

Dear Candidate,

We are actively looking for motivated ESC volunteers from Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, and Poland. You can find comprehensive information about our NGO, our various projects, and the city of İzmir below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email. Our contact details are provided at the end of this information.

ABOUT EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

The European Solidarity Corps is a funding programme of the European Union that creates opportunities for young people to volunteer and run their own solidarity projects that benefit communities around Europe.

European Solidarity Corps participants embrace the values of solidarity, respect for human dignity and human rights, and believe in the promotion of a fair and equal society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality prevail.

For more details about the program, you can visit the following website:

https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/faq_en

ABOUT PI YOUTH ASSOCIATION (HOSTING ORGANIZATION)

Pi Youth Association (PIYA) was established in 2014 to enable young people in Turkey to develop knowledge, skills, positive attitudes, and behaviours. PIYA implements the decisions of the European Union, the Council of Europe, and the United Nations in youth. We also maintain our activities by considering universal sensitivities, global principles, and principles in human rights, participation, and environmental issues.

Our working topics are:

- 1) Combating the Climate Crisis and Sustainability,
- 2) Youth Rights, Issues and Participation of Youth,
- 3) Healthy Life for Youth and Youth Workers,
- 4) Empowering Youth and Youth Workers,
- 5) Dissemination of Volunteering Awareness among Youth,
- 6) Capacity Building of Civil Society (only for youth organisations)

Pi Youth Association's target group contains all individuals and youth workers between the ages of 15-30 living in Turkey. From the target group, women, refugees, and disabled people have priority. In addition to carrying out activities to support young people's personal development, PIYA also works on youth rights to solve the problems experienced by young people in our country. We determine our medium and long-term strategies according to the European Youth Strategy Document and the current youth situation in our country. Since 2016, Pi Youth Association has published its annual activities and balance sheets on its website by the principles of transparency and accountability. Moreover, PIYA is also a signatory of the donor rights declaration.

Pi Youth Association's office team consists of 11 people including 8 professional employees and 3 part-time employees. There is also a volunteer team of local youth, with more than 100 active young people (15-30 years old) called, "Pixel Team". Pixel Team voluntarily supports all projects and activities of the Association. It consists of young people who regularly participate in the Association's activities and training in the Association's culture.

Pi Youth Association is also a member of many national and international networks. For instance, in national level, we are one of the founders of Youth Works Network in Turkey. Besides, in international level, we are members of 3EforYouth, AMSED Member Network, Anna Lindh Foundation Euromed, European Youth Foundation, DYPALL, IG Network, LOOM (Intercultural Learning Network), Prisma European Network and Youth and Environment Europe (YEE). As we are a non-profit organisation, we have collaborations with Google for Non-profits, Microsoft for Non-profits, TechSoup Turkey to develop the infrastructure of our association. Finally, we are also a signatory of the UN Global Compact.

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Our Office Location	: https://goo.gl/maps/gPD86jhNQgR2
Volunteering here	: https://www.facebook.com/pigenclikdernegi/videos/1500868363388839/
Volunteer Testimonials	: https://www.pigenclikdernegi.org/en/category/incoming/

ABOUT PROJECT

Our association's activities are carried out in three different categories, being in local, national, and international levels. Our local works are for the empowerment and support of the youth living in İzmir. Nearly 1,000,000 young people between the ages of 15-29 live in İzmir and the total population of the city is 4.5 million.

As Pi Youth Association, we organize trainings, workshops, and seminars for young people, especially the disadvantaged ones, in 10 different parts(districts) of İzmir. Moreover, we try to provide opportunities for their personal development, healthy living skills, and inclusion in social life.

The volunteer can help us with 2 different fields (depending on his/her ability and willingness):

1-Organizing activities for the local youth; Volunteers will organize indoor/outdoor local activities (Trainings, workshops, language conversation clubs etc.) depends on his/her abilities at our organisation office, municipalities' youth centers and primary/high schools at the city center and rural areas of Izmir.

2-Taking part at the office team; The volunteer will support ESC/Erasmus+ departments of our office team. (Helping coordinate Erasmus+ and ESC programmes). Promoting Erasmus+ and ESC in local partners and youth centers.

Apart from the exemplary activities mentioned above, we are also open to new training ideas, new workshops, and other suggestions for local youth. You can also mention these suggestions in your application (in your motivation letter) if you wish.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VOLUNTEERS

- Carrying out the project duties as described in the project description.
- Writing blogs about their activities for our website.
- Organizing cultural events about his/her country in local municipalities and youth centers.
- Participate in Turkish language trainings prepared for him/her.

If you have those skills, you can also apply for this project as well.

- Taking professional videos for our activities, and video editing for dissemination.
- Preparing a short movie or video to disseminate our local activities.
- Taking photos from our activities and prepare English bulletin for dissemination.

PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER

- Between the ages of 18 and 30
- Good knowledge on Microsoft Office programs and internet skills
- Strong communication skill
- Not the problem-oriented, the solution-minded think
- Able to communicate in English.
- Tend to teamwork.
- Open to work with young people in different religions and cultures
- Responsible for completing the work properly and on time.
- Not requesting luxury requirements on the working area and accommodation (Cleanliness and safety are important for us)
- Creative and open-minded
- Experienced or interested / enthusiastic volunteers on youth work.

BUDGET

The volunteers will receive:

- International Travel cost (For both ways)
- Monthly food money
- Monthly pocket money
- Local transportation money

Also hosting organization will support to volunteers for accommodation, costs of volunteer room, visa and residence permit. The hosting organization has volunteer flats and when you are accepted to be participant in this project you have to stay there. Please don't forget to learn accommodation details from hosting organization.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The volunteers' local transport costs from house to project place will be covered by the project budget. There is 24-hour local transportation from the volunteers' home to the city center.

ACCOMMODATION

Our organisation, Pi Youth Association, will oversee all logistical matters. You will be accommodated in a flat with 4 - 5 other ESC volunteers. You will have a shared bedroom with one other ESC volunteer and share the kitchen, bathroom, and other spaces in the flat with other volunteers. The flats are fully equipped, including Wi-Fi.

INSURANCE

There will be comprehensive health insurance for volunteers from the start date to the end of the project. The volunteer will not pay any fees for this insurance. Insurance costs are covered by the project under the program.

TRAVEL

The host and sending organization will provide information about the best alternatives for volunteer access to the project and volunteers can make the trip plan themselves. The travel expenses of the volunteer will be covered by the project. You should keep invoice and boarding passes to get reimbursed.

CERTIFICATE

The volunteers will receive a Youthpass certificate issued within the scope of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) program at the end of the project and an attendance document to be arranged by our association. In addition, a reference letter will be given to the volunteers describing the work and success of the association at the end of the project by the board of directors.

You can visit this website for more information about Youthpass; <https://www.youthpass.eu>

LANGUAGE SUPPORT AND MENTOR

According to ESC programme volunteers should receive Turkish Lessons. If it is possible as Pi Youth Association, we provide 2 hours of Turkish language course per week to volunteer. These lessons will be given by our local volunteers or language courses. In case EU Academy's lessons seen sufficient then we might not provide physical Turkish lessons. In addition, personal counselling support will be provided to the volunteers throughout their stay in Turkey. In our association, we've established a dedicated mentorship team to support our volunteers as they adapt to living in our country, becoming part of the community, and settling into their regions. This team includes both social mentors, who provide personal guidance and support, and activity mentors, who assist volunteers during their activities. Activity mentors help with organizing venues, facilitating communication between participants and staff at hosting locations, and ensuring activities run smoothly. Additionally, volunteers can also seek assistance from local project managers and local volunteers, ensuring they have all the support they need throughout their experience.

LIST OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

During their volunteering journey, our volunteers will benefit from various activities that will help them develop both professional and personal skills. Each year, we host ESC volunteers from different countries, including France, Germany, and Poland, creating an international environment for work and social life.

International Opportunities

EU Programs and Beyond: Pi Youth Association holds a Quality Label for ESC Humanitarian Aid, enabling us to send volunteers to different continents such as Africa, Asia, and South America. We are one of the most active youth organizations in Erasmus+ projects, including Youth Exchanges and Training Courses. We also support young entrepreneurship through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE) program, offering exchange opportunities abroad to help young people develop entrepreneurial skills.

Personal Development

Training Workshops: We organize various training sessions and workshops for our ESC volunteers, focusing on teamwork, leadership, emotion management, and more.

Motivational Events: Alongside local volunteers, we organize activities such as picnics, movie nights, bowling, and cultural trips around the country.

Personal Projects

Volunteer-Led Initiatives: We encourage and guide our ESC volunteers to create and run their own workshops or activities. Past projects have included health and nutrition training, pottery, and literature workshops.



TIME SCHEDULE AND PROJECT ENVIRONMENT

Volunteers will be working hours do not exceed 35 hours a week in our association or other youth centers which we have cooperation with. The volunteers are permitted 2 days a week Sunday and Mondays (Might be change depends on the volunteers' schedule). The volunteers' working place can be at our office and/or our local partners' facilities between specified hours in other days. Our activities like youth exchanges and national meetings take place at the hotel or in youth camps. Therefore, volunteers can work in those places in some changing days. The volunteers will have 2 more free days in a month with weekly holiday. Total, they have 24 free days (for example, if their project 12 months) in a year. Without weekly holiday, these free days will be organized with volunteer and hosting organisation for deciding the dates and the duration at least 1 month before.

ABOUT İZMİR (OUR CITY)

İzmir is a live and cosmopolite city. It is one of the safest cities in Turkey for people who traveling alone. You can enjoy day and night life then you can go back to your home using 7/24 public transportation. As a means of public transportation, you can reach different parts of the city by bus, metro, light rail system (İzban) and ferry.

You can visit this website to see transportation map of İzmir: <https://www.izmir.bel.tr/tr/ulasim-haritalari-/507/2168>

You can watch : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_4polOWmZU

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

EU citizens can travel to Türkiye using their valid passports and stay for up to three months without needing to apply for a visa in advance. Once they arrive in Izmir, we can assist with applying for a "work permit exemption," which is a straightforward online process.

For more detailed information, please visit the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website: <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

DURATION

The duration of the project within the scope of the activities will be 10-12 months. Project starts from **01st September 2025**.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can send your English CV and motivation letter to us that you are in contact **until 31st of March 2025**. to apply for our project. If you have photography, short-movie, or video arrangement which you doing as hobby or as professional, you can add on applications.

For more details and application, please contact us with apply@pigenclikdernegi.org