

About Genç Hayat Foundation

For Youth, Together With Youth!

We were founded in Istanbul in 2008 to support children and youth between ages 11-18 in their preparation for life, who are experiencing intense mental and physical changes. We support children and youth's access to education without any discrimination, and focus on human-oriented approach to build sustainable and feasible solution models.

We use innovative and supportive approaches to help children and youth in discovering their skills and accessing information in line with their capabilities. To effectively achieve this, we include everyone who comes into contact with them. We carry out multi-stakeholder activities and work with related Ministries such as Family, Labor and Social Services, National Education, Youth and Sports, alongside with local governments, universities and private sector representatives. We also participate and contribute to local and international organizations & events and networks organized by the public.

We contribute to the studies in our field with research, training and projects that we implement in three main areas: Education, Engagement, and Empowerment. In this perspective, we envision and strive to bring up a youth that is capable of expressing itself, is aware of its rights and responsibilities, has internalized gender equality, has defined freedom of speech as a duty for itself, has developed an awareness and culture of coexistence, and has placed human rights and democracy at the center of its life.

Our fields of work include but not limited to; prevention of child labor, acquiring 21 century skills, increasing youth employment on decent work opportunities, empowering girls and women, supporting social cohesion among refugee and host communities, avoiding peer victimization/bullying, promoting non-violent communication and child protection.

We directly and indirectly work at the areas of sustainable development goals especially targets; **1** (No Poverty), **4** (Quality Education), **5** (Gender Equality), **8** (Decent Work & Economic Growth), **10** (Reduced Inequalities), **17** (Partnerships for The Goals) through various projects, researches and advocacy campaigns.

Having successfully passed all financial audits, we have the status of Public-Benefit Foundation based on the Council of Ministers decision no. 2012/2762 dated 30.01.2012.