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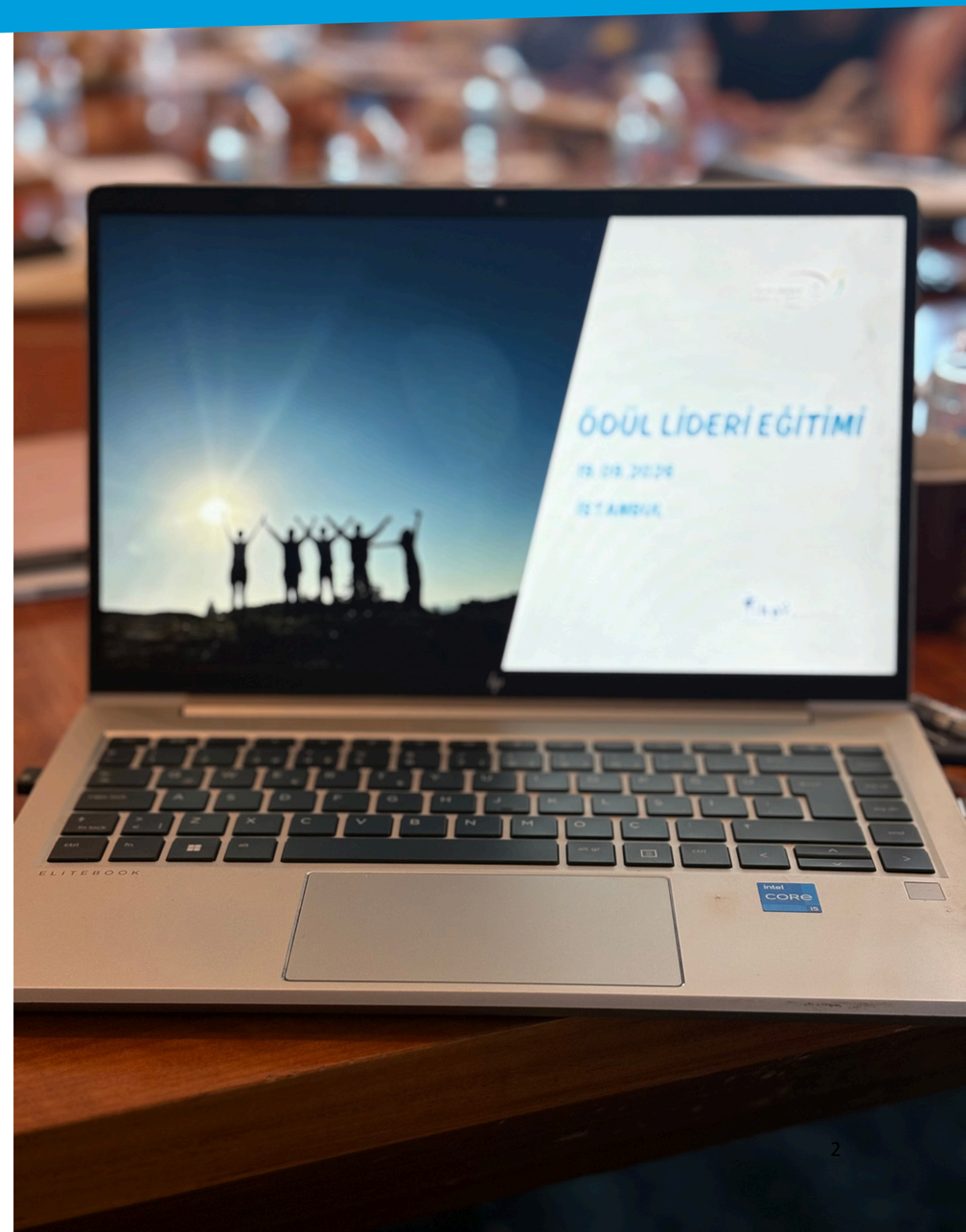
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Message from Edanur Orak



Through the International Award for Young People, and thanks to TİKAV, I had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands for one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life, pushing beyond my limits. I knew I would be embarking on an Adventurous Journey, but I had no idea that this journey, which would take place abroad, would also lead me on an inner journey I had yet to discover.

At first, the thought of camping in an unfamiliar country, surrounded by people I had never met and speaking a language I did not know, was a little daunting. Before setting off on the Adventurous Journey, I found myself worrying: “How will I communicate?” and “What will I do if I get lost?” Yet, as soon as I stepped into the training area and became part of the atmosphere, all my fears gave way to excitement and a desire to explore. What had initially seemed overwhelming turned into a fun, educational and memorable adventure that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Alongside making wonderful friends and spending enjoyable time together, planning my own route, taking responsibility and making decisions at crucial moments, and working as a team to find solutions to the challenges we faced helped me grow in many ways. In particular, stepping out of my comfort zone and leaving my everyday habits behind made me realise that many things I had considered essential were not really necessary. Away from my familiar routines, I discovered how much I could enjoy myself, learn new things and continue to grow.

At the end of this adventure, which I had begun with hesitant steps, I could see that my confidence had grown and that I could push my limits much further than I had imagined. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to TİKAV and the International Award for Young People for giving me the opportunity to visit this wonderful country and enjoy this unique experience.

Edanur Orak

IAYP-TR Gold Participant

TİKAV Scholars Were in the Netherlands for the AJ!

As part of the 17th Group 2nd Year of the Personal Development Programme (BGP), 17 TİKAV scholars were in the Swalmen region of the Netherlands between 27 July and 4 August to undertake their Adventurous Journey. Our participants have made us proud once again by successfully completing the Adventurous Journey section of The International Award for Young People at Gold level.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all TİKAV scholars who completed this challenging journey in the heart of nature, demonstrating great resilience, leadership, and a strong team spirit.

We remain firmly committed to standing by our young people in their future achievements and new adventures that will leave a lasting mark on the future!













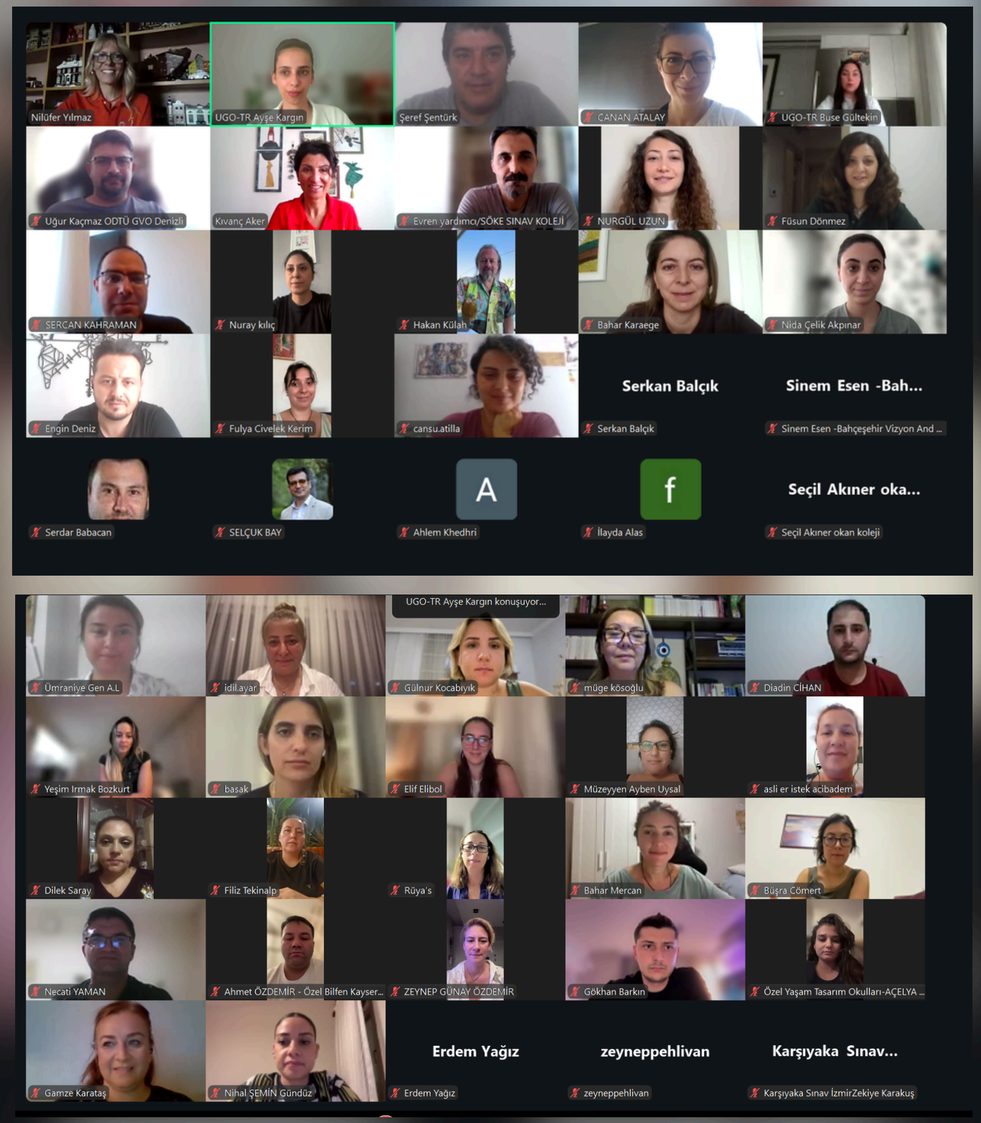


A Strong Start to the New Term: Our Award Centre Management Meetings are Complete!

With the aim of planning the new academic year and sharing updates, we came together on an online platform on 29 August and 3 September.

A total of 96 Award Coordinators attended these gatherings, which were warmly hosted by our trainers and National Office staff, with 25 participants on the first day and 71 on the second.

During the meetings, where updates were presented alongside practical examples, key topics were addressed, such as MEB approval, Explicit Consent Forms, new activity criteria within the job descriptions of Award Leaders and Supervisors, and updated routes for Adventurous Journeys. Despite the online format, these productive gatherings offered an interactive exchange of experiences through Q&A sessions; we would like to thank all our volunteers who attended, and we wish everyone an academic year filled with success!



Training Programmes

Award Leader Trainings

- On 19 and 20 September 2026, we delivered two separate Award Leader Training sessions with a total of 36 volunteers.
- During these training sessions, our volunteers had the opportunity to gain a deep understanding of the core pillars of the Award process, the philosophies behind the Award, and the approaches they can use whilst supporting the participants.
- Together with our volunteers, we have taken another step towards creating a safe and inspiring journey that enables young people to discover their full potential.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and contributions!





70 Years of the Award & World Cleanup Day

On the historic milestone of 70 years of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, which has been uniting young people under the banner of volunteering and positive change, a meaningful environmental movement has taken place. As part of this event, held simultaneously in different parts of the world, The International Award for Young People- Türkiye (IAYP-TR) Alumni Group organised fantastic gatherings at Mersin Kazanlı Beach and Antalya Lara Beach on 20 September, World Cleanup Day.

Led by the alumni group, Award participants, families, and volunteers carried out a comprehensive coastal cleanup at this vital nesting ground for loggerhead sea turtles (caretta carettas). With the clean tracks they left on the beach, they proved once again how steps taken locally can transform into a profound change on a global scale.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, particularly the IAYP-TR Alumni Group, who showcased a solidarity truly fitting for the 70th anniversary of the Award, whilst giving our nature a breath of fresh air!




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IAYP-TR Management & Award Centre Managers Meeting

As The International Award for Young People - Türkiye (IAYP-TR), we came together for an enjoyable dinner with our esteemed Award Centre managers, who play a vital role in the success of our programme.

During this gathering, which took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere, we had the opportunity to review the successful work we have achieved together so far, whilst sharing our goals and vision for the new term.

We have further strengthened our collaborations through strong bonds, with the aim of opening more doors for young people in the upcoming period.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our Award Centre managers who joined us, brightening the evening with their energy and invaluable contributions!



2026 3rd Ordinary National Committee Meeting

On 29 September 2026, our IAYP-TR 3rd Ordinary National Committee Meeting was held online.

The meeting was attended by members of the National Committee and the Board of Directors, alongside National Office staff.

As part of the meeting, evaluations regarding the current developments of the programme, strategic priorities, and implementation processes were addressed. An exchange of ideas took place on field practices, volunteer processes, and sustainability topics.

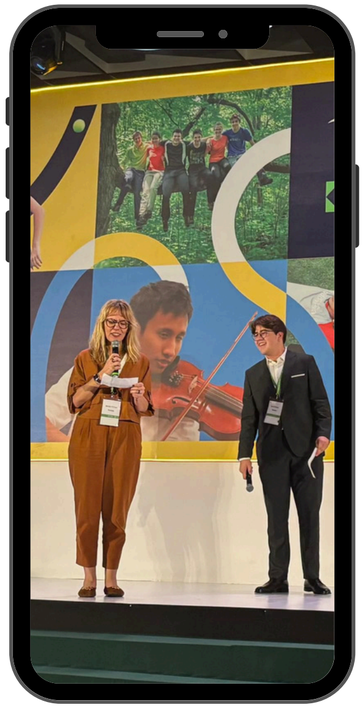
This meeting served as a gathering aimed at strengthening the institutional structure of The International Award for Young People – Türkiye, conducting decision-making processes through collective wisdom, and increasing the impact of the programme.

With the valuable contributions of our National Committee and Board members, we remain committed to pursuing our work with determination.

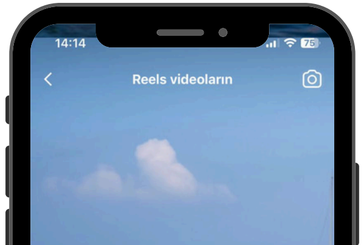












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