



Jumpstart Youth Peace Campaign 4-6 February 2011 Environmental Weekend in Kritou Terra

Youth Center Union (Gençlik Merkezi Birliđi) and **Future Worlds Center** are jointly organizing an environmental weekend to Kritou Terra **from 4 to 6 February 2011** to promote active citizenship among young people, aged 16-35 from Greek-Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, as part of the EU-funded project **“Jumpstart Youth Peace Campaign in Cyprus”**.

The weekend will focus on the ecological importance of the Akamas peninsula. Participants will visit Toxeftra Turtle Beach and walk through the Avakas Gorge, followed by a discussion on what is meant by a sustainable environment. Participants will examine the affects of human development on nature with trips to the Limne Mines and Alevka. The weekend also includes excursions to Aphrodite’s Baths, cave tombs, the Pomos harbour and will end with a drive through Limnitis checkpoint to the Lefke area.

Friday, 4 February 2011	
Time	Activity
18:00 pm	Collecting Participants from Ledra Palace
20:30 pm	Arrival at Kritou Terra
20:30-21:30	Dinner and settle in rooms
21:30	Introductory talk, guideline, questions

Saturday, 5 February 2011	
Time	Activity
8am	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	Set off for excursion in Akamas, drive to Toxeftra Beach, near Agios Georgios tis Pegias
10:00-11:00	Talk about Akamas. Why is Akamas important? What is special about its ecology and landscape? Look at Toxeftra Turtle Beach and discuss the life cycle and situation of the Green and Loggerhead turtles. What are the threats? Are they going to survive?
11.00 – 13.00	Walk through Avakas Gorge – (two options, long route & short route depending on weather and people’s inclinations). In the Gorge we will discuss the forces shaping the landscape, including the geological uplifting of the island, and some examples of biodiversity..
13.00- 14.00	Packed lunch and free time at Agios Georgios tis Pegias (cave tombs, fishing harbour).
14.00 – 16.00	Visit Sea Caves area and return Kritou Terra
17.00 – 18.00	Discussion and activities: what is meant by a sustainable environment?
19.00	Dinner
20:30	Screening of a film (“Akamas” or “In My Country”)



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Sunday, 6 February 2011	
Time	Activity
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Excursion to Aphrodite's Baths
11:00	Drive to Limni Area. Visit Limni Mine (or view from a distance)
12:00 -13:30	Stop at Pomos harbour for lunch.
13:30-14:15	Drive on towards Pyrgos. Stop at Alevka to look at over-grazing / deforestation issue
14:45 – 17.00	Arrive at Pyrgos area, short stop - then drive through Limnitis checkpoint to Lefke area, possible stop at mines
18:00	Arrive in Nicosia (Ledra Palace or Ag. Dometios?)

Eligible applicants are youth island-wide ages 16-35 interested in active citizenship.

Accommodation, food and transportation from and to Nicosia will be covered by the EU-funded project "Jumpstart Youth Peace Campaign".

Transportation from and to Nicosia will be provided by bus.

Participation form: If you wish to participate, please fill in the application form and send it back to project coordinators:

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"Jumpstart Youth Peace Campaign in Cyprus" aims to:

- **Increase confidence building between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot youth 16-30 years**
- **Create opportunities for youth to actively engage in reconciliation activities**
- **Promote inter-cultural dialogue and its methods and language as a concept and as the means for envisioning a future Cyprus**
- **Enable Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot youth to challenge their own stereotypes and perceptions as well as to develop the capacity to challenge those of the community at large**

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