

# CİHAN KILIÇ

## Curriculum Vitae

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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Residence: Poland

### EDUCATION

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2008- 2010 **Sabancı University**  
MA, Conflict Analysis and Resolution

2006-2007 **Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Lille, France**  
Obtained "Certificat d'Etudes Politiques" with honours

2002- 2008 **Galatasaray University**  
BA, International Relations

1995 – 2002 **TEVİTÖL**  
High School for the Gifted and Talented (Full-scholarship)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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Nov. 2016 – **Council of Europe**  
**Member of the Pool of Trainers of the Youth Department:** Planning, implementing and evaluating non-formal education and training activities in the European Youth Centres and in member states, such as study sessions, training courses, consultative meetings, symposia and seminars. Evaluating and ensuring quality development of educational activities and projects in terms of educational content, methodology and impact. Assuring administrative follow-up, monitoring and reporting of activities. Producing and editing publications and texts for online publishing and visibility of activities and projects, facilitating e-learning modules.

Jan. 2019 – Feb. 2020 **European Union Sivil Düşün Programme**  
**Independent Project Evaluator:** Evaluating the applications submitted to European Union Sivil Düşün Programme in Turkey, a programme carried out on behalf of the European Union Delegation to Turkey (EUD) in order to support activists and civil society organisations carrying out work in Turkey. The evaluation procedures include the identification of compliance of the application to the programme priorities, connection with rights-based agenda in Turkey and recommendations for the further development of the proposed action or work. Periodic evaluation reports on the overall status and quality of applications evaluated and recommendations on specific rights fields are also prepared for the reference of EUD and the Technical Assistance Team of Sivil Düşün.

Jan.2014 – Oct. 2015 **Youth for Understanding**  
**Programme Coordinator** at one of the world's largest educational exchange organisation, working to advance learning across cultures. Coordinating and managing student exchanges

as well as writing and executing new youth projects. Mediating between students and host families in case they have problems. Giving trainings to the students and to the volunteers about conflict resolution techniques and intercultural communication.

Oct 2012 – April 2013 **Support for Improvement in Social and Economic Living (NGO managing UNDP funded project)**

**Project Coordinator:** Worked in the Gambia. Coordinating and monitoring the projects which have a total number of 30 000 beneficiaries. Giving trainings to the partner Gambian NGO. Developing new sustainable development projects on the ground.

Sep. 2008 – Jul. 2010 **Sabancı University**

**Teaching Assistant:** Helping to design the course, constructing tests, preparing materials, grading assignments and exams, teaching class sessions, leading discussions.

Nov. 2008- Mar. 2009 **Istanbul Policy Center**

**Project assistant** of the workshop entitled as "Reinvigorating Turkish-American Relations". Facilitator at the event that focused on creating a sustained and more fruitful dialogue between the two countries. The participants divided into three working groups on Armenian-Turkish Relations, Civil Society-Misunderstandings and Misperceptions, and Iraq. Senior lobbyist Lydia Borland also participated in the workshop via conference call.

May 2009- July 2009 **Helsinki Citizens Assembly**

Volunteer, interpreter for Afghan child refugees at "Special Edition of Refugee Voices Newsletter" Project

## FELLOWSHIP

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04 -18 November 2017: **United States Department of State:** Nominated by the embassy of USA in Turkey in order to represent Turkey during the multi-regional International Visitor Leadership Program in order to exchange ideas regarding the social inclusion and prevention of violent extremism programs. The program took place in 4 different states in the USA.

## PUBLICATION

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July 2017

**Professional Open Youth Work Europe:**

Publication: Cihan Kılıç, Amy Stapleton, "Participation and Citizenship: Young Refugees in Europe", Logbook Issue 4, <https://magazine.poywe.org/magazine/logbook-issue-4/young-refugees-europe/>

June 2017

**European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding**

**Editor:** Learning Outcomes of Orientation Programs for Youth for Understanding: A Guidebook About How to Implement Trainings for Exchange Programs Through Global Citizenship Perspective

Feb. 2009

**Institute for Cultural Diplomacy**

## **TRAININGS (DELIVERED - Selected, full list is available upon request)**

**21 - 25 November 2022**

**Council of Europe**

**Trainer:** A study session designed to be implemented through the support of the Council of Europe. The study session has the objectives to support and empower young refugees and grassroots organizations working with them, to ***challenge negative narratives surrounding mental health and refugees and migrants, and to promote mental health awareness amongst refugee youth as a group***, encouraging those who are struggling to feel comfortable asking for help from peers and/or professionals.

**09 - 15 September 2022**

**Council of Europe**

**Trainer:** The Global Education Network Training Course on Global Education and Advocacy is part of iLEGEND II: Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue (2019-2022), Joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe: co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. The training course aimed to define key concepts, threats/opportunities and ***strategies of advocacy in the field of global education*** and to ***reflect on the role of CSOs and institutions in advocacy in the field of global education***.

**13 - 18 June 2022**

**Council of Europe**

**Trainer:** Designed, implemented and evaluated the training course that aimed ***develop competences of learners in advocating for the rights of young refugees by young people at local and national level***. The course strengthened the conceptual understanding of human rights and explore the role of CM/Rec (2019)4 in youth advocacy projects. Furthermore, the course motivated and enhanced the skills of participants in understanding advocacy and applying it to their own organisational and institutional environments, in addition to helping them develop knowledge and capacity to ***design and implement targeted advocacy strategies*** and projects.

**23 - 27 May 2022**

**Council of Europe**

**Trainer:** Designed, implemented and evaluated the training course that aimed ***to strengthen youth participation and access of young people to social rights for further development of youth policy and youth work*** in Azerbaijan through enhancing competences and cooperation with different stakeholders at local and national level.

**01 - 08 November 2021**

**South East European Youth Network (SEEYN)**

**Trainer:** Designed, implemented and evaluated an international training course for trainers that aimed to ***build capacities for youth workers, trainers and educators through exploring and focusing on***

***basic notions of peace and reconciliation***; gaining competences on methodology and training flow; designing and implementing non-formal education activities.

**16 - 24 September 2021**

**Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)**

**Trainer:** Designed, implemented and evaluated an international training seminar on ***the role of intercultural voluntary projects in the process of inclusion and participation of young migrants and refugees***. The training seminar aimed to strengthen the capacity and resources of voluntary service organisations and NGOs that work or want to work with young migrants and refugees and use intercultural voluntary service as a social inclusion tool.

**October 2020 - December 2021**

**Youth for Exchange and Understanding**

**Expert:** Working within Brave New YOU Reloaded (BNY) project, with the task to work on the ***creation and adaptation of the new methodologies***, tools, activities and approaches, as well as ***development of a comprehensive publication***. BNY is a Key Action 2 project that aims to tackle the issues of lack of participation of disadvantaged and less represented groups in communities around Europe; through empowering disadvantaged young people to be community leaders, to identify and deconstruct hateful narratives, and build more inclusive narratives for their communities.

**May 2020 - June 2020 :**

**SEEYN and EU Technical Assistance**

**to Civil Society Organisations in the Western Balkans and Turkey (TACSO)**

**Junior Non-Key Expert:** Designing, implementing and evaluating online training courses and ***delivering a manual on “Digital and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Tools for Civil Society Organisations in the Western Balkans and Turkey”***. The online training courses aimed to ***improve ICT competences of civil society organisations*** needed for successful initiation, implementation/management and promotion of activities/projects outreaching and involving beneficiaries, as well as teamwork and organisational management in the remote working environment using digital tools, diverse software options and online media.

**November 2018 - December 2019:**

**Council of Europe**

**Educational Advisor:** Developing and implementing a long-term training course that will result in a better understanding of the issues affecting young refugees across Europe today and increased self-confidence and resilience of young refugees involved with youth work, and youth work providers themselves, to support other ***young refugees in accessing their rights and support their social inclusion***.

**February 2019 - June 2019:**

**Council of Europe**

**External Educational Advisor:** Supporting the development and implementation of a study session that aimed to empower people working with youth as well as youth themselves to ***support the transformation of societies and be able to address the violent radicalisation and extremism*** among young people, by analysing local realities, exchanging practices and promoting culture of peace.

**28- 31 August 2018:**

**UNHCR and Council of Europe**

**Educational Advisor and Trainer:** Developed, implemented and evaluated the Youth Empowerment Seminar which is organized through the collaboration of the Council of Europe and UNHCR. The event brought together young people from IDP, refugee and hosting communities in order to provide necessary competence to further help young people in creating the ideas and ***building their own new community initiatives***, projects or products, which would be realistic to implement.

**09- 13 July 2018:**

**Council of Europe / VYRE (*Training partly delivered in French*)**

**Trainer:** A study session that aimed at combating populism as a potential threat to democracy through ***challenging negative narratives surrounding refugees*** and empowerment of young refugees to access their rights. 8

**23- 29 June 2018:**

**Council of Europe**

**Educational Advisor and Trainer:** Worked on behalf of the Council of Europe to support the development, implementation and evaluation of the educational programme of the National training-course on ***democratic citizenship and youth participation*** for specialists from public authorities and for representatives of youth non-governmental organisations from Azerbaijan.

**04 - 27 May 2018:**

**Council of Europe**

**Educational Advisor:** Worked on behalf of the Council of Europe at a national training course aiming at ***cultivating a culture of human rights***, peace and understanding between the different ethnic groups of Cyprus, focusing on teachers/professors.

**19 April - 24 April 2018:**

**Council of Europe (*Training partly delivered in French*)**

**Trainer:** A study session designed, implemented and evaluated to ***empower young refugees*** and grassroots organizations working with them to carry out projects tackling challenges faced by refugee youth.

**19 November 2017 - 25 March 2018:**

**Council of Europe**

**Trainer:** Worked on behalf of the Council of Europe at a ***long term training course*** that aimed to enhance human rights education in ***youth work and youth policy in the Republic of Azerbaijan*** through development of competences of youth workers, leaders and trainers to implement initiatives, projects and programmes at local, regional and national level.

**08 October – 14 October 2017:**

**Council of Europe (*Training partly delivered in French*)**

**Course Director:** A study session designed, implemented and evaluated to ***empower young refugees*** and grassroots organizations working with them to carry out projects tackling challenges faced by refugee youth.

**26 September – 03 October 2017:**

**UNHCR**

**Educational Advisor and Trainer:** Designed, implemented and evaluated a training to **empower IDP and refugee youth**, to be active participants integrated in their local communities. It aimed at linking minority youth with local youth and governmental stakeholders in order to enforce inclusion of IDP and refugee youth groups into society, as well as into decision- and policy-making mechanisms, through advocacy, proactive participation and increased awareness with the final aim to facilitate their successful local integration.

**02 July – 09 July 2017:**

**North-South Center of the Council of Europe - MedUni**

**Trainer:** A member of the pedagogical team of the 6th Global Education for Youth Multipliers Training Course for Youth Multipliers. The training aimed to empower young people to further supporting the practice of global developmental development education based on North-South Center Global Education methodology.

**16 February 2017– 24 February 2016**

**Council of Europe/VYRE**

**Trainer:** A *training course for trainers* that aim to provide necessary training skills to novice trainers and to enable participants to use intercultural learning as a tool to fight discrimination.

**23 May 2016 – 29 May 2016**

**Council of Europe/ VYRE**

**Trainer:** A study session which is effectuated in order to improve “*Local Participation and Integration of Unaccompanied Minor Refugees*”.

**21 July 2014 – 23 July 2014**

**Arizona State University Critical Language Institute**

**Trainer:** As a part of their academic program 8 students from Arizona State University will be studying in Turkey for one month. I have given trainings on “*Dealing Constructively with Intractable Conflicts*”, “*De-escalation*”, “*Intercultural Learning*” and “*Conflict Resolution in Intercultural Settings*”.

**12 March 2014 – 14 March 2014**

**Long Island University**

**Trainer:** As a part of Comparative Religion and Culture Program 8 students have studied in Turkey for one month. I have given them trainings on “*Intercultural learning*” and “*Conflict Resolution in Intercultural Settings*”.

## **TRAININGS (PARTICIPATED, Selected, full list is available upon request)**

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**10 November 2014 – 07 December 2014**

**The Council of Europe / North-South Center**

**Global Education:**

**Participant:** An online training course that has been designed to provide an overview on why intercultural education is relevant and needed, what it means in theory and practice and how it can be improved in relation to the context of a globalised world, the local needs, its contents and methodology.

**21 September 2014 – 28 September 2014**

**Council of Europe/ University on Youth and Development**

**Participant:** Council of Europe funded training as a part of the University on Youth and Development program. The training aimed to enable trainers to empower young migrants and refugees by raising awareness on their life-stories and daily realities. The training also focuses on informing trainers on how to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding among young people with different cultural backgrounds.

**28 October 2008 - 08 November 2008**

**United States Institute of Peace**

**Strategic Economic Needs and Security Exercise (SENSE) training program:**

**Participant:** A computer-based simulation that focuses on negotiations and decision-making in a post-conflict environment.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Turkish: Native  
English: Fluent, TOEFL IBT: 102  
French: Fluent, DALF C2  
Persian: Intermediate, (Worked with Persian Refugees)  
Driving license: B

## REFERENCES (Phone Numbers are available upon request)

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