



Gaziantep Training & Youth Association

**European Solidarity Corps
Volunteering Project**

PROJECT INFOPACK

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Dear Participant

We are looking forward to meeting you at GEGED! We hope that this booklet contributes to increasing your understanding of our ESC voluntary vacancy, and it will give you useful information about our association and the environment we offer you.

In this infopack, you will find information about us, our activities, the city, environment, transportation, accommodation and a lot of useful information.

To understand our projects and your ESC progress, read this booklet carefully.

As an organisation, we wish you to have an effective learning process.



GEGED (Gaziantep Eğitim ve Gençlik Derneği)

English (Gaziantep Training and Youth Association)

OID Number E10014600

Gaziantep Eğitim ve Gençlik Derneği (GEGED) was established in 2007 in Gaziantep city by a couple of teachers and local volunteers who had done EVS before. Soon after the application for accreditation for hosting and sending volunteers. Since 2007, GEGED has hosted about 2000 volunteers and sent over 1000 Turkish volunteers to International Voluntary and exchange projects.

GEGED is a volunteer centre. It is a well-known and trusted non-governmental organisation. In our voluntary network, there are youth centres, schools, refugee support centres, non-formal education centres, an autism centre, daily care centres for orphans, sports places, municipality centres and other public spots. Our mission is to create a strong youth with key competences and new skills, knowledge and competencies in social life and help the peace of the World among young people from different cultures, backgrounds, ethnics and races. We also promote youth works and voluntary work to show people that there are many things to do together which can't be left undone, and they need free willingness.



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ESC Volunteering Project

The Project

We offer short and long-term ESC voluntary projects. We regularly host about 25 volunteers in two months. In our project, we are aiming to promote the active participation of our volunteers. Our activities are:

- To participate in youth campaigns and workshops about human rights, environment, climate change, social cohesion, intercultural dialogue, digital competences, life quality and Erasmus+ with European Solidarity Corps Opportunities for youth.
- To join and participate the non-formal education activities with kids and youth
- To implement social awareness video campaigns.
- To motivate and educate disadvantaged kids/youth, moreover people with disabilities
- The English workshops with local youth
- To attend Turkish language basic courses given by local volunteers
- Organise intercultural evenings
- Volunteers have a chance for open space and might contribute their own ideas and workshops
- Outdoor environmental campaigns, planting trees, and cleaning the forest

How to apply in project?

If you want to apply into project you need to follow steps below;

1. First of all register and create an ESC PRN Number. You can reach the website by tapping or clicking on Square Number 1 below the page.
2. Find a sending/supporting organization on this website from your country. You can reach the website by tapping or clicking on Square Number 2 below the page.
3. After you find your sending/supporting organization, we will have mailing between you, Sending/Supporting organization and Geged.
4. After confirming about dates and other issues, we will have a Zoom meeting to pre- pare you and answering your questions with details.
5. You are ready to depart!



Food & Pocket Money Allowance

We deliver food allowance to volunteers monthly in Turkish Lira. Volunteers are free to have a meal outside or do a shopping and cook at Geged kitchen. Pocket allowance is calculated on a daily basis of actual project duration. This amount will be 6 Euro per day. Please check your agreement regarding the financial issues.



Transportation

Most of our activities are within 15 minutes by walk. For those centers which are out of our neighborhood, we provide shuttle buses. Weekend trips might be participated by volunteers themselves with the support of mentors.



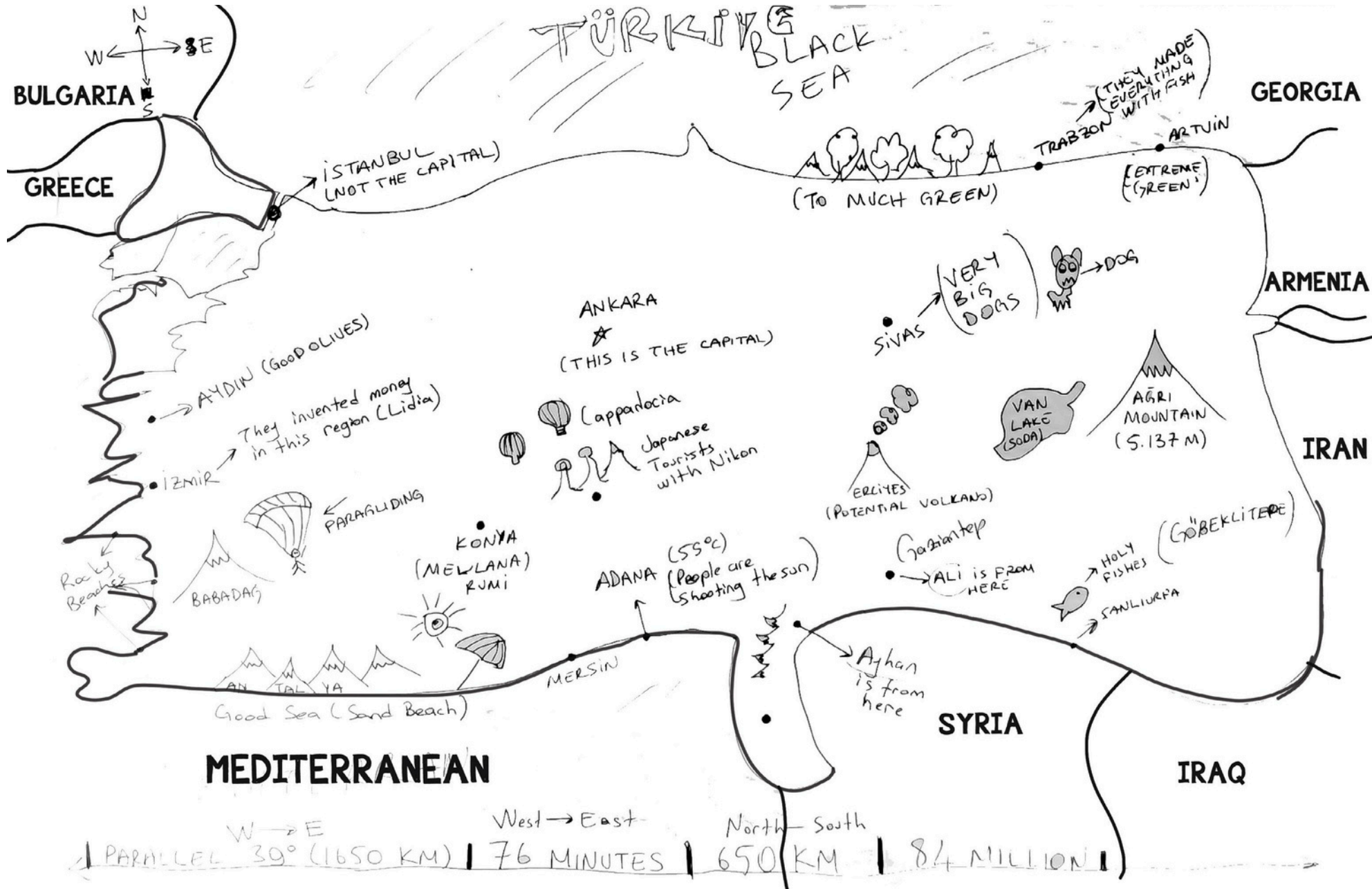
Insurance

Receiving organisation enrolls volunteers into HENNER insurance. In case of a health issue GEGED helps volunteers to find a hospital and with the coordination of the hospital's international insurance office, volunteers get the treatment by doctor. Emergency cases are covered by HENNER, but for private regular checks volunteers should pay their examination costs and medicine costs. We advise volunteers to keep 100 - 150 Euro cash for any cases. Turkey is a non-EU country, so international insurance companies cover the costs after receiving the invoices of hospitals and pharmacies etc.

Make sure that your insurance has been enrolled before travel by your hosting organisation.



Türkiye



Gaziantep

Gaziantep, the sixth city of Turkey and the largest city of the Southeastern Anatolia Region, It is a metropolitan city with its population, economic potential, cultural richness, historical texture and metropolitan status. One of the cities that connects Anatolia to Mediterranean and Mesopotamia has hosted dozens of civilisations, has a geopolitical location and has a strong historical background blended with the culture of civilisations. The city covers approximately %1 of Turkey's land with an area of 6819 km².

Gaziantep's population is 2.130.432 by the year of 2021. The population consists of 1,075,409 men and 1,055,023 women. As a percentage: %50,48 men, %49,52 women. Besides these numbers in Gaziantep, we are hosting 463.387 registered Syrian refugees.

Gaziantep exports products all over the world in many fields such as manufacturing, textile, food, metal machinery, carpet, chemistry, plastic and paper products as the biggest complex industry of Turkey.

One of the most important factors that makes Gaziantep a special city is the rich culture, which was formed over hundreds of years by the accumulation of different civilisations living in the region. Thus, Gaziantep has an important role to become one of the leading cities by trade & factory, tourism, sport, art and historical heritage. The elements which are local accent, living, eating-drinking, local fashion, marriage ceremonies and the beliefs on various issues of the people, create the culture of Gaziantep

Although there are cuisines with country names, Gaziantep cuisine is the only kitchen named after the city because of its originality and diversity.

Gaziantep foods have an exclusive position between Turkish and World cuisines with the variety of materials used, different cooking techniques and the effect of the civilisations in the region. All cooking techniques were used in Gaziantep foods, such as boiling, grilling, tray foods, saute, roasting, pot foods, and oven foods.

On 11.12.2015, Gaziantep entered the Creative Cities network list established with the participation of 116 cities in line and took its deserved place in the World Cuisine with the decision of the UNESCO executive board.

Gaziantep

100.Yıl Atatürk Kültür Park

The park, which is located in the city centre and built on a 3 million 500 thousand m² area, serves as the lung function of Gaziantep. The reason that makes the park most interesting is located 14 km-long green corridor. Inside this green area, there are a lot of thematic parks.

Kavaklık Sport Park

In the park area, there is sports equipment for kids, adults and disabled people. In total, there are 54 units of sports equipment. 31 units for adults, 11 units for disabled people, 12 units for kids. Besides this, there are 30 courts of wooden gymnastic equipment for the students who are training for a sports academy. Also, there are suitable areas for people who want to do gymnastics without equipment.

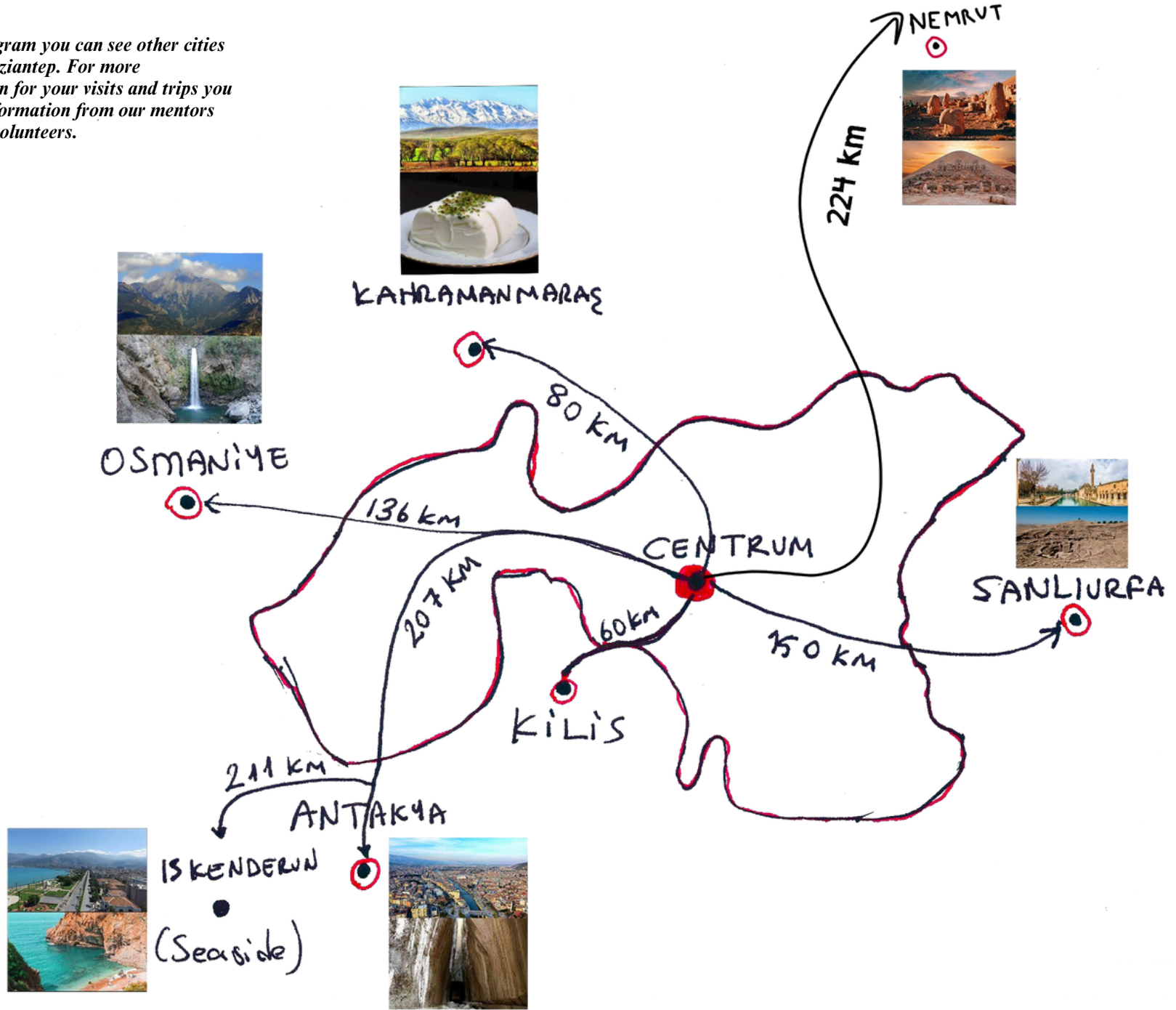
Museums

In Gaziantep, we have more than 25 museums, which are the toy museum, Atatürk memory museum, money museum, kitchen museum, mosaic museum, glass museum, war museum, etc., mostly located in the city centre.



What do we have around?

In this diagram you can see other cities around Gaziantep. For more information for your visits and trips you can get information from our mentors and local volunteers.



Travel To Gaziantep

Visa and Travel

No visa needed from these countries neither: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, European Union Schengen area, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Poland as well as the United Kingdom.

Take a look at the officials regarding the visa requirements:

In case you need a Visa, we recommend you to get a Turkish e-visa online.

You can apply for a visa through this website

Important: if you purchase a Visa, you have to bring us the receipt in order to refund you the visa cost.

Travel Budget

Travel budget will be calculated between the destination of the home country and the arrival country. You can check the limits table on the right side. Please confirm the project dates with our team members before booking your flight. After booking them, we need you to send us the e-ticket to know your exact arrival day and time.

Please use the distance calculator on the link to see your travel budget.

Distance (km)	Travel Budget (Euro)
100 to 499	211 Euro
500 to 1999	309 Euro
2000 to 2999	395 Euro
3000 to 3999	580 Euro
4000 to 7999	1188 Euro
More than 8000	1735 Euro



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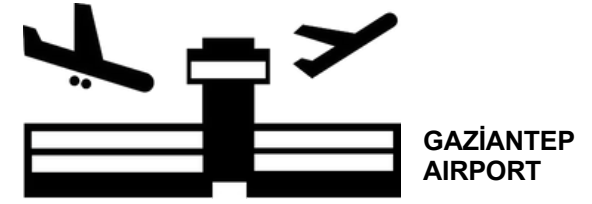
Reaching To Geged

You probably take a flight from Istanbul to get to Gaziantep Airport. We recommend you book a flight with at least 3-4 hours of layover because there may be delays in Istanbul or Sabiha Gökçen Airports. During this time, you can exchange some money for Turkish liras. You will need some of this amount to pay for the shuttle bus from Gaziantep Airport to the city centre. Your flight will take approximately 1h and 20 min from Istanbul.

Once you arrive at Gaziantep Airport, what to do?

Please find Havaş shuttle buses in front of the Arrival Terminal. Get into the bus. The driver takes about **4 euros in Turkish lira in cash**. You should change some Euros at the Istanbul or Sabiha Gokcen airports, because in the Gaziantep airport, there is no currency exchange office.

These shuttle buses arrive at the city centre, **KÜÇÜK SİGORTA/BALIKLI** office within 30 minutes. Show these station names to the driver. So please, when the bus leaves, call or send sms/WhatsApp to us. If your phone doesn't work, local people on the bus might help you to use their mobile phones or shuttle bus drivers as well. When you reach the station, we will pick you up from there.



30-35 Minutes



7-10 Minutes



Our Activities

Environment and Afforestation Activities



Earthquake Zone Container City Activities



Our Activities

University Young Office Conversation Clubs



Youth Centre Thematic Workshop Clubs



Our Activities

Primary School Activities



Our Activities

Interactive Workshops With Kids



Trainings For Volunteers

Social Awareness Campaign

In order to improve the digital competencies of our volunteers, we are implementing the Social Awareness Campaign Activity in 3 phases. Social Awareness Campaign includes;

1. Creating Story
2. Camera Shooting
3. Editing The Video



- Creativity Skills
- Technology Usage
- Group Work
- Time Management

Non Formal Education

Most of our activities has been implementing via Non-Formal Education Methods and it is necessary to teach volunteers basics of NFE. In this training our volunteers learning importance of NFE and designing their activities through it.



- Group Work
- Recognizing Target Group
- Theoretical Sessions
- Practical Implementation

Gamification Training

Our target groups are children, refugees and disadvantaged youth. The classical system of education is not useful all the time. In order to get these people involved more, we are designing our activities mostly with gamification methods. Our volunteers get training about gamification.



- Group Work
- Creativity Skills
- Practical Implementation
- Simplification

Erasmus+ & ESC Framework Awareness

Through this awareness meeting our volunteers are getting information about Erasmus+ & ESC Framework and being familiar about projects, system and opportunities. Our team shows and explains the system by non-formal education methods.



- Theoretical Information
- Practical Guidance
- Informations About Erasmus+

Partner's Responsibilities

- Giving the volunteer all information about the project and the hosting country in advance;
- The participant shall inform about any health problems or any dietary requirements in advance;
- Giving visibility to the project through the website, social networks, media, etc.
- Giving the organisations all the documents or information required, as the boarding passes, invoices or similar, for the final report of the project;
- Ensuring good communication between the parts involved in the project during all the duration of it;
- Overseeing the volunteers' activity and receiving any news about it.

Volunteers receive a YouthPass certificate at the end of their service. For more details, please see the link:



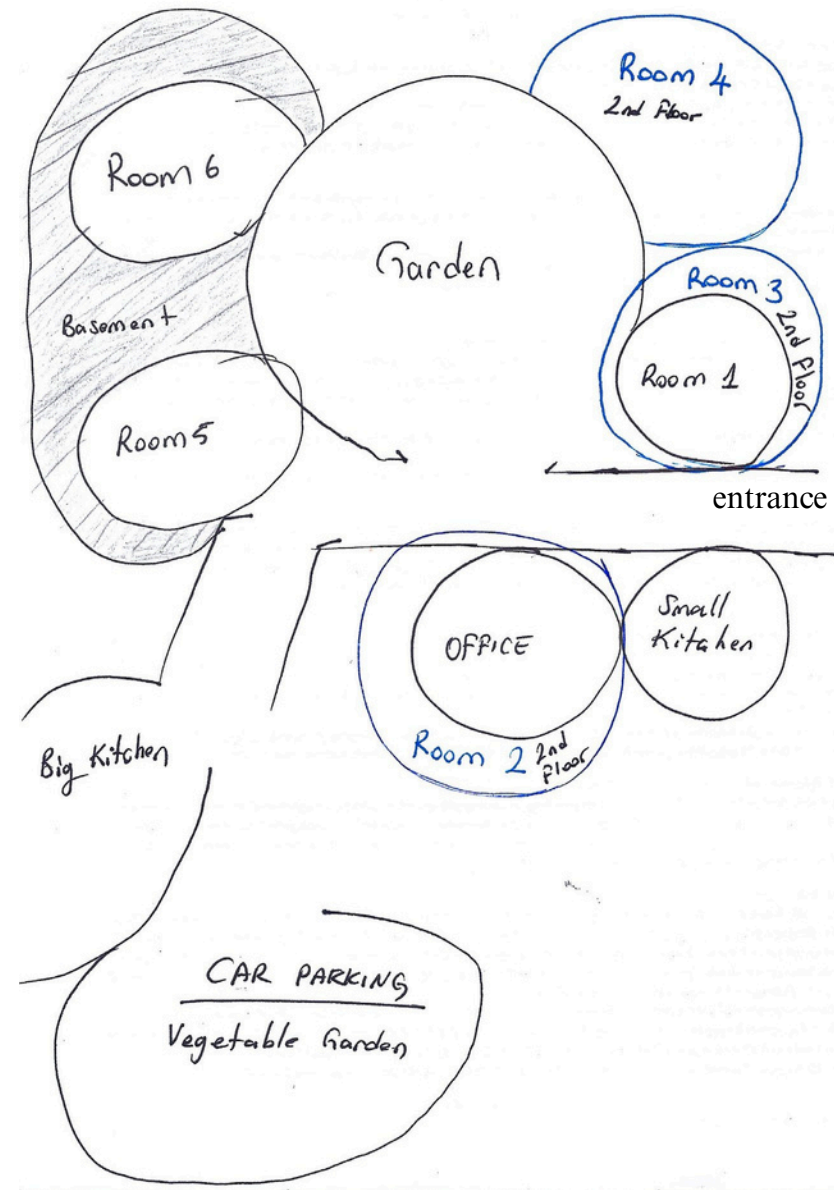
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Accommodation

Our facilities consist of a building with a basement, common gardens, 2 kitchens (one small and one big), bedrooms and living rooms, space for volunteers and winter period with a heating system in each room. The rooms are for volunteers with 3 to 6 beds, according to square meters.

Apart from the accommodation for volunteers, we have our GEGED NGO Office for all the administrative work. The rooms for volunteers are fully furnished with pillows, blankets, sheets, but please bring your hygienic stuff and a towel for your own usage. If you bring your own towel and bed sheets, it will be better for you.

Our location is in the city centre, so you can reach the most important daily spots by walking. All the volunteers are responsible for the clean up of the accommodation and all the facilities at all. We don't have a housekeeper here, we kindly ask volunteers to stay in a clean and cosy place, with full consciousness and respect for the local environment. We prepare the weekly clean-up schedule, and according to it, all of us have a clean-up responsibility.



In this diagram you can see our accomodation



Our Garden



Street of Geged



Our Garden



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Views from kitchen



Views from rooms

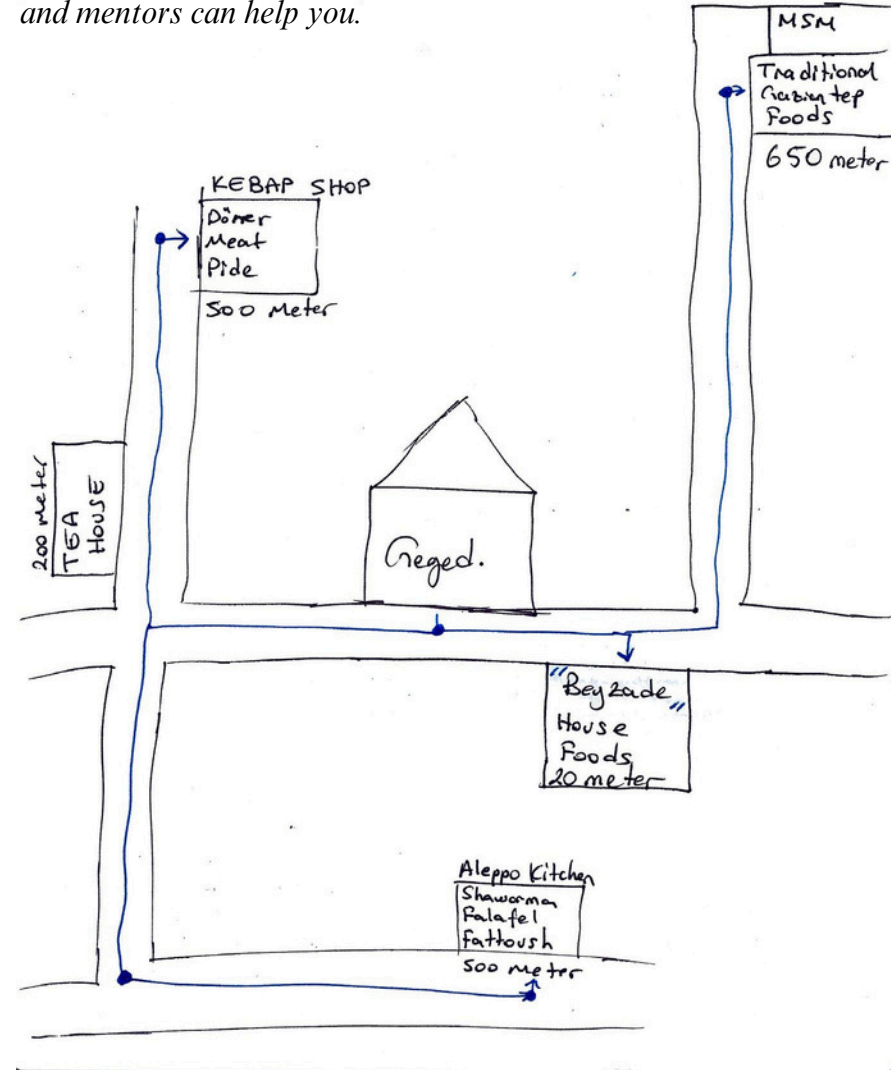
Food and Restaurants

Gaziantep cuisine has been recognised by UNESCO as a Gastronomy city. The origin of baklava is in this city. Also, because of Syrian migrants in the city, you can find many Syrian restaurants around. Despite this recognition and varieties, food can be spicy, oily and cause stomach problems for people who don't get used to it. To avoid this, volunteers have to be careful with the food they eat and can get help from local volunteers and mentors.

In our building, we have a filtering system, and one tap in our kitchen gives filtered water. Apart from this, volunteers should not drink tap water.

If you are a vegetarian, vegan or lactose tolerate, please inform us for the help of food translation, and we will be very happy to help you. In our kitchen, we have all the facilities for your own cooking.

In this diagram you can find food circles around our city, if you want to go restaurants our local volunteers and mentors can help you.



DO NOT FORGET!

HARD COPIES OF YOUR:

1. ACTIVITY AGREEMENT SIGNED BY YOUR SENDING ORGANIZATION.
2. HENNER INSURANCE
3. TICKET INVOICES, (AIRPLANE, BUS, TRAIN, SHIP WHATEVER USED TO REACH IN CITY) IT IS IMPORTANT TO REIMBURSE YOUR TICKETS.
IF THERE IS NO INVOICE, THERE IS NO REIMBURSEMENT.
4. COUNTRY FLAG
5. SOME SPESIFIC SNACKS, DRINKS FROM YOUR COUNTRY FOR INTERCULTURAL NIGHTS



As GEGED family, we would like to give you a good experience and learning process during your project.

If you are interested and want to learn more about our project, you can follow our works by tapping or clicking Facebook and Instagram logo in right bottom.

See you in GEGED!



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