

NEWS FROM TUSEV



TUSEV General Assembly 2015

TUSEV's General Assembly was held on April 18, 2015 with the participation of member foundations and associations. Meeting was hosted by the Turkish Educational Foundations Advisory Council (TEVDAK), in Kabatas High School, Hamdi Saver Conference Room. Members were informed about the activities and financial status of TUSEV in 2014, the estimated budget and the work plan for 2015 were approved by the Board of Trustees.



TUSEV Members Gather Together

Starting with 2015, TUSEV plans to organize series of thematic meetings to enable information and experience sharing between its members. First of these meetings was held on March 11, 2015 with the participation of TUSEV members providing scholarships for educational purposes. 25 representatives from 23 member organizations discussed the scholarship system in Turkey and expressed their views on possible ways of collaboration.



Ways of Non-financial Gains for CSOs in the Balkans and Turkey

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) has published [Ways of Non-financial Gains for CSOs in the Balkans and Turkey](#) policy brief with the support of the Open Society Foundations Think Tank Fund. [The Policy Brief](#) presents the findings from the [Monitoring Matrix country reports](#) and in a comparative perspective reviews the legal frameworks regulating the distribution of non-financial support available for civil society organizations in the Western Balkans and Turkey. TUSEV contributed in the publication by providing an overview of the current state in Turkey.



Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy 2015 Program

TUSEV organizes the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program with an aim to enhance the human resources capacity and engage organizations and civil society professionals in philanthropic initiatives. Following a successful program in 2014, the 2015 period began in January with 12 participants from a variety of backgrounds and CSOs focusing on different causes. The program takes place once a month for six months period and covers an area of philanthropic development at each module, by way of presentations from the field experts, workshops, discussions and readings.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



Global Day of Citizen Action, 16 May 2015

In response to the growing threats faced by civil society, CIVICUS organizes the [Global Day of Citizen Action](#) to raise awareness about the importance of "civic space" – the freedom to speak out, organise and take action. In 2014, 20.000 people across 26 countries participated in the Global Day of Citizen Action through 48 events. This year The Global Day of Citizen Action will be celebrated on 16th May. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the event that will take place on the day of celebration.



Civil Society Dialogue IV Info Days

Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey (CSD) Programme is implemented by the Ministry for EU Affairs since 2005. Within the fourth phase of the Programme, info days will be organized in İzmir, Brussels, Ankara and İstanbul, in order to inform potential applicants about the Programme. To participate in the info days, you need to register at [siviltoplumdialogu.org/csd-iv](#). Please [click here](#) for the agenda and visit [ab.gov.tr](#) and [cfcu.gov.tr](#) for further information.



European Conference on Corporate Volunteering

The International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) and Credit Suisse are co-hosting the European Conference on Corporate Volunteering on August 31-September 1 in Zurich, Switzerland. The conference is designed primarily for companies and their associations, to offer them the opportunity to work together on key issues about corporate volunteering. Registration for the Conference will open on May 18, 2015. For more information please [click here](#).



European Youth Week 2015

The theme of European Youth Week 2015 is encouraging and helping young people to take part in civil society and in the employment market. Hundreds of events will take place across Europe simultaneously between the 27th of April and the 10th of May. Please [click here](#) to find out more information about the major European events which are taking place in Brussels during European Youth Week.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



"Dancing Notes" Musical Training for Pre-School Teachers

"Dancing Notes" program is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Education and the Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Foundation. The program is a musical training program for pre-school teachers. During the first year of the project, 60 teachers from 10 pilot schools in İstanbul will receive training on the Orff approach to musical education. The project will then provide their schools with the Orff instruments needed to implement this educational method.



Sabancı Foundation: "Let Girls Be Girls, Not Brides"

Sabancı Foundation, working for years to improve the human rights of women and girls and promote their equal access to society, also launches a campaign with a song in order to stop the child marriages problem in Turkey. The video clip of the song "Kız Leyla" was published in a press conference. With the song, written and composed by Sezen Aksu, sung by Sertab Erener and directed by Çağan Irmak, Sabancı Foundation will address all corners of Turkey and say "Let girls be girls, not brides". To watch the video clip please [click here](#).



Avoiding Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities in Turkey

The Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey works on a new project to avoid discrimination against individuals with disabilities in Turkey, in collaboration with non-profit and independent European non-governmental organization CESIE. As part of the project, two organizations jointly carried out a research to investigate the gains related to awareness towards persons with disabilities on the curriculum of elementary schools both in Turkey and Italy. In the second stage of the project, a series of seminars entitled "Avoiding Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities" will be delivered to teachers working at the elementary schools in Atagehir province of İstanbul.



TEGV Regional Volunteer Meetings

Educational Volunteers of Turkey (TEGV) realizes its all activities with the help of volunteers, who are the greatest asset of the foundation. Every year, TEGV runs its activities with the support of over 10.000 volunteers. This year, Regional Volunteer Meetings of TEGV, that aim to gather volunteers together, were held in Samsun, Gaziantep, and İstanbul, in March and April 2015. Please [click here](#) to find out more about volunteering in TEGV.

OUR PROJECTS

