the tickets?

No. We cover the transportation expenses of the round trip, but you are obligated to provide the boarding passes.

? Will someone pick me when I arrive?

Yes.

? What about insurance?

You are covered by the EVS group insurance plan during all your service. For further information, please check the website of MSH International: www.msh-intl.com/global.



Do you still have questions?

? What about the accommodation?

We have currently two houses for the volunteers. The houses are fully furnished and equipped and there is unlimited internet access. You will have your own room and there are bed lines and towels.

? Who pays for the accommodation?

We are responsible for paying all the expenses related with the house including repairs. Moreover, we cover the bottled water, all detergents, napkins, kitchen rolls and cleaning utensils. If we are not notified in advance that a specific good is finished, it may happen that the volunteers pay for the items and they are reimbursed as soon as they provide the respective invoices. The volunteers are responsible to pay for any expense that results from damages given on purpose or unnecessary usage.

? Can I invite my friends to the house?

Yes. You can invite your friends and they are allowed to sleep, if it is a sporadic situation. If your friends are going to stay for more than one night, you need to get permission from your coordinator. Moreover, the neighbors have to be respected, so you need to be extra carefully by not making noise at inappropriate hours, not accumulating garbage in front of the door and not throwing cigarette butts to their balconies. If you want to organize a party, you need to ask for permission directly to Mr. Murat Berksun. Finally, couch surfing is absolutely forbidden.

Can I invite my family and friends to stay for a few days?

Yes, upon permission from your coordinator.



Do you still have questions?



If you still have questions please contact us via e-mail:
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If you want to learn more EVS check the website:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/action2_en.php





“My EVS in Turkey has been amazing. Turkey is a great country with hospitable people all around. I had the chance to work with children, experience the local life and see the beauty of this land. After almost one year, I can say that it was a good decision to try EVS. I've met a lot of people that changed my life, I tried many awesome meals and saw places that I will remember for the rest of my life.”

Rastislav Rasta Szász

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