ELN (KOZA)
November-December 2021 Newsletter

The Environmental Literacy Networking Project (KOZA) is a network established by Yuva Association and Kyoto Club which brings together non-governmental organizations, civil initiatives and local governments working in the field of environmental education in Turkey and the EU. In this context, we organize dissemination trainings, trainings of trainers, workshops for capacity building etc. You can visit our website for more information.

CHANGE IN THE ELN PROJECT TEAM

As of November 2021, Banu Binbaşaran joined our team as Education Programs Officer, and Bilinç Sezgin as Capacity Building Officer.

MEET UP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY

We met with ELN representatives for December 5, International Volunteers Day. We shared our individual volunteering stories and talked about volunteering circumstances in Turkey, the lack of legal framework and how we can improve this field. We promised to repeat those sorts of meetings in the near future and inspired each other sharing the reasons why we would never stop volunteering.

WE REACHED 110 PEOPLE IN THREE DISSEMINATION TRAININGS

We implemented two Climate Literacy Trainings on the 6th-7th November and 27th-28th November, and a Sustainability and Ecological Literacy Training on the 25th-26th November. Our trainers Melis Yılmaz and Gülşen Alıntıbilek supported us during those events.

WE CONTINUED ON OUR CAPACITY BUILDING STUDY SESSIONS

The second of the "Campaigning and Communication Workshop", the first of which was held in February 2021, was implemented on 9th-16th November with participants from Roots & Shoots Turkey, Social and Ecological Dialogues Development, Research and Monitoring Association, Green Circle Association, İzmir Buca and Bayraklı Municipalities and Natural Life Association.
OUR ANIMATION VIDEOS REACHED 120,000 PEOPLE DURING OUR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED ON THE 14TH OF DECEMBER

After a 6 months of preparation period, we launched our social media campaign. ELN network members contributed to the campaign both as the Advisory Board during the preparation of the video and as the working group that determined the dissemination strategy. You can watch the videos on Yuva Association’s or Kyoto Club’s social media accounts and share them with your own social networks.

ELN TRAINING OF TRAINERS (ToT)

At the last ToT of the year, we were together with 19 trainer candidates coming from 12 different ELN member organizations during 19th-23rd December. They came from different cities, backgrounds and professions, yet they all share the excitement of spreading environmental literacy. The five-day online workshops were as productive as they were intense. We welcome our new friends who have joined our trainers team and we are excited about the trainings we will implement together in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AGENDA

The file prepared by Ekosfer caught our attention recently. If you want to learn in detail how the climate crisis is handled in textbooks in Turkey, click here.

On the other hand, after the approval of the Paris Climate Agreement in the Turkish Parliament, Minister of National Education, Mahmut Özer announced that "The Environmental Education and Climate Change" course will be given more place in the curriculum. You can read the details of the news on the Climate News website. This news made us happy. We will be following it up.

Visual from ekosfer.org, translation: “Climate crisis everywhere but textbooks.”.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

We want to share monthly news from our members in this newsletter, to get to know each other and their work better, and to open doors for possible collaborations. If you want to be in this corner of the next newsletter, you can send us your news and images.