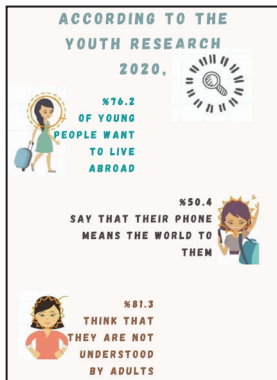




YOUTH RESEARCH 2020

The research that was done in 2020 on young people in Turkey, give us some insight about how majority of the new generation are feeling within the global circumstances. The research shows that most of the young people (about %76) want to live abroad, %50 of them cannot imagine a life without their phones, and %81 of them think that their voice is not heard and they are not understood in the world of adults.

As AGU Youth Factory, our top priority is to enable youth to voice their opinions, create platforms for them where they can speak up. And even more so, to take initiative and change the world into a place that they are indeed understood. For that, as Youth Factory, we organize seminars and workshops where you can develop your skills and involvement and network in local policy-making. We are also highly aware of the fact that as young people you see the entire world as your home, and you think global. For that, we are engaging with venues which enable you to go abroad not just for academic purposes but to volunteer in extracurricular projects and develop your social skills and multicultural awareness.



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And, last but not least, since we are completely aware of the fact that you manage your time and day via your smart phone. We respect and share your opinion that social media is more user-friendly (and we must admit more fun) than e-mailing, so, we share our events, projects and opportunities to go abroad on our social media accounts. Our primary goal is to meet you where you are and bond with you in your preferred terms. So please follow us! We, as the Youth Factory team, use our social media accounts very actively. You can check out our previous events and also keep posted about the upcoming events.

Welcome Home! A New Semester or Perhaps a New Era?

Considering your needs as young people and the requirements of our rapidly changing world, we have worked throughout the summer to put together clusters of themes that we believe you will find interesting and useful. The themes that we designated for the month of October are “awareness (cultural/personal/multicultural)” “entrepreneurship” “accessibility and/or disability” “personal development”. We are completely aware of the fact that academic success is not sufficient in and of itself for a successful career in today’s job market. For that reason, in line with AGU Values, we have invited inspirational figures who will share and create a new perspective from where you can see the world in a different light. The seminars and our speakers will enable you to think outside the box, to be different, to discover ourselves and the world around us. Let us introduce our guests. Semih Yalman, a social entrepreneur, invites us to “Dream!”. He believes “you are what you dream of, so dare to try!” He shares his enthusiasm on self-development and guides us in learning how to dream so that our dreams can change the world around us into a place that we want to be a part of. Deniz Dünder, on the other hand, a “aware-ologist” dares us in his unique interactive and candid style to be aware of ourselves and inner dynamics first and the world around us afterwards.

Serkut Kızanlıklık will guide us to a different world, a world of youth workers and how they perceive the world. Bora Akince will discuss with us that not only multi-national companies are of utmost importance in the world of a young professional, but that a young person can start a career at NGOs. Elif Yağmur Topakbaşı will open the terms of “accessibility” and “disability” to discussion. We will explore with her how those cousin terms are intertwined and also how antagonized they might act.



Eurodesk Youth Meetings

As one of the contact points of Eurodesk Youth Information Network, throughout the summer we have met young people and gave counseling about EU opportunities to live and work abroad, to join events and trainings in European countries. Due to the pandemic some of our info-seminars took place online in live streaming and others took place on campus. If you would like to get counseling and information email us at youth@agu.edu.tr and make an appointment for an online one-on-one meeting.

