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# WORKCAMPS IN TÜRKİYE



GENÇLİK YOUTH  
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## ABOUT US



1985, ANKARA / TÜRKİYE

GSM was established in order to contribute to the **individual, social and cultural development of young people** and to support their active participation in life, under a **collectivist approach**.

We see the youth as the main resource and the **most dynamic segment** of the society.

**VOLUNTEERING  
YOUTH EXCHANGE**

1

**YOUTH WORK  
YOUTH POLICY  
YOUTH RIGHTS**

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**GLOBAL  
EDUCATION**

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## WORKSPACE

OUR PLAYGROUND

We believe that **volunteering** is one of the best tools in the development of young people and structuring of democratic society.

We also defend **youth rights** by making **youth policy** and inform young people and encourages their active and **meaningful participation** in democratic life.

**ERASMUS+  
ESC**

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**LARGE SCALE EU  
PROJECTS &  
SUBGRANT**

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**TRAININGS**

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## CONNECTING PEOPLE



We consider the European Union support programs as an important opportunity to **improve democratic life and empower young people**.

GSM strives to develop decent values within the scope of youth rights between Türkiye and Europe. We are an active and well-established part of EU programs to develop common values.

# NETWORK

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



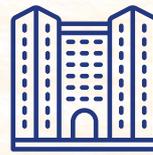
- GSM is the Partner of the **Council of Europe | North-South Center Global Education Network**
- GSM is a member and current co-chair of the **National Youth Council (GoFor)** (2024-2026)



MUNICIPALITIES



UNIVERSITIES



PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS



NGO'S



# WORKCAMPS 2026



CODE	NAME	LOCATION	START	END	THEME	PLACE	AGE
<b>GSM01</b>	WILD ANIMAL PLANET - 1	BURSA	<b>24.07.2026</b>	<b>03.08.2026</b>	ANIM ENVI	10	18-35
<b>GSM02</b>	WILD ANIMAL PLANET - 2	BURSA	<b>07.08.2026</b>	<b>17.08.2026</b>	ANIM ENVI	10	18-35
<b>GSM03</b>	TARSUS CAMP	TARSUS	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	SOCI KIDS	10	18-35
<b>GSM04</b>	WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY THROUGH ART	ESKİŞEHİR	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	MANU ART	10	18-35
<b>GSM05</b>	DREAM VILLAGE	İZMİR	<b>10.08.2026</b>	<b>21.08.2026</b>	RENO FEST	8	18-35
<b>GSM06</b>	ANTALYA YOUTH CAMP	ANTALYA	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	RENO EDU	12	18-35
<b>GSM07</b>	YOUTH IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT	ANKARA	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	ENVI EDU	10	18-35
<b>GSM08</b>	LIFELONG SOCIALITY	BALIKESİR	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	SOCI ELDER	10	18-35

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# GSM01 WILD ANIMAL PLANET – 1

ANIMAL – ENVIRONMENT

24.07.2026 – 03.06.2026

AGE 18–35

10 VOLs



Karacabey / BURSA



## LOCAL HOST

General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks of Turkey.

- Ovakorusu Wild Animal Shelter & Rehabilitation Center



## WORK

**Ovakorusu Wild Animal Shelter** is one of the few facilities in Europe. This facility houses and **treats injured or disadvantaged wild animals in nature**. The animals are kept in their natural habitat. There are dozens of disadvantaged animals such as bears, wolves, foxes, hawks and owls in the facility. **Volunteers help with the daily feeding of animals. When necessary, they participate in their treatment and vaccination processes with professionals. Environmental cleaning and organization of the facility are also done with volunteers.** Volunteers also participate in repairs and painting of areas in need of repair at the facility. Work with wild animals is carried out with safety precautions. Our volunteers have gained extraordinary experience in this project in the past years.



## ACCOMODATION & FOOD

There is a small **guesthouse** for volunteers in the facility. The guesthouse is for IVS volunteers only. Volunteers stay in rooms for 2–3 people. **The guesthouse has a kitchen, showers, toilet and air conditioning.** There is a common area where volunteers can socialize. Volunteers prepare their own meals together in the guesthouse. **The 40 € of extra fee will be a generous contribution to cover food expenses and also to handle basic conditions** of the accommodation place.



## LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

Bursa has many historical and natural heritages as it was the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. This city, built in a forested area, also has natural beauties worth seeing. **It can be reached from the airports in Istanbul by shuttle in approximately 3 hours.** Many excursions and cultural activities await you in this city, which is also famous for its food. Volunteers can socialize as they wish at the facility.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter
- Animal Lovership



- Istanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gokcen Airport
- Bursa Yenişehir Airport

English

40 €  
Extra Fee



GSM02

## WILD ANIMAL PLANET – 2



ANIMAL - ENVIRONMENT



07.08.2026 – 17.08.2026



18-35



10 VOLs



Karacabey / BURSA

LOCAL HOST

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- Animal Lovership



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- Sabiha Gokcen Airport
- Bursa Yenişehir Airport



English

40 €  
Extra Fee

**GSM03**

# TARSUS CAMP

**SOCL - KIDS - SPORT**

TO BE CONFIRMED SOON



18-35



10 VOLs



Tarsus / MERSIN



## LOCAL HOST

Mersin Metropolitan Municipality.



## WORK

Our volunteers will work at the camp held in the Tarsus district of Mersin City. **They will take care of the children coming to the camp, guide social activities, clean the environment, do carpentry and transportation works that do not require expertise, take part in canoe and boat activities, do bird watching, create a playground, and do safety and coordination studies in shallow water.** They will be able to give English language training, play games and take part in excursions in units such as game workshops and activity centers within the municipality. This camp is a large public camp with mostly young participants. Security and health services are provided at the camp.



## ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Volunteers will stay in **Bungalow Houses**. The rooms are equipped with shower and toilet and most of them are for 2 people. Volunteers will be able to have their meals in the cafeteria on weekdays. At the weekend, meals will be prepared by the staff at the accommodation. Volunteers will be helping to prepare meals together with the staff.



## LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

In the camp area, there is a **survivor track, canoeing activity, gardening, cafeteria and sports areas**. Activities such as basketball, archery, volleyball, athletics and cycling can be done; there are artistic events, game rooms, fishing areas and green areas. **Mersin, which is one of the most touristic cities in Turkiye, has many natural and cultural heritages belonging to the Ancient Roman and Hellenistic Periods** in this region, which has a Mediterranean coast full of palm trees, where many cultures and communities live together. There are excursions and activities organized by our host organization for you.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter
- CGC



- İstanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- Çukurova Airport



English

NO  
Extra Fee

**GSM04**

## WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY THROUGH ART

**MANUAL WORK - ART**

TO BE CONFIRMED SOON



18-35



10 VOLs



City Center / ESKİŞEHİR



### LOCAL HOST

Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality



### WORK

We are collaborating with Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality, which is known for its projects that prioritize the empowerment of women and youth. **Handmade textile products are famous in Turkish culture.** Eskişehir's women strengthen women's solidarity by producing handmade textile products and selling them in solidarity markets, and cultural products are exhibited in local exhibitions. You can also participate in this production in this camp where labor and art are converted into income that strengthens women's solidarity. Hand-knitted clothes, leather embroidery and handmade ornaments that you produce reflecting your own culture will strengthen women's solidarity.



### ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Volunteers will stay in a **guesthouse** owned by the municipality, in rooms for 2-3 people. You can also get your meals from the cafeteria used by municipality staff. Shower, toilet and common area facilities are available.



### LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

Eskişehir is a city known as the student city, **1 hour away from the capital Ankara and 3 hours away from the Istanbul by high speed train.** There are many cultural and natural heritage worth seeing in Eskişehir. At the same time, you will have the opportunity to use public social spaces in the city center. You will be able to access many cultural activities such as the art street, active life park, fairytale castle, city memory museum, river gondola tour, historical Odunpazarı houses.



### REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter



- İstanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- **Ankara Esenboğa Aird.**



English

NO  
Extra Fee

## GSM05 DREAM VILLAGE

RENOVATION - FESTIVAL

10.08.2026 - 21.08.2026

AGE 18-35

8 VOLs



Bademler Village, Urla / İZMİR



### LOCAL HOST

Bademler Village Culture and Art Association.



### WORK

In this project, volunteers will paint and organize the village's theater building and library together with local volunteers. They will also repair the parts of the village that need repair. Bademler Village is close to Azmak Bay. A traditional local festival is organizing by the villagers every year. Water games, concerts, group activities are held in the festival. Volunteers will help organize this festival. Stage setup, creation of appropriate areas for group activities, environmental decorations, transportation and other preparations require the support of volunteers. In case of additional needs of the village, support can be requested from volunteers. Every contribution is matters in this small village. We have been organizing this traditional workcamp in Bademler Village for more than 25 years.



### ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Bademler Village has cute and modern village houses. Every year, the **villagers host our volunteers in their own houses**. Each family hosts 1, 2 or 3 volunteers and these houses are very close to each other. The volunteers prepare their breakfasts, lunches and dinners together with their host families.



### LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

Bademler Village is known as the most modern village in Turkiye. The village has a theater building and a library. This village is located in Izmir, the third largest city in Turkiye. There are many historical and natural beauties around it. There are many different beaches and bays on the seashore. It is a perfect location for sea activities and cultural visits. Urla is one of Izmir's tranquil coastal towns. This region boasts Ancient Greek Cities, valuable museums, natural heritage sites, and social areas.



### REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter



- Istanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- **Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport**

English

NO  
Extra Fee



# GSM06 ANTALYA YOUTH CAMP

RENOVATION - EDUCATION - SPORT

TO BE CONFIRMED SOON

AGE 18-35

10 VOLs



Kepez / ANTALYA



## LOCAL HOST

Antalya Metropolitan Municipality.



## WORK

The Antalya Youth Camp and Training Center is a facility that aims to strengthen the personal and social skills of young people and children through non-formal learning and youth activities. Located in the Kepez district, on a 15-acre forested area next to the animal care center, the center allows children and young people to study mathematics in the forest, participate in workshops on nature and environmental protection, and receive scouting training. Volunteers at this camp will assist with maintenance and repair work at the facility, **organize social and sports activities with local youth and children, and have the opportunity to both learn and practice non-formal education methods.**



## ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Volunteers will stay in 2-3 person **bungalows at the campsite. Tent accommodation may be provided on some days**, but volunteers must bring their own sleeping bags in all cases. Meals will be provided for volunteers at the campsite. Antalya is very hot during the summer and close to the sea, so please come prepared.



## LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

**Antalya is one of the most touristic cities in Turkey.** There are countless historical and natural beauties worth seeing in this region. It has world-famous beaches. Antalya airport is a very busy airport. You can probably find a flight here from where you are or come with a transfer in Istanbul. There are many sightseeing and cultural activities waiting for you in Antalya.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter
- CGC



- Istanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- **Antalya Airport**

English

NO  
Extra Fee



**GSM07**

# YOUTH IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT - EDUCATION



TO BE CONFIRMED SOON



18-35



10 VOLs



City Center / ANKARA



## LOCAL HOST

Ankara Metropolitan Municipality.



## WORK

BAKAP is a project aimed at helping Ankara's producers, who are forced to produce their crops at high costs and sell them at low prices, to break free from this cycle and get back on their feet through rural development projects that revitalize the city's economy. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality contributes to the economy by distributing various agricultural products grown at the 3,500-decare BAKAP Agricultural Campus free of charge to local producers and small family businesses. **Volunteers in this project will assist with environmental and rural development work. They will also participate in training and cultural exchange activities at municipal youth centers.**



## ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Volunteers will stay in 2-3 person rooms at a **youth dormitory** belonging to Ankara Metropolitan Municipality. Meals will also be served there. On some days, they may stay in **tents** in a rural development area.



## LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

Ankara is the capital and political center of Türkiye. Although not a major tourist destination, it is home to many noteworthy museums and historical and cultural sites. Being in the city center offers opportunities to participate in city tours. Ankara is also where our GSM office is located. Social activities with our young volunteers and other partners in the city can also be expected.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter



- İstanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- **Ankara Esenboğa Airport**



English

NO  
Extra Fee

## GSM08 LIFELONG SOCIALITY

8 SOCIAL - ELDER - KIDS

TO BE CONFIRMED SOON

RGE 18-35

10 VOLs



Altınoluk / BALIKESİR



### LOCAL HOST

Ankara Metropolitan Municipality.



### WORK

Ankara is a metropolitan city far from the sea. Therefore, Ankara residents have to make a long journey to the coast for their holidays every year. Retired elderly people in Türkiye are in the low-income category. For elderly retirees who cannot afford holiday expenses and who have difficulty with long journeys due to health reasons, Ankara Metropolitan Municipality has a social facility in Balıkesir. This facility provides free services to retired elderly people through an application process. **Social activities for the elderly and children, as well as facility maintenance, are also carried out by volunteers. We invite you to participate in this project where you can contribute to the well-being of impoverished elderly people and children with health problems.**



### ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Volunteers are provided with accommodation in **2-3 person rooms** within the facility. You can help distribute food in the dining hall and also get your own food. Showers, toilets, air conditioning, and common areas are available. The facility has a swimming pool and is close to the sea.



### LOCATION & LEISURE TIME

Balıkesir is a tourist city famous for its beaches. Altınoluk is a coastal town in Balıkesir. In this region, you will have the opportunity to see many historical and natural heritage sites. Balıkesir is a few hours away from Istanbul by bus. Ferry transportation is also possible. Gallipoli and the War of Independence Museum are also among the places to visit.



### REQUIREMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Motivational Letter



- İstanbul Airport
- Sabiha Gökçen Airport

English

NO  
Extra Fee



# UNIVERSAL CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE



We, the following,

**ALLIANCE (Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations),**  
**CCIJS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service),**  
**EAVS (Eastern Africa Voluntary Service Development Network),**  
**ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange),**  
**NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia),**  
**SCI (Service Civil International),**

present our fundamental principles and ideals through this Universal Charter of International Voluntary Service (IVS).

## **PREAMBLE**

The people of the world today are faced by basic challenges: warfare and conflict, the struggle for social, cultural and economic justice and the preservation of the global ecosystem. The IVS movement is committed to overcoming these challenges. Our work is based on the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals.

IVS by people with different skills and high ideals is a practical demonstration of the commitment, solidarity and cooperation which our world so urgently needs. It is our aim to promote these ideals both locally and globally.

## **PRINCIPLES**

Volunteers are people who offer to devote their knowledge, time and energy, within the framework of a collective social effort, working actively for the general interest of the community without replacing paid labour. IVS brings mutual benefit to volunteers and to the wider community. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn from experiences and to develop through new friendships and intercultural learning.

Volunteers must not be exploited for private interests. Volunteers cannot expect any compensation other than personal growth, gaining knowledge, skills and sense of value for both themselves and the local community.

IVS is a vehicle for non-formal and informal education and seeks to encourage the belief of the volunteers and their hosts in their personal potential as tools of positive change. IVS demonstrates a concern for the problems of local communities, raises

# UNIVERSAL CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE



awareness among the stakeholders involved, and shows how problems may be overcome through co-operative effort.

Volunteers should co-operate with the local community as fully as possible in useful work and exchange knowledge, skills and experience with the members of the local community. Thus, international voluntary service supports local objectives and actions, provides practical training and education, develops social responsibility, self-awareness and self-reliance, as the basis for sustainable socio-economic progress.

IVS encourages a spirit of reciprocal international co-operation, and emphasises the need to reconstruct global society to achieve material and social equality between countries and between people. IVS encourages global citizenship and promotes peace, justice and sustainability.

## COMMITMENT

Volunteers, IVS organisations, hosting communities and all other stakeholders should work within the spirit of this Charter. We, who co-sign it, commit ourselves to subscribe to the principles above and we appeal to national and international bodies as well as states and local governments, to provide the voluntary organisations with the necessary means to develop international voluntary service. This Charter can be amended over time. However, IVS at the local and global level is a tide of practical idealism, which will only be effective if it retains its basic principles.

27th General Conference of CCIVS, 8-13 November 1998, Rabat - Morocco

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