

Association of Friends & Volunteers of the Society for the Protection of Minors in Thessaloniki SFE -EPATH

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Who we are

The action of Association of Friends and Volunteers of the Society for the Protection of Minors in Thessaloniki, unofficial started in 1992, when a group of volunteers of the Adlerian Center of Psychology of Thessaloniki, supports the work of the Society for the Protection of Minors (S.P.M.T.) Under the scientific supervision of S.P.M.T. staff, the voluntary group, supports the minors for a long period of time, in the context of “Steki” Prevention Center's operation.



In addition, in 1997, the group of volunteers implements, with the cooperation of the department of Criminology Sciences of School of Law of Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, an EU research project.

Finally, in 1998, after project's completion, the Volunteer Group of the Adlerian Psychology Centre, establish the Association of Friends and Volunteers of the Society for the Protection of Minors in Thessaloniki, aiming to the scientific support of S.P.M.T's work.

The Association of Friends and Volunteers of S.P.M.T, is registered in the National Register of Social Care Organizations, as non profit organization (Decision no: ΑΡ.Γ.Π.:Π (2)γ/οικ. 105565 of the Greek Minister of Health and Social Solidarity 1453/Τβ/21-10-05), as well as in the Register of Voluntary NGOs (registration no:02202ΣΥΤ11063040Ν/009).



Our goals

- To empower and upgrade voluntary services' providing, contributing to the effective implementation of S.P.M.T's, objectives and interventions.
- To educate and support Association's members in addressing the needs of socially excluded minors, supervised by S.P.M.T. in issues of education, housing, food, psychological support and counseling, as well as in actions for their social and employment integration.
- To contribute to the public awareness rising, regarding the dimensions of social victimization and the needs of juvenile offenders and minors at risk of delinquency.
- To raise public awareness and promote the active participation of civil society, in prevention of the multiple dimensions of juvenile delinquency and in the reduction of the borders of delinquent minors' social inclusion.
- To develop initiatives and actions of Social Solidarity and Social responsibility, promoting human rights, children's rights, acceptance of diversity, tackling racism and xenophobia, in all their expressions and empowering social justice and solidarity.
- To promote cooperation and partnerships with other organizations, authorities, institutions and citizens who are interested in prevent and reduce of social exclusion and juvenile delinquency.
- To promote research projects and studies, targeting to further gaining and diffusion of scientific knowledge, on the prevention and tackling of social victimization and juvenile delinquency, by the strong partnership of scientific community and Citizens' Society.





Work areas

Creative Training Workshops and after school recreation programs

The basic tool of Association's interventions is the integration of the international research findings data on the effectiveness of non formal training approaches, regarding working with youth's groups. Association, since its establishment, works systemically on non formal training activities development and assessment, planning and implementing a variety of **Creative Training Workshops** of young people, at both prevention and management level.

The Association since it was established works systematically on non formal training activities. Specifically on the development and assessment, planning and implementing a variety of after school recreation programs for young people, both at prevention and management level.

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The Association constantly evaluates and upgrades the methodological approach of Creative Training Workshops, in order to offer an alternative proposal on:

- Youth's free time creative and educative management.
- Youth's social and communicative skills empowerment
- Youth's self perception and self-esteem development
- Youth's self and emotional expression promotion
- Youth's social participatory and cooperation skills building
- Youth's special talents, experiences and skills upgrading and exploitation
- Youth's employability promotion, in real work conditions stimulation.



The educational model and objectives of the Creative Training Workshops, are determined and specified in connection with the youth group, which addressed. It could be distinguished to the following categories of workshops, in which the Association has developed an extensive expertise



Social Responsibility and Action

One of the most dynamic fields in which the Association and its volunteers activate, is the planning and implementation of events, projects and initiatives to promote social responsibility and public awareness, in cooperation with authorities, agencies and organizations of Thessaloniki.

The specific objectives of the social awareness projects, which systematically developed by the Association, include the promotion of

- Social solidarity
- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Diversity Respect
- Youth's Social Participation and action
- Education and Culture
- Prevention of Social exclusion



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