

Dear Candidate,

Pi Youth Association (Türkiye) is looking for new volunteers from **XXX**. You can find information about our NGO, projects, city and more below. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail. Our contact information is below:

## 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'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 Local Youth Organization Network (LYON) in Turkey. Besides, in international level, we are member of AMSED Member Network, Anna Lindh Foundation Euromed, European Youth Foundation, 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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<b>Name of Our NGO</b>	: Pi Youth Association (PIYA)
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<b>Facebook Page (ENG)</b>	: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/piyouthassociation">https://www.facebook.com/piyouthassociation</a>
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<b>Our Office Location</b>	: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/gPD86jhNQgR2">https://goo.gl/maps/gPD86jhNQgR2</a>

## 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 (depends 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 video for our activities, and video edit for dissemination.
- Preparing a short movie or video to dissemination 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 on 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, local transportation, costs of volunteer room, visa and residence permit, language course (Turkish). Hosting organization has a volunteer house and when you accept to be participant of this project you have to stay there. Please don't forget to learn accommodation details from hosting organization.



## DURATION

The duration of the project within the scope of the activities will be for 10-12 months. Project starts from **01<sup>st</sup> September 2024**.

## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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

## INSURANCE

There will be a 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 volunteer can make the trip plan themselves. The travel expenses of the volunteer will be covered by the project.

## 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 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. For this, a mentor staff was established in our association. Mentors will constantly support the volunteers in the process of adapting to our country, to the community, to the region to live. Apart from volunteer mentors, they can also get support from local project managers and local volunteers.



## TIME SCHEDULE AND PROJECT ENVIRONMENT

Volunteers will be working hours not exceed 35 hours a week in our association or other youth centers which we have cooperation. 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. You can find office photos belong organisation under this text.

## ABOUT İZMİR (OUR CITY)

You can watch : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_4polOWmZU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_4polOWmZU)

You can read : <http://www.visitizmir.org/en>

Our Office : <http://bit.ly/33jnDt9>

Volunteering here : <https://www.facebook.com/pigenclikdernegi/videos/1500868363388839/>

## HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can send your English CV and motivation letter to us that you are in contact **until 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2023** 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](mailto:apply@pigenclikdernegi.org)