

## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 1: The Transformative Power of Volunteering in the Sustainable Development Goals

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### The Transformative Power of Volunteering in the Sustainable Development Goals

Would you like to explore how volunteering models—shaped by the experience of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme—contribute concretely to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? This webinar will highlight the importance of volunteering in Türkiye, the transformative impact of volunteers on the ground, and the pathway toward 2026 as the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development.

Ezgi Berktaş, Türkiye Programme Officer at the UNV Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, will share insights on how volunteering acts as a catalyst in development processes, how volunteer contributions can be measured, and inspiring examples from Türkiye. The session will also provide a comprehensive overview of how UNV-led initiatives create impact at both local and international levels.

This is a strong invitation for anyone who wants to support sustainable development, understand the transformative power of volunteering, and prepare for the International Year of Volunteers 2026. Secure your place now.

The webinar is organised within the framework of International Volunteer Day, in collaboration with the National Volunteering Committee and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV), and will be delivered via the ILA Talks mobile application. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive bilingual (Turkish–English) certificates upon completion.

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### Webinar 2: International Volunteer Camps

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### International Volunteer Camps

Would you like to explore international volunteer camps organised through years of experience by the Volunteer Services Association? Bringing together volunteers from different countries, these camps offer unique opportunities to actively contribute to environmental protection, restoration, intercultural learning, and community-based projects.

Gölbahar Akkoç from the Volunteer Services Association will provide a comprehensive overview of how camp themes are designed, how international volunteer exchange operates, and how even short-term participation can create long-lasting social impact. Participants will also gain first-hand insights into ongoing international volunteering programmes, participation conditions, and best practices.

This webinar is a great starting point for anyone who wants to experience international volunteering, engage with different cultures, and become part of global solidarity networks. Secure your place today.

The webinar is organised as part of International Volunteer Day activities by the National Volunteering Committee and will be delivered via the ILA Talks mobile application.

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### Webinar 3: Volunteering in Science and STEM-Focused Activities

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### Volunteering in Science and STEM-Focused Activities

Taking part in science and technology as a volunteer can be a powerful way to increase young people's participation in STEM—especially that of girls—and to reduce inequality of opportunity. The long-standing volunteering programmes of the Science Heroes Association offer effective models that help transform access barriers in STEM fields.

Aylın Yıldırım Tayhan, Senior Programme Coordinator at the Science Heroes Association, will provide a broad perspective on the social impact of STEM volunteering, the power of becoming a role model, the personal benefits of volunteering, and the importance of volunteer support in building a sustainable STEM ecosystem. This webinar will also offer a valuable opportunity to explore, through concrete examples, how volunteer mentoring, skills development, and networking can positively influence young people.

We invite everyone who wants to contribute to social transformation through science and technology, inspire future generations, and support the creation of an accessible STEM ecosystem. Apply now to join.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 4: Volunteer Management and Its Importance in Civil Society Organizations

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### Volunteer Management and Its Importance in Civil Society Organizations

One of the key conditions for creating strong impact in civil society is the ability to engage volunteers through the right methods and processes. The long-standing volunteering programmes of Hayat Sende Association offer valuable examples of how to reach qualified volunteers, diversify volunteering opportunities, and build an effective volunteer management model in practice.

Melike Sarı, Fundraising Officer and Psychologist at Hayat Sende Association, will share in detail why volunteer management plays a critical role, how qualified volunteers can be identified, and which strategies can be used to strengthen the volunteer pool. Participants will also gain practical tips and institutional insights into how the association manages its volunteering processes.

This webinar offers an important opportunity for anyone who wants to establish an effective volunteering model in civil society, reach a broader participant base, and strengthen social impact. Apply now to join.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

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### Webinar 5: Youth in Action, A Stronger Society

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### Youth in Action, A Stronger Society

Would you like to explore how young people can shape social change through volunteering? Yücel Culture Foundation implements a strong volunteering model that encourages young people to take responsibility, develop leadership skills, and contribute through solidarity and collective action.

Yunus Emre Benli, Project and Volunteer Coordinator at Yücel Culture Foundation, will share why youth work is of critical importance, how young volunteers create social impact through teamwork and cooperation, and how young people can influence their communities through concrete projects. The session will also focus on the personal skills, social connections, and leadership experiences that develop through volunteering.

This webinar is a valuable opportunity for anyone who wants to better understand volunteering models that reflect the energy, creativity, and solidarity of young people into society. Apply now and take a step forward in your own volunteering journey.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 6: Volunteering and Wellbeing

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### Volunteering and Wellbeing

Being a volunteer does not only create social benefit; it also strengthens emotional resilience, reinforces social connections, and contributes directly to psychological wellbeing. The volunteering models developed by Inno Association are built precisely on this twofold impact.

Cafer Yıldırım, President of Inno Association, will explain how volunteering can empower individuals in areas such as self-efficacy, meaning-making, social belonging, and life satisfaction. At the same time, he will address risk areas that may arise in volunteer experiences—such as burnout, stress, feelings of guilt, and boundary violations—from a scientific perspective. The session will also comprehensively explore the points that both volunteers and volunteer-supporting organisations should consider in terms of mental health.

This webinar offers strong guidance for anyone who wants to turn volunteering into a more conscious, safer, and more sustainable life practice. Apply now to take part.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 7: Creating Sustainable Social Impact Through Corporate Volunteering

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### Creating Sustainable Social Impact Through Corporate Volunteering

Corporate volunteering is one of the most effective models for transforming employees' skills into social benefit while also strengthening organisations' social impact strategies. As two pioneering actors in this field in Türkiye, Abilitypool and the Social Innovation Center (SİM) implement comprehensive programmes that help organisations develop a culture of volunteering, increase employee engagement, and generate sustainable social impact.

Özlem Ülker, Co-Founder of Abilitypool, and Ayşe Yapıcı, Programmes Director at the Social Innovation Center (SİM), will present a strong roadmap covering the definition of corporate volunteering, practical implementation models, impact-oriented programme design, and employee motivation. The session will also explore how NGO partnerships should be established, how stakeholder relationships can be managed effectively, and what future trends are shaping corporate volunteering. If you want to strengthen the culture of volunteering within your organisation, increase employee participation, and design socially impactful projects, this webinar is for you.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 8: Volunteer Training and Capacity Building

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### Volunteer Training and Capacity Building

Would you like to discover the training model through which the Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV) has empowered thousands of volunteers over the years, understand how a volunteering journey can be structured, and learn the full stages of a professional volunteer programme? As one of Türkiye's most established institutions in this field, AÇEV implements exemplary practices that strengthen both volunteers and society through a systematic development model.

Deniz İrem Ergüney, Senior Specialist at AÇEV, and Onur Aygün will provide a comprehensive overview of the entire structure, from volunteer application and interview processes to training-of-trainers, implementation and supervision stages, as well as capacity-building and refresher training. The session will also explore in detail how volunteer profiles are identified, how Volunteer Academies and experience-sharing meetings are organised, and how volunteers progress toward roles such as field consultant or master trainer.

This webinar is a valuable guide for anyone who wants to turn volunteering into a more effective, conscious, and sustainable development journey. Apply now to join.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

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### Webinar 9: Rights-Based Approach to Child-Centred Volunteering

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#### A Rights-Based Approach to Child-Centred Volunteering

Volunteering in the field of children requires more than good intentions; it requires acting within a strong ethical framework. A rights-based approach places the best interests of the child at the centre and helps ensure that volunteer activities are responsible, safe, and sustainable. Hayat Sende Association offers an important point of reference for how this approach should be applied by everyone working voluntarily in the field of children.

Rumeysa Bozdemir, General Coordinator of Hayat Sende Association, will explain why rights-based work is essential in child-focused volunteering, which principles should guide volunteer practice, and how rights-based behaviour can be applied in the field. The session will also address the key questions volunteers should ask themselves before working with children, as well as the risks and ethical considerations that must be taken into account.

This webinar offers a valuable learning opportunity for anyone who wants to protect children's rights, create safe spaces, and develop an ethically grounded volunteering model.

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### Webinar 10: Nature Does You Good

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### Nature Does You Good

Volunteering for nature offers a powerful space for responsibility—strengthening environmental awareness, protecting ecosystems, and increasing social consciousness. As one of Türkiye's most established environmental organisations, TEMA Foundation creates wide-ranging impact together with its volunteers, from combating erosion to nature education programmes, from tree planting to advocacy.

Çiğdem Akça, Deputy General Manager of TEMA Foundation, will provide detailed insights into the foundation's organisational structure, volunteering model, and the real-life impact of environmental volunteering efforts in the field. The session will also explore how individuals can become involved in nature protection programmes, which roles volunteers can take on within TEMA Foundation, and how these efforts generate broader social impact through concrete examples.

If you would like to take action to protect nature, make environmental volunteering a meaningful part of your life, and learn more about TEMA Foundation's volunteering model, reserve your place now.

The webinar will be held as part of the International Volunteer Day activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) via the ILA Talks mobile application.

The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 11: Volunteering and Civil Society for Sustainable and Inclusive Development

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### Volunteering and Civil Society for Sustainable and Inclusive Development

Should sustainable and inclusive development be understood only through economic growth, or should it also be approached together with social justice and environmental responsibility? This webinar offers a valuable meeting point for anyone who wants to explore the role of civil society in this transformation, through both an academic perspective and real-world field experience.

The Marmara University Centre for Civil Society Organisations Research and Application (STKAM) stands out as one of Türkiye's leading reference centres through its work on volunteering, social inclusion, and sustainability. In this context, Prof. Dr Esra Yüksel Acı will provide a comprehensive discussion of the strong and weak sustainability approaches, while examining the transformative role of civil society in bridging macro-level policies and micro-level practices.

The session will address the capacity of volunteer organisations to generate environmental and social impact, their potential to strengthen social inclusion, the critical role of volunteering in developing 21st-century skills, and STKAM's work in the field of volunteering through a holistic perspective.

If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the real power of volunteering and civil society for a sustainable future, do not miss this event. Apply now and reserve your place. The webinar will be held as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities, organised by the National Volunteering Committee (UGK) and STKAM via the ILA Talks mobile application. The event is free, and participants will receive Turkish-English participation certificates at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 12: Networking and Partnership Development in the Field of Volunteering

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### Networking and Partnership Development in the Field of Volunteering

Creating lasting impact in the field of volunteering depends on building strong networks and transforming them into sustainable partnerships. Establishing trust-based relationships between individuals and institutions, sharing resources effectively, and producing together around common goals are among the key building blocks of strong volunteering ecosystems.

ILA offers substantial experience in this field through the volunteering networks and multi-stakeholder collaborations it has developed at both national and international levels. Mehmet Altunbaş, Programme Coordinator at ILA, will share the core principles of network-building in volunteering ecosystems, partnership development processes, and multi-stakeholder cooperation models supported by examples from different countries.

The webinar will address network management tools, the design and coordination of joint projects, ways to sustain trust-based collaboration, and approaches to evaluating the impact of developed partnerships from a holistic perspective. Serving as a valuable guide for organisations working in volunteering, network managers, project developers, and volunteers, this session is designed for everyone who wants to take collaboration one step further.

If you would like to build effective networks, turn your volunteering efforts into collaborative projects, and strengthen your national and international partnerships, reserve your place now. The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 13: Experiential Learning in Volunteering Programs

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### Experiential Learning in Volunteering Programs

Can volunteering be transformed into a meaningful learning experience? Volunteering activities are not only spaces for social contribution, but can also become powerful environments where individuals learn actively through experience.

With its approach that structures volunteering around cognitive, affective, and skills-based learning outcomes, the Experiential Training Center Association (DEM) develops pioneering models in this field. Within the framework of the association's work, Mustafa Erdoğan, Chair of the Board, and Dr. Nisa Akın, Trainer, will provide a comprehensive perspective on how the experiential learning approach can be designed and integrated into volunteering programmes.

Throughout the webinar, participants will explore how volunteer roles can be structured around learning outcomes, how learning can be deepened in practice through reflection sessions, learning journals, and feedback loops, and how these experiences can be documented through micro-credentials. The session will also introduce examples from different countries that demonstrate how volunteering can be transformed into a systematic learning process.

This webinar offers a valuable guide for organisations, trainers, and volunteers who want to make volunteering programmes more meaningful, measurable, and learning-oriented. Reserve your place now to join.

The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 14: Healthy Volunteering in Healthcare

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### Healthy Volunteering in Healthcare

Would you like to learn the right boundaries and safe models for volunteering in the field of health? Volunteering in healthcare requires a high level of responsibility, ethical sensitivity, and strong preparation. Understanding which roles volunteers can take on, what boundaries should be respected in communication with patients and their families, and how support can be provided in a sustainable way are among the most important issues in this field.

The Cystic Fibrosis Association (KIFDER) stands out as one of the key organisations that has long implemented volunteering in healthcare through a safe, ethical, and structured model. İknur Görgün, President of the Association, will discuss roles and responsibilities in healthcare volunteering through examples such as hospital accompaniment, social support in elderly care, and volunteer contribution models in health screenings.

The webinar will also cover hygiene and safety principles, privacy, emotional resilience, volunteer training protocols, and internal support mechanisms through practical examples. In addition, participants will gain insight into good practices from health-focused volunteering projects in different countries.

Apply now to reserve your place. The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 15: Manage Volunteer Communities Through Effective Communication

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### Manage Volunteer Communities Through Effective Communication

The sustainability of volunteering efforts depends not only on good intentions, but also on strong communication, healthy community dynamics, and the right management tools. For everyone who wants to maintain volunteer motivation, strengthen engagement, and support a culture of collective contribution, effective communication plays a critical role.

Needs Map (İhtiyaç Haritası) is one of the leading organisations managing a broad volunteering ecosystem, ranging from crisis response to long-term social impact projects. Birbey Kılınççı, Director of Project, Field Operations, and Volunteering Unit at Needs Map, will share the core principles of effective communication in volunteering, the dynamics encountered in community management, and practical approaches that work in the field.

The webinar will address communication strategies that increase volunteer motivation, ways of managing interaction among volunteers, conflict resolution and feedback mechanisms, and how digital tools can be used to manage volunteer communities more effectively. Drawing on real field experience, the session will offer a guiding framework for those who want to make their volunteering efforts stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable.

If you want to manage volunteer communities in a more conscious, resilient, and effective way, do not miss this event. Apply now and reserve your place. The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 16: Creating a Significant Impact in University Volunteer Projects

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### Creating Meaningful Impact Through University Volunteer Projects

How can volunteering in universities be institutionalised, how can community service practices be integrated into academic models, and how do these processes contribute to students' social responsibility development? This webinar offers a comprehensive perspective for everyone who wants to make volunteering in higher education more systematic, measurable, and sustainable.

Dr. Oğuz Yavuzylmaz, faculty member at Kocaeli University, will discuss how volunteering can be structurally integrated into university systems through credit-bearing courses, compulsory practice components, student clubs, and research-based projects. The session will also examine academic matching models, monitoring and evaluation approaches, and volunteering-based good practices in university-community cooperation through a range of examples.

This event serves as a valuable guide for university administrators, academics, instructors of community service courses, student club advisors, and all stakeholders who want to bring volunteering into a stronger academic framework. Apply now to reserve your place.

The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 17: The Transformative Power of Volunteering in Education

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### The Transformative Power of Volunteering in Education

Volunteering in education is not limited to providing individual support; it also creates a transformative impact that strengthens school communities, enriches learning processes, and expands social participation. Volunteering models in which students, teachers, parents, and community stakeholders act together can turn learning environments into centres that generate social benefit.

The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye (TEGV) is one of the country's strongest examples of how volunteer power can support children's access to quality education and create lasting social impact in the field of education. Aykut Saka, Volunteer Operations Manager at TEGV, will share practical insights into the collaborative learning approach in education, participatory and inclusive models for civil society organisations, and real experiences in volunteer management and impact measurement within educational projects.

Through examples such as school-based social responsibility projects, volunteer initiatives carried out with student clubs, parent-led programmes, and local partnerships built under teacher leadership, participants will explore how multi-stakeholder volunteering can be organised in educational settings. This webinar offers a valuable opportunity for everyone who wants to strengthen their own institution or school model through volunteering.

The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

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### Webinar 18: Disaster Volunteering and Crisis Response

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### Disaster Volunteering and Crisis Response

In times of disaster and crisis, the effective organisation of volunteers, rapid mobilisation, and the establishment of safe intervention processes are of vital importance. Clear task distribution in the field, strong coordination, and logistical support mechanisms are essential to making volunteer contributions both effective and sustainable.

Ahbap offers an important point of reference in this field through its volunteer organisation model and field experience developed during disaster response periods. Tuğba Serbest Bıçak, General Volunteer Coordinator at Ahbap, and İncilay Morkaya, Deputy Volunteer Coordinator, will share how volunteers are positioned during disasters and crises, with a focus on coordination, logistical support, data-informed intervention, and safety principles.

The webinar will also address the roles volunteers take on, from psychosocial support to post-crisis recovery processes, while drawing on examples of disaster volunteering from different countries and lessons learned from the field. This event offers valuable guidance for anyone who wants to adopt a safe, ethical, and well-prepared approach to volunteering in emergencies. Reserve your place now.

The webinar will be held via the ILA Talks mobile application as part of the International Year of Volunteers activities. The event is free of charge, and participants will receive Turkish-English certificates of participation at the end of the session.

Event Date: February 5, 2026

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 19: Understanding Digital Volunteering Platforms Through Behavioural Science and Data

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### Understanding Digital Volunteering Platforms Through Behavioural Science and Data

Volunteering is no longer limited to physical spaces. Through digital platforms, task-matching systems, and online teamwork, volunteers can now make meaningful contributions from anywhere in the world. This webinar offers a comprehensive perspective for anyone who wants to understand how this new model works, which digital competencies it requires, and how impact can be created remotely.

Dr. Hatice Büber Kaya, Assistant Professor at Kırklareli University, will explore the core characteristics of digital volunteering through online platforms, virtual team communication, coordination processes, and examples of good practice from different countries. The session will also examine how digital volunteering ecosystems can be understood and improved through the perspectives of behavioural science and data.

We invite everyone who wants to better understand digital volunteering models, explore new ways of contributing online, and learn from inspiring practices in this field to join this webinar.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

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### Webinar 20: Volunteer Rights and Well-being

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### Volunteer Rights and Well-being

Protecting rights within volunteering processes, clearly defining roles and responsibilities, and ensuring safe working conditions are the foundations of a sustainable volunteering culture. Approaches that prioritise the emotional, physical, and social well-being of volunteers are key to building ethical and strong volunteering relationships.

Muratcan Işıldak, President of the Youth Thought Institute, will address the core principles of a rights-based approach in volunteering, focusing on informed consent, role boundaries, insurance, risk management, and safe working environments. The session will also explore structural mechanisms that support, recognise, and empower volunteers to contribute within a framework of trust.

We invite everyone who wants to carry out volunteering activities in a more ethical, safe, and human-centred way to join this webinar.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

Event Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 20:00 (TRT)

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 22: International Volunteering Opportunities: European Solidarity Corps (ESC) Application Guide

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### International Volunteering Opportunities: European Solidarity Corps (ESC) Application Guide

For young people who want to gain volunteering experience in Europe, the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) is one of the most concrete and accessible international opportunities available. Choosing the right project, managing the application process effectively, and presenting your motivation in a strong and authentic way are among the most critical steps that shape your chances of being accepted.

Ahmet Abalı, Project Specialist at the Mersin University Office of International Relations and Projects, will explain the scope of the ESC programme, who can apply under which conditions, and how to create a profile, search for projects, and submit applications step by step through the European Youth Portal. The webinar will also cover how to prepare a strong application text, how to choose suitable projects, how to express motivation effectively, and what personal, professional, and intercultural gains participants can achieve through the programme, supported by practical insights and participant experiences.

This webinar offers a strong starting point for everyone who wants to experience international volunteering, develop new skills in Europe, and take part in an intercultural environment.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

Event Date: February 26, 2026

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 22: Freedom of Association and Volunteering in Field Research

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### Freedom of Association and Volunteering in Field Research

Volunteering becomes more visible, stronger, and more sustainable when it is supported by freedom of association and field-based data. Accurately analysing the needs of volunteers, identifying the capacity limits of institutions, and integrating this evidence into policy development processes are all critical to building a healthy and effective volunteering ecosystem.

The Association of Civil Society Development Center (STGM) is an important reference point through its work on strengthening civil society and supporting data-driven capacity development. Murat Özçelebi, Deputy General Coordinator of STGM, and Çağlar Yenilmez, Technical Support Specialist, will discuss the structural barriers faced by volunteers, the support needs of organisations, and how institutional responses can be developed based on findings from field research and survey data.

The webinar will also explore data-driven volunteer policy development processes, legal and administrative frameworks for protecting freedom of association, and examples of good practice from different regions through a holistic perspective. This event is open to everyone who wants to make volunteering efforts more systematic, effective, and sustainable.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

Event Date: March 5, 2026

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 23: Equality and Volunteering in the Digital Transformation for All Women and Girls

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### Equality and Volunteering in the Digital Transformation for All Women and Girls

Digital transformation creates new opportunities for women and girls, but it can also generate new risks and inequalities. Issues such as access to technology, digital safety, online rights, and combating digital violence can deepen existing gaps when they are not addressed through a gender equality perspective.

Dilan Orak, Legal Advisor and Trainer at SistersLab – Women in Science and Technology Association, will discuss volunteering approaches focused on gender equality within the framework of risks, rights, and safety mechanisms in the digital world. The webinar will present concrete examples of empowering volunteering models for women and girls, efforts to advance equality in technology, strategies to combat digital violence, and ways to build safe and inclusive communities.

We invite everyone who wants to learn how volunteering can play a transformative role in building a more inclusive, safe, and equal future in the digital world.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 24: State of the World's Volunteerism

**Event Type:** Activity  
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### State of the World's Volunteerism

How can the real impact of volunteering be measured, which indicators can guide policymakers and institutions, and how can volunteer contributions become more visible and easier to advocate for? This webinar offers a strong framework for everyone who wants to understand the impact of volunteering on individuals, communities, and public services through data and policy perspectives.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) is one of the leading international reference points in this field, with its frameworks developed to recognise, strengthen, and measure volunteering at the global level. Dr. Tapiwa Kamuruko, Chief of Volunteer Advisory Services at UNV, and Emiliya Asadova, Evidence-Based Policy Specialist, will provide a comprehensive discussion on how volunteering can be assessed through both quantitative and qualitative methods in light of the 2026 State of the World's Volunteerism Report.

We invite everyone who wants to understand volunteering through a data-driven lens, strengthen their advocacy capacity, and make volunteering more visible in policymaking processes to join this webinar.

The event will be held online within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers, with the support of TEMA. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

Event Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 11:30 (TRT)

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 25: Psychosocial Support in Volunteering: Roles, Boundaries, and Disaster Ethics

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### Psychosocial Support in Volunteering: Roles, Boundaries, and Disaster Ethics

Providing psychosocial support in volunteering activities carried out in the context of disasters, crises, and work with vulnerable groups requires strong awareness and clearly defined boundaries. A trauma-informed approach, emotional safety, and a clear understanding of ethical responsibilities form the essential framework that volunteers need both to support others and to protect themselves.

Asude Uçal, Clinical Lead and Clinical Psychologist at Maya Foundation, will discuss the scope of volunteers' psychosocial support roles through the lenses of disaster ethics, trauma-informed practice, and emotional safety principles. The session will also address self-care strategies and institutional support mechanisms that can help prevent burnout, secondary trauma, and emotional exhaustion among volunteers who are regularly exposed to traumatic content, supported by case-based examples.

We invite everyone who wants to build safe cooperation with professional support systems, make the right referrals at the right time, and better define ethical boundaries in volunteering to join this webinar.

The event will be held as an online webinar within the framework of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and completely free of charge, including a certificate of participation.

Event Date: March 19, 2026

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## IVY WEBINAR SERIES PRESS RELEASE

### Webinar 26: European Union Funding Opportunities

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### Matching European Union Funding Opportunities with the Right Program

European Union funds offer significant opportunities across a wide range of areas, from institutional capacity building to international cooperation. However, the objectives, eligibility criteria, and application processes of different program types vary significantly. Identifying the most appropriate funding source for your organisation is the first step in an effective project development process.

Ayşe Deniz Arıcan, EU Affairs Specialist at the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey for European Union Affairs, will provide a comparative analysis of the structure of EU programs, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds, and cross-border cooperation programs, focusing on their objectives, scope, and application processes. Participants will gain concrete insights into identifying the most suitable funding opportunity for their organisation, including which activities can be supported by which funds, partnership requirements, budget structures, and examples of successful projects.

If you wish to develop European Union projects, access international funding, and strengthen your organisation's project capacity, secure your spot for this webinar today.

The event will be held as an online webinar as part of the 2026 International Year of Volunteers. It is open to everyone and is completely free, including a participation certificate.

Event Date: March 26, 2026

Time: 20:00 (TRT)

Registration Link: <https://ilatalks.com/webinar/83>