



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION

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Public body: No

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WHAT DOES ICSNA DO?

ICSNA aims to develop social entrepreneurship and innovation in Turkey, especially in the fields of science, environment, education, youth, culture and arts, media, health, sports, technology and tourism, and to address the problems of individuals with disadvantages (people with disabilities, women, children and refugees, etc.) in the society.

It works to increase the awareness of volunteering and develop social responsibility skills of young people on aforementioned topics by solution-oriented and rights-based approach. It also aims to share and transfer good practices at national and international level through collaborations to create added value for employment, to carry out activities that will increase their participation in social life, to develop awareness of democratic citizenship and human rights, to establish local, regional, national and international partnerships related to these issues, to produce projects, to produce solutions by contributing to the realization of the projects produced, to participate in grant programs.

While realizing these aims, ICSNA never makes any discrimination based on language, religion, national or ethnic identity, class, political opinion or the like. It advocates and seeks to develop an egalitarian civil society culture based solely on development needs and fundamental human rights. It carries out its works with the vision of contributing to the formation and strengthening of civil initiatives at national and international level and building civil society in the world of the future through the "International Civil Society Network".

EXPERIENCES

ICSNA is a non-governmental organization established by 14 university students and their academic advisors. It has representative offices in different cities of Turkey under the leadership of university students.

ICSNA is a member of Network for the Rights of Children with Disabilities, Life Without Disability Platform, Turkish Assembly of People with Disabilities, Trabzon Disability Council, and National Volunteering Committee. It carries out awareness activities to increase the awareness of disadvantaged individuals in local, national and international networks and to employ them in non-governmental organizations. In this context, in 2019, ICSNA led "Digital Network for NGOs" Project, which was supported by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Interior General Directorate of Civil Society Relations, within the scope of Projects Support System (PRODES), that aimed to adapt local rights-based NGOs to digitalization processes and to increase their knowledge and skills about social media tools.



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In partnership with the Trabzon Governorship and the Trabzon Provincial Directorate of Civil Society Relations, we are carrying out the "Awareness Raising with the Cooperation of Non-Governmental Organizations" Project, which aims to increase the institutional capacities of 900 non-governmental organizations operating in Trabzon. During the planning, preparation, execution and reporting stages of the project, cooperation was made with young volunteers, and 2 young people who were experts in their fields were employed in the project.

Apart from these two projects, some projects have been realized with the own resources of the association.

With the "Transition to University" Project implemented as part of the ICSNA Preference Counseling module, in cooperation with 17 universities operating in Turkey and Cyprus, face-to-face and online preference counseling services were provided to students who will take the university entrance exam. With the "ALES Project" within the scope of the same module, our young volunteers supported visually impaired individuals who will take the Academic Staff and Graduate Education Entrance Exam(ALES).

In 2018-2020, with the "InovaTİM Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in High Schools" Project carried out in cooperation with the Turkish Exporters Assembly and the Ministry of National Education, awareness trainings were organized for students on basic robotics education, artificial intelligence, innovation, image processing. We were named the "National Winner" at the Entrepreneurship Promotion Awards (EEPA).

"European Union Grant Programs Project Cycle Management" training was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education Public Education Center Evening Art School Center Directorate in order to support the personal development of our association members. Public-NGO and Volunteer cooperation relations gained a strong momentum by inviting our young volunteers to the meetings held at regular intervals with local administrations and institution/organization managers.



KEY PEOPLE

BERKE YÜKSEL - CHAIRPERSON

- Berke is a graduate of Karadeniz Technical University, Department of Business Administration. He continues his academic career in Anadolu University Sociology Program and Istanbul University Occupational Health and Safety Program.
- He worked as Project Coordinator and Social Media Management Specialist in the 'Digital Network for NGOs Project'.
- He is also Trabzon/Çarşıbaşı District Coordinator in the 'School of the Future Project', which will support individuals to build their own futures.
- He is currently working in the Empowerment of the Network for the Rights of Children with Disabilities projects funded by EU.
- He has 13 national and international academic studies. In the fields of youth, disability, sustainable urbanization, measurement and evaluation, he received 10 awards, including 4 Local, 2 Regional, 2 National and 2 International.
- He has been taking an active role in civil society for more than 10 years.



GAYE GÜVEN - VICE CHAIRPERSON

- Gaye is a graduate of Amasya University, Department of English Language Teaching. She is also a Child Development student at Istanbul University.
- She has the ability to communicate with people from different cultures and to produce quick solutions to various organizational and potential problems.
- She is knowledgeable about national exchange programs such as Mevlana and Farabi.
- She received high-level training on entrepreneurship, public speaking, oratory and communication.
- She is always open to development and change. She produces content from social media.
- She has been taking professional and volunteer role in civil society for 8 years.



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CANSIN KUVVET - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UNIT DIRECTOR

- Cansin was graduated from Middle East Technical University Department of International Relations in 2016. Then she started master degree in the same university and department (METU - IR) and graduated in 2019. Her master thesis is about social and solidarity economy and development theories.
- Currently, she is a PhD student at Middle East Technical University Department of Political Science and Public Administration.
- During her university life, Cansin studied at the University of Siena and University for Foreigners of Siena in Italy. She also did an internship in a political party in Athens, Greece.
- Cansin is the project coordinator of a project funded by the European Union in her professional life. In her private life, she undertakes voluntary roles in different fields of civil society.
- She is experienced in areas such as project development, reporting, monitoring, budgeting, auditing and advocacy.



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