

NEWS FROM TUSEV



TUSEV's General Assembly was Held on 17 April

TUSEV's First General Assembly of 2019 was held on April 17, with the participation of member organizations. In the assembly, member organizations were informed about TUSEV's activities and financials in 2018. In the election held during the meeting, Nevğül Bilsel Safkan was elected as a Board Member and Nigar Evgin was elected as an Auditing Committee Member. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Destekle Değiştir Event was Held on March 14

TUSEV has been organizing Destekle Değiştir events (Giving Circle), adapted with technical assistance and expertise from The Funding Network, since 2014. The 5th Destekle Değiştir took place at the Pera Museum in Istanbul on March 14th and was hosted by Serhat Kılıç, a Turkish actor also known for his live music performances. Three civil society organizations presented their projects focusing respectively on fighting all forms of sexual violence, creating a library of education materials for children and providing education and training on Alzheimer's disease to both professional carers and patient relatives. 141 people attended the event, of which 136 pledged a total of approximately 16.400 Euros to three projects.



TUSEV Contributed to ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law's (ICNL) Civic Freedom Monitor provides up-to-date information on legal issues affecting civil society in 54 countries and 8 multilateral organizations. As part of this initiative, TUSEV provides an overview of key legal issues relating to civic freedom, with a focus on legal barriers to civil society activity in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey that was last updated in May 2019.



TUSEV Attended International Civil Society Week 2019

TUSEV attended International Civil Society Week 2019 (ICSW), organized by CIVICUS in partnership with Civic Initiatives as a local host and Balkan Civil Society Development Network as a partner in Belgrade, Serbia on 8-12 April. Organized with the theme "The Power of Togetherness", topics such as building sustainable collaboration, closing civic space, protecting civic freedoms, improving civic participation and philanthropy for active citizenship were discussed during the event. Please click [here](#) for more information.



TUSEV & Charities Aid Foundation Meeting

TUSEV and Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), represented by Sir John Low, Chief Executive of CAF, and Michael Mapstone, Director of International at CAF, visited TUSEV on 1-3 April. During the meetings, the current situation of civil society and philanthropy in Turkey was discussed, the accomplished activities of the Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project were introduced and the collaboration opportunities between TUSEV and CAF were explored.



Philanthropy Talks: Collective Impact and Philanthropy: The Teachers Network Example

On February 13th, TUSEV hosted the fifth event in the Philanthropy Talks discussion series, launched in order to bring together the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program alumni group and civil society professionals to share their knowledge and experiences on issues related to the development of philanthropy. The panelists, Batuhan Aydagül, Director of Education Reform Initiative; Dr. Esra Tara Naamani, ENKA Schools Chair and Founder's Representative; Sonel Balkan, Network Development Coordinator of Teachers Network; Prof. Dr. Süleyman Inan, Member of the Advisory Board of Cafer Sadık Abaloğlu Education and Culture Foundation, discussed the collective impact model and deliberated on Teachers Network as a good practice of the collective impact model and philanthropic collaboration in Turkey.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



State of Civil Society Report 2019 is Published

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation has published the annual State of Civil Society Report 2019 which indicates the major events that involve and affect civil society around the world. This year's report focuses on four key areas in which civil society was active in 2018 on the topic of everyday issues and people's protest, challenging exclusion and claiming rights, the state of democracy and civil society engaging at the international level. Please click [here](#) to reach report that including on over 50 interviews and guest articles from civil society activists, leaders and experts.



The International Fund for Cultural Diversity is now Open

The applications for the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) by UNESCO is now open. Through the fund that aims to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in developing countries that are Parties to the 2005 Convention, projects that lead to structural change through the introduction and/or elaboration of policies and strategies that have a direct effect on the creation, production, distribution of and access to a diversity of cultural expressions, including cultural goods, services and activities and the reinforcement of human and institutional capacities of public sector and CSOs, deemed necessary to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets in developing countries will be invested. Please click [here](#) for more information.



European Philanthropy Manifesto is Launched

Joint initiative of Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE) and European Foundation Center (EFC) launched the European Philanthropy Manifesto, which is a call to policy makers in Europe to work towards a Single Market for Philanthropy. European Philanthropy Manifesto includes four key recommendations: recognizing philanthropy and engaging with it, facilitating cross-border philanthropy, enabling and protecting philanthropy and co-granting and co-investing for public good and civil society. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Grantmakers East Forum 2019 will be Held in Tbilisi

Grantmakers East Forum (GEF), which is a thematic network functioning under EFC with the purpose of improving civil society and philanthropy, will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia on 23-25 October 2019. Organized for the 24th time this year, the theme of the forum is "Common Actions for Social Change: Mobilising People, Creating Spaces, Using Technologies" and it will focus on the role of the foundations in confronting the new threats and challenges to civil society in Europe and beyond. For more information please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



AÇEV and UNFPA Join Forces to Promote Gender Equality at Workplace

AÇEV (Mother and Child Education Foundation) and UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) hosted a side event at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on March 19 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event focused on private sector involvement on promoting gender equality at workplace. AÇEV's session covered its recent efforts to engage the private sector in Turkey to promote gender equality and involved fatherhood, in collaboration with UNFPA-Turkey. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Şener Şen Receives the 23rd Aydın Doğan Award

Since 1996, Aydın Doğan Foundation has been annually rewarding individuals and institutions who have excelled in, or contributed significantly to, fields such as novel writing, social sciences and the humanities, visual arts, poetry, history, music, archaeology and architecture. The 23rd Aydın Doğan Award is presented to actor Şener Şen, who has made a countless imprint memory through his art. Please click [here](#) for more information.



İKSV Alt Kat: Learning and Interaction Space Opens its Doors

İKSV Alt Kat: Learning and Interaction Space is an initiative of the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSV), supported by the Istanbul Development Agency (İSTKA). İKSV Alt Kat that aim to increase access and participation to cultural and artistic events, will be presenting event and workshop programmes in collaboration with Boğaziçi University in various fields throughout the year. İKSV Alt Kat presented to public on 5 March and Chairman of İKSV Bülent Eczacıbaşı, İSTKA General Secretary Fatih Pişkin, and İKSV Alt Kat Manager Elif Obdan Gürkan gave speeches at the meeting. Please click [here](#) for the details of İKSV Alt Kat program.



Maya Foundation Implements Trauma Informed School Program in Şanlıurfa

Maya Foundation, which contributes to the mental, physical and academic development of children and young adults aged between five and eighteen, encouraging and supporting them toward reaching their full potential, started implementing Trauma Informed School Program in Şanlıurfa. Through the program, 220 teachers in 10 schools in the province will have the chance to get information about psycho-education for trauma, classroom management, psychosocial support activities for children and self-care and they will be strengthened about capacity building. Please click [here](#) for more information.



KIFDER Has Become the Voice of Cystic Fibrosis Patients

The 14th Changemaker of the 10th season of the Sabancı Foundation Turkey's Changemakers program is the Cystic Fibrosis Patient and Family Association of Turkey (KIFDER), which works to improve the lives of Cystic Fibrosis patients and their families, and to increase society's awareness of the disease. KIFDER was established in 2012 by Cystic Fibrosis patients and their families. They collaborate with the government and other relevant stakeholders to make therapies and devices accessible that contribute to the quality of life and life span of patients. Detailed information about KIFDER and its work can be found [here](#).

OUR PROJECTS

