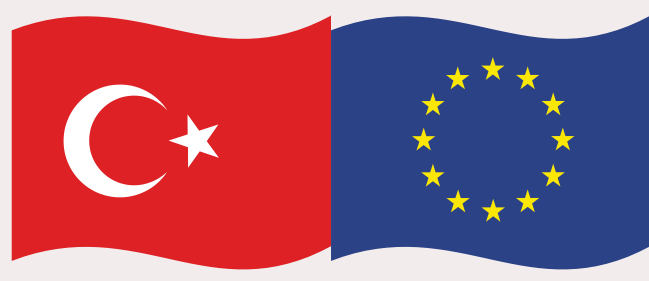


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Population: 15.907.951
Altitude: 30 m



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Project Details

School Name: Yuksel Kaya Vocational Training Centre

Project Name: Garden of Happiness

Purpose

With our project, we aimed to reconnect the organic wastes generated in the kitchen with the soil by composting to obtain natural fertilizer, and to beautify the terrace of our school. In all these processes, we aimed to raise awareness of our teachers, students and support staff in our school.

Target Audience

The target audience of our project consists of apprentice students, teachers, administrators, school support staff in our school, and land communities involved in our project.

85 apprentice students,
2 teachers, **1** cafeteria staff
and numerous land community
members worked for the
project;



- **10** litres of organic waste reunited with soil,
- **8** litres of additional organic waste were put into the fermentation process,
- **1** school terrace has been converted into an agricultural and flower area,
- **20** daisies and **20** marigolds were planted,
- **5** pepper seedlings, **8** tomato seedlings, **10** strawberry seedlings, **5** lettuce seedlings were planted.

We exchanged ideas about the content and objectives of our project through information meetings with school management, teachers, students, and cafeteria staff. We ensured that kitchen wastes were separated for our project.



First of all, we conducted a design work for greening our terrace. Then, we aimed to utilize the food wastes by composting in order to improve the content of the soil we place in the pots.



We took the food waste from the kitchen to our compost boxes every week and carried out the necessary procedures. We planted tomato, lettuce, pepper and strawberry seedlings in our pots. Together, we examined the development of our seedlings and carried out irrigation and composting work.



We painted old car tires and planted flowers in the tires.



We documented the works with photos and videos and shared them with our immediate circle. We thanked everyone who helped us in our project. We have strengthened our solidarity muscles for the land communities on our planet.

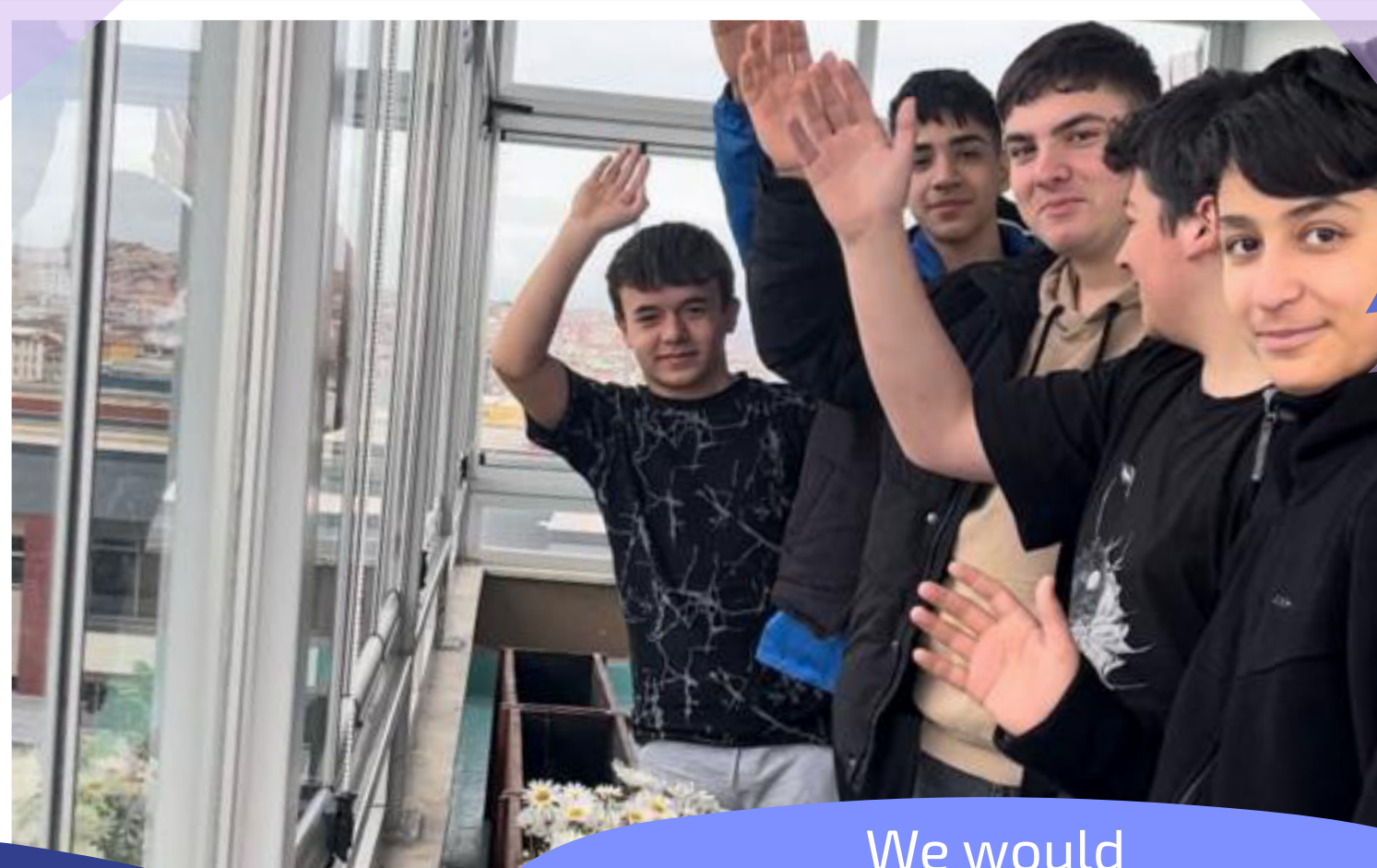


What do beneficiaries and practitioners think about the project?

We had a lot of fun at every stage of our project. It was good for all of us to show solidarity and cooperation.



We learned new things, became conscious and had fun at the same time.



We would very much like this activity to be carried out in other VTCs. We published a short news about our project on our school website to set an example for other schools.

Creating a mini garden on the terrace of our school, connecting with the soil and growing crops positively affected our school climate.



Recommendations for implementing and improving the project

- Expanding the impact of the project by involving stakeholders outside the school
- Sharing experience through the sister school application

- Continuing the project in all appropriate areas other than the terrace
- Increasing the diversity of plants and seedlings

- Holding meetings with parents to promote this implementation in the houses
- Supporting enterprises for composting food wastes

