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## Marmara Üniversitesi Gönüllülük Faaliyetleri Koordinatörlüğü

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Following the announcement by the Ministry of Youth and Sports on March 22, 2019, declaring the year 2019 as the "Year of Volunteering," and after signing a protocol with the rectors of five universities, including Marmara University, on July 31, 2019, a decision was made to instill a sense of social responsibility and volunteering among university students, and to ensure that academic knowledge, skills, and competencies are used appropriately.

Our University Senate, in accordance with this protocol, established the Volunteering Activities Coordination Office on November 13, 2019, with the aim of spreading the understanding of volunteering within the university. Our office covers five themes: environment, education, tourism, elderly, and disadvantaged groups (disabled, women, and children). A total of 1614 people participate as volunteers in our sub-themes. Furthermore, we take care to consolidate student projects conducted under the Community Service Practices within the framework of our Coordination Office. Our office also works in coordination with other centers and all units of our university, primarily the Civil Society Coordination Implementation and Research Center.

All activities carried out by the Coordination Office to date are listed below with their visuals:

1. Our volunteer students selected for the Youth and Sports Ministry's Volunteering School Project held on February 18, 2020, participated in the project's opening meeting and volunteered at the art workshop held on March 3, 2020.





2. İrem Öğdür, a student from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, provided support by purchasing exam preparation books for 12th-grade students at Gaziantep Hasan Ali Yücel Anatolian High School on November 18, 2020.



3. Our volunteer students supported the Red Crescent throughout 2020 by both donating blood and making calls for donations. Remzi Uzal, a student from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, was one of them. By donating blood to the Red Crescent, he demonstrated that volunteering can overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic.



4. On December 12, 2020, as part of our collaboration with the Volunteer Services Association, Hülya Çenizalp, a member of the Association's Board of Directors and a social entrepreneur, provided training on "The Impact of Volunteering Activities on Individuals and Society." The training video can be found at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/f4C1rAGjE">https://www.youtube.com/live/f4C1rAGjE</a>



5. The services of our university's volunteer students continued throughout 2021 despite Covid-19. In the early days of the year, on January 9, 2021, Öykü Aydeğer, İlayda Balaban, Gizem Çokkaş, Gamze Işık, and Türbantlı Boğaç worked to donate books and stationery to Göleli Primary School in Pervari district, Siirt.



1- Students of Marmara University continued their interest in and support for our animal friends on campus throughout 2021, extending their efforts beyond the campus. İrem Tınkır was one of the hundreds of our volunteer students. İrem did something different by feeding street animals with children, trying to show them animal love and explaining that our furry friends are their companions.





2- Some students of Marmara University completed the community service application course by providing support to the elderly. Abdülrahman was one of them. On January 14, 2021, he assisted a family in need.





3- Students from the Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at MÜ continued their community service throughout January 2021. On January 17, 2021, Serkan Öğütçü, a 3rd-year student, assisted in transporting books to Kırklareli City Council and village schools with the participation of Kadıköy Municipality Erenköy, Moda, and Acıbadem Volunteer Houses, and the contributions of the Municipality. He was involved in both donating books and sorting, packaging, and preparing them for delivery according to their types.



4- Mustafa Türk, a student from our university, on January 21, 2021, coordinated with Zeynep Öğretmen from Özkaynak Primary School in Tuşba District, Van, to provide assistance to meet the educational needs of the students. His friends in Gaziantep also supported him in carrying out his project.



5- Furkan Yacı, Enes Gündoğan, Ali Sönmez, and İbrahim Erçakallı, students from Marmara University, initiated a book donation campaign through which they supported 23 university students. On January 22, 2021, they donated 177 books to the library of Gökçe Primary School in the Artuklu district of Mardin.



6. Abdullah Kürtbaş, a student from Marmara University, completed his volunteer service at Bursa Red Crescent on January 29, 2021. He assisted officials in identifying, procuring, packaging, and distributing the necessary supplies for those in need, and also worked in office services.



6- On January 30, 2021, our environmental volunteer student Fatih Özen participated as a volunteer in TEMA's "Coast Cleaning Movement."



7- On February 22, 2021, Yavuzhan Karaot, a student from the Department of Economics, donated a cat house he made with his own effort as part of the Community Service Applications course and the Cat House Project. He presented the cat house to our Faculty Dean, Prof. Dr. Sadullah Çelik, and the administrators.



7. On February 27, 2021, psychologist and child development specialist Çilek Firdevs Gündüz gave a training on "How to Prepare Children for Volunteering Behavior from an Educational Perspective: What is the Role of the Parent?" The training video is available at:



8. Many of our volunteer students worked as volunteers at the soup kitchen of the Children and Parents Association during 2021 and 2022. They prepared meals and assisted with packaging. Sümeyye Türkel, Kaan Köse, Sena Akbaş, Filiz Karabey, and Elif Eren were just a few of them.





9. During the fall semester of 2022, Marmara University students continued to create volunteer projects. Büşra İmamoğlu, Kerem Yeni, Nilay Koçak, Berkan Dinç, İlayda Çakılkaya, Berke Örnek, and Furkan Tak collected trash from the Caddebostan and Maltepe shores, drawing attention to environmental awareness.



8- On November 4, 2022, the Volunteer Activities Coordination Office participated in the "Act Now" campaign. To raise awareness and sensitivity about climate change, environmental pollution, and waste separation, we volunteered with our students in the "Beach Cleaning and Waste Separation Event" held in Şile. During the event, we collected trash from the Uzuntkım beach in Şile and then sorted the collected waste (glass, plastic, metal, etc.) at the Şile Municipality waste separation center.





9- On November 11 and 16, 2022, our university's volunteer students received gardening training and volunteered throughout the day in garden work at the Beykoz Kantini Sultan Süleyman Kent Forest as part of a collaboration between our Coordination Office and the Permatürk Foundation.



10. On December 8, 2022, as part of our collaboration with the Allianz Technical Earthquake and Fire Test and Training Center, our volunteer students gained awareness about earthquakes and fires through the training provided. They experienced real earthquakes in the earthquake simulation area and learned about fire detection and suppression systems in fire areas. They learned how to minimize the impact of fire drills and how to use emergency exits effectively. In the kitchen simulation area, they practiced how to respond to kitchen fires. In addition to increasing their awareness of fire and earthquake safety, they also learned about climate change and climate crises, understanding what individual precautions they need to take



11. 11 On Sunday, December 11, our volunteer students participated in a tree planting event in Silivri, organized in collaboration with the Environmental Coordination Association.



10- Throughout the year, our volunteer students took part in distributing soup to those in need as part of the "Soup for All" Association. Our student Serkan Öztürk was one of them.



11- 18 Aralık 2022 together with our volunteer students, we participated in the Advanced Recycling Festival organized by the Earth Association. We received training from Emre Yükselci, the Climate Studies Coordinator, on "COP27 and the Possible Effects of Climate Change.





12- As the Marmara University Volunteer Activities Coordination Office, we participated in the Zero Waste Summit and Award Ceremony held on December 5, 2022. At the summit, which had a theme of Climate and Youth, our office was represented by one of our young volunteers, Başak Pınar Önder.



13- On December 28, 2022, Botaina Ziraoti and her friends, volunteers from the Marmara University Faculty of Economics, visited an orphanage. They spent the entire day playing games and spending time with the children. With the financial support of her friends, they distributed gifts to the children.



14- On November 11, 2022, we organized an information and awareness training for our volunteers on the topic of "Sustainability and Green Recycling." The training was conducted by our Coordinator Prof. Dr. Esra Yüksel Acı, Prof. Dr. Rana Atabay Kışçak, Director of the SBMYO at Istanbul Medipol University, and Prof. Dr. Sezgin, Faculty Member of the Industrial Engineering Department at Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa. A total of 120 volunteer students participated in the training and received their certificates.



15- Throughout 2022, our Coordination Office also engaged in mutual training collaborations with various civil society organizations. On May 11, 2022, Prof. Dr. Esra Yüksel Acı provided training at the Volunteer Services Association's Volunteer Academy on the topic of "Green Recycling Paradigms for Sustainable and Inclusive Development.



16- On June 6, 2022, our Coordination Office organized an online training on "Volunteering in Social Entrepreneurship from Civil Society." The training was moderated by our Coordinator Prof. Dr. Esra Yüksel Acı and delivered by Bora Ersezen, Social Entrepreneurship Project Consultant at RBE Consultancy. The training was attended by over 100 of our volunteers. The video of the training is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64mE3wedgfM



17- The first event of 2023 was an online training titled "What is Volunteering? How to Become a Volunteer," organized under the leadership of our Coordination Office in collaboration with our university's Civil Society Coordination Implementation and Research Center and Istanbul Medipol University's SBMYO. The training was held on January 12, 2023, and was conducted by Bora Ersezen. The video of the training is available at.htlJps.//medipol-edtŷ-tr/zoom/tŷs/i/96400382708



18- Under the leadership of our Coordination Office, and in collaboration with our university's Civil Society Coordination Implementation and Research Center and Istanbul Medipol University's SBMYO, we held our second training on the topic of "Sustainability" on January 30, 2023. The online training was moderated by Prof. Dr. Rana Atabay Kışçak, Director of SBMYO at Istanbul Medipol University, and was delivered by Dr. Gamze Sart, a faculty member of the Guidance and Psychological Counseling Department at the Hasan Ali Yücel Faculty of Education, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa, and also an instructor at the Foundation for Innovation in Education. The video of the training is available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr28wRcbmj8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr28wRcbmj8</a>



19- third training we organized in 2023 was delivered by Uygar Özesmi, the coordinator and facilitator of Good4Trust, on the topic "Green and Peaceful: Circular Economy for a Better Future." The training, attended by over 150 volunteers, covered topics such as "the relationship between ecology and economy," "the possibility of another economic system," and "how sharing rather than competition aligns with our nature." The video of the training is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1swaZg8R3o&t=3507s





20- On June 2, 2023, as part of STKAM and the Volunteer Activities Coordination Office, we participated in the Kadıköy Municipality Environmental Festival held at Selamiçeşme Freedom Park. We provided volunteer support throughout the three-day festival, which featured various events under the theme "Urban Resilience" and the slogan "Give Effort to Nature." As a stakeholder in the Kadıköy City Council Climate Action Working Group, we set up a booth themed "17 Steps for Climate Change and a Sustainable Future" and conducted a workshop titled "Our Footprints on the Planet."



21- On September 20, 2023, we were invited to the opening ceremony of the "Strengthening Civil Participation for the Development of Democratic Local Governance in Turkey Project," organized by the Turkish Union of Municipalities with the support of the EU IPA and UNDP. The event took place in Ankara. After the opening speeches and panels, we participated in the "Bicycle Event," a workshop that focuses on learning through play with potential to enhance skills in volunteering, teamwork, and knowledge acquisition.,





22- We participated in the Marmara Urban Forum 23, held from October 4-7, 2023, at the Istanbul Congress Center, organized by the Marmara Municipalities Union every two years. In the "Civil Participation for a Green Future" workshop, we worked on developing project ideas with participants from municipalities, civil society organizations, and city councils. As the Marmara University Volunteering Activities Coordination, we emphasized that green transformation is not possible without volunteerism and civic participation, and we shared our ideas on what needs to be done to encourage volunteer involvement.





23- As part of the Social and Scientific Collaboration Protocol signed between Marmara University's STK Application and Research Center and Istanbul Anatolian High School, we began providing training on "Awareness in Sustainability and Green Economy" to high school students starting from September 26, 2023. These trainings will continue for 2 years with the support of our volunteers.





24- As part of the Social and Scientific Collaboration Protocol signed between Marmara University's STK Application and Research Center and Kadıköy Hayrettin Kefeoğlu Anatolian High School, we began providing training on "Sustainability and Sustainable Development Goals Literacy" to 12th-grade students starting from October 6, 2023. Additionally, we started providing training on "Climate Change, Sustainability, Green and Digital Skills" to 10th-grade students from October 21, 2023. These trainings will continue for 2 years with the support of our volunteers.







25- 25- Under the leadership of Marmara University's Civil Society Organizations Application and Research Center, we participated in the "Climate Change and Sustainable Finance Summit on the 100th Anniversary of the Republic" held on October 25, 2023, at the Göztepe Campus, Ibrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. The event was financially supported by Smart Güneş Teknolojileri A.Ş. and Hydrogenix Hydrogen and Energy Storage Technologies Inc., with Tırtkız Group serving as the media sponsor. We attended the summit with our volunteer students.



26- Nazlı Papatya Toksarı, Rana İmre Güzel, Erdem Önal, Emine Altıner, Esra Bayanbaş, Medine Gizem, KarptŶz, ŞerifeBiçer, Barış Toprak, Emirhan Hancı, MtŶhammed Eren KtŶloğltŶ, Èoğa Ürkmez, Aleyna CevahiroğltŶ/ Under the leadership of Marmara University's Civil Society Organizations Application and Research Center, we participated in the "Climate Change and Sustainable Finance Summit on the 100th Anniversary of the Republic" held on October 25, 2023, at the Göztepe Campus, Ibrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. The event was financially supported by Smart Güneş Teknolojileri A.Ş. and Hydrogenix Hydrogen and Energy Storage Technologies Inc., with Tırtkız Group serving as the media sponsor. We attended the summit with our volunteer students.

To view the Summit's Final Declaration and Promotional Film, visit: https://stkam/marmara/edti/tr







27- Marmara University volunteer students distributed soup to those in need throughout the nights of November 2 and November 10, 2023, as part of the "Çorbada Tuzun Olsun" association.

On November 2, 2023, the volunteers were: Serkan Koyuncu, Aleyna Gönmez, Zübeyde Açıkgöz, Ali Aygül, Rahim Tamtaş, Beste Korkmaz, Seher Ceren Çestebaşı, Vildan Belgin Kırıt, Samet Koç, Özge Ceylan.

On November 10, 2023, the volunteers were: Mustafa Öztürk, Filiz Nur Batırbek, Emircan Atalay, Samet Yıldız, Ege Öncel, Zeynep Nur Yılmaz, Safa Elçi, Yusuf Taha Kahraman, İsmail Kalyoncuoğlu, Ceren Alaca.





28- As part of the "Strengthening Civil Participation for Democratic Local Governance in Turkey" project (Civil Participation Project), financed by the European Union under the Participation Pre-Accession Assistance II (IPA II) funds and organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with the Turkish Union of Municipalities as the primary beneficiary, the Ministry of Interior's General Directorate of Civil Society Relations as the co-beneficiary, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Directorate for EU Affairs as the lead coordinator, Marmara University was selected as a university representative for the "Volunteering Working Group."

During the 2023-2025 period, we will participate in this Working Group under the leadership of STKAM and in collaboration with our Coordination Office. Our focus will be on developing legal framework recommendations for volunteering in Turkey, comprehensively evaluating ongoing volunteering efforts, identifying current needs in the civil society sector, and determining potential areas for improvement.

A summary of the information gathered from the first consultation meeting of the Working Group held in Ankara on November 24, 2023, can be accessed on our website: Link





29- On the evening of December 5, 2023, from 20:00 to 22:00, the Volunteering Activities Coordination Office, in collaboration with Marmara University's Civil Society Coordination and Research Center (STKAM), organized an online seminar titled "Civil Society Vision in the 100th Year of Our Republic." During this seminar, we received valuable insights from Mr. Ahmet Türköz, Deputy General Director of the Ministry of Interior's General Directorate of Civil Society Relations, and Mr. Hüseyin Cevahir Özalp, Group President of the Civil Society Strategies and Training Department.

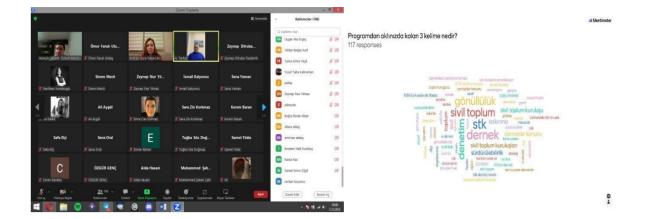
In this seminar, which had over 100 participants, we:

- Provided a brief overview of Turkey's civil society history by tracing the evolution from the Department of Associations to the General Directorate of Civil Society Relations.
- Shared striking data about civil society organizations from around the world and Turkey, and discussed the forward-looking goals under the "What Kind of Civil Society?" context outlined in Turkey's 11th and 12th Development Plans.
- At the end of the seminar, we conducted a mini survey asking participants to share the most memorable words from the session, allowing us to capture the key takeaways and reflections from the participants.

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30- Our volunteer students received training (Disaster Awareness and Climate Crisis Awareness in the Focus of Earthquake and Fire) from the managers of Allianz Technical Earthquake and Fire Testing and Training Center on December 13, 2023/ In accordance with the protocol we made in this year's training, there were also students from Kadıköy HayrtŶllah KefoğltŶ AnadoltŶ High School/ Students of Earthquake and Fire Our students, who received information about how to avoid danger in case of disaster in fire simulation areas, how to be least affected and what to pay attention to, were also informed about climate change and climate crisis and gained awareness about what to pay attention to individually.



31- Our university volunteer student, Taha Yılmaz, worked on packaging products to be distributed to those in need at the Emergency Relief Association on December 5 and 7, 2023.



32- Our Coordinator, Prof. Dr. Esra Yüksel Acı, participated in the Green University Student Workshop organized by Ondokuz Mayıs University Environmental Society on December 21-22. She gave a presentation titled "Universities from the Perspective of the Sustainability Ecosystem.





33- On November 2, 2023, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences students Alda Hasani, Beyza Kışçıtncı, Çilek İzgi, İpek Tınçalp, Kerem Baran, and Zara Sin Korkmaz collaborated with Turkish Red Crescent Marmara Volunteers to inform students about blood donation on campus.



34- December, our university's volunteer students continued to support the Çorbada Tuzunuz Olsun Association in distributing meals to those in need. The names of our volunteers are as follows: Zeynep Sevde Coğan, Nihal Aleyna Kışlaklı, Sena Oral, Samet Koç, Yavuz Taha Kahraman, Zeynep Nur Yılmaz, Ardıç Okcan, Samed Can Uztun, Mertcan Çelikcan, Simge Serez, Süleyman Aldıkaçtı, Sefa Çayı, Hüseyin Erkut Aktaş, Sezin Eren, İremnur Koçak, Ali Aygül, Samet Emre Öğüt, Serkan Koyuncu, Muhammed Emir Bülbül, Betül Taştekin, Eylem Çemir, and Ceren Paksoy.



35- Five of our university's volunteer students participated in the AB Simulation 2023 event organized by the Economic Development Foundation on December 20-21. The simulation, which recreated the European Parliament, was conducted in three sessions focusing on the European Union's enlargement policies, and delegates presented their proposals to the committee. The proposals were discussed in-depth through committee-controlled delegate debates. The names of our volunteers who participated in the event are: Ceyda Aktaş, Seçil Akçın, Sevgi Paslı, Rümeysa Yalçın, and Özgür Genç.





36- Our university's volunteer students volunteered to register books on computers at the library of the Union of Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia (UCLG-MEWA) central office in Fatih. The students who provided this service are: Büşra Bıçakcı, Gamze Emirci, Ebrar Başara, Elif İrem Köse, Sena Kaya, Kıbilay Akhan, Ceydan Alkan, Zeliha Emir, and Ebrar Akdaş.





37- Our Coordinator, Prof. Dr. Esra Yüksel Acı, participated in the panel titled "Green and Digital Transformation in Professions in the Century of Turkey," organized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security and the Vocational Qualification Authority, held in Ankara on Thursday, December 28.

