

## **Gülpembe Education Association**

Gülpembe Education Association is a non-governmental organization established in 2005 to support disadvantaged children, youth, and individuals with disabilities in the fields of education, social life, and personal development. The organization develops projects to ensure the full and effective participation of individuals with disabilities in society by organizing training, capacity-building activities, and awareness campaigns.

Our previous projects include **"Overcoming Barriers Through Communication" Training Camp** and **"Healing in Nature Camp,"** both of which provided comprehensive support to disabled individuals and their families. These projects have strengthened our expertise in working with individuals with disabilities and laid a strong foundation for establishing international collaborations.

**Project duration:** 12 Months

**Partners:** 2 partners from Europe

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### **Project Objectives**

This project aims to enhance the capacity of youth workers who work with individuals with disabilities in collaboration with two partner organizations from Europe. Through this initiative, youth workers, volunteers, and trainers will have the opportunity to improve their communication with disabled individuals, learn innovative educational approaches, and integrate best practices from Europe into their own work.

Additionally, the project seeks to strengthen international cooperation among stakeholders working with disabled youth and establish a sustainable network based on knowledge and experience sharing.

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### **Goals**

- Empower youth workers to develop innovative approaches when working with individuals with disabilities.
  - Examine successful models in Europe and adapt them for implementation in Turkey.
  - Increase the international cooperation capacities of stakeholders and enable them to develop joint projects.
  - Raise awareness about disabilities and promote inclusive education approaches.
  - Support the professional development of youth workers.
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## **Project Activities**

### **1. Kick-off Meeting (Project Launch Meeting)**

At the beginning of the project, Gülpembe Education Association, Etki Youth Association, and two partner organizations from Europe will gather for an initial meeting.

- The overall project structure, activity timeline, and expected outcomes will be determined.
  - The roles and responsibilities of each partner will be clearly defined.
  - A roadmap will be developed to guide the project implementation.
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### **2. First Study Visit (Study Visit 1)**

One of the project partners in Europe will host a study visit to share their experience working with individuals with disabilities.

- Observation of pedagogical approaches used by trainers working with disabled individuals.
  - In-depth examination of support programs and methodologies developed by the host organization.
  - Identification and documentation of innovative methods that can be adapted for implementation in Turkey.
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### **3. "Overcoming Barriers" Local Workshop**

This workshop will bring together youth workers, volunteers, and trainers working with disabled individuals to share best practices.

- Presentation of successful models and best practices from Europe.
  - Group activities on methods to enhance the social inclusion of disabled individuals.
  - Informational session on Erasmus+ opportunities for youth workers and organizations.
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### **4. Second Study Visit (Study Visit 2)**

A visit to the second European partner will focus on:

- Conducting meetings with professionals working with disabled individuals.
- Reviewing the organization's support materials, educational tools, and training resources.

- Encouraging stakeholders to develop joint projects and strengthen international collaboration.
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## **5. "From Local to Global" Guide**

This guide will serve as a comprehensive resource for youth workers working with individuals with disabilities, outlining how they can access opportunities across Europe.

- Detailed explanation of opportunities available through the Erasmus+ program.
  - Strategies for developing international networks and partnerships.
  - Guidelines for designing and implementing projects that support individuals with disabilities.
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## **6. "Stronger Families, Fewer Barriers" Workshop**

This local workshop will focus on strengthening communication between disabled individuals and their families.

- Interactive training sessions to support families in developing healthier relationships with their disabled children.
  - Solution-oriented discussions on the challenges faced by families of disabled individuals.
  - Exchange of experiences between families, youth workers, and experts.
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## **7. Final Study Visit (Study Visit 3)**

This visit will involve European partners traveling to Turkey to evaluate project outcomes and share insights.

- Comparison of local implementations with European models.
  - Identification of key takeaways for future projects.
  - Development of strategies for disseminating project outcomes more broadly.
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## **8. "Stronger Together" Conference**

A large-scale final conference will be organized to share the project results.

- Presentation of innovative practices implemented for individuals with disabilities.

- Participation of over 100 attendees, including representatives from organizations working with disabled individuals.
  - Discussion on the sustainability of the project's impact and potential future collaborations.
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This project is designed to create a long-term impact by empowering youth workers, fostering international cooperation, and promoting inclusive education approaches for individuals with disabilities. By strengthening the knowledge and skills of youth workers and establishing a sustainable network, we aim to contribute to a more inclusive society.