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GENDER ISSUES AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN 'ON-FIELD PROJECTS': FROM HIGHER EDUCATION, CIVIL SOCIETY TO DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

THE ROLE OF NGOS PROVIDING SERVICES ON YOUNG ADULT FEMALE REFUGEES IN GREECE: «ACTION FOR EDUCATION»
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REFUGEES IN GREECE

Greece has been a hotspot for refugees, especially after the European Union-Turkey Agreement (2016).



Refugees in Greece: Record number in overcrowded camps

Aljazeera.com - Oct 11, 2019

The number of refugees and migrants the Greek government is housing in camps on islands in the Aegean Sea has reached a record 31,000.



Greek PM: EU states must do more to share burden of hosting ...

The Guardian - Oct 4, 2019

The Greek prime minister has called for sanctions to be imposed on EU member states that refuse to share the burden of hosting refugees, ...

Greece calls for extra EU aid for refugees in Turkey
International - Hurriyet Daily News - Oct 2, 2019

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Riots at Greek refugee camp on Lesbos after fatal fire

The Guardian - Sep 29, 2019

Greek authorities are scrambling to deal with unrest at a heavily overcrowded migrant camp on Lesbos after a fire there left at least one person ...

Greece: Deadly fire triggers protests at Moria refugee camp

BBC News - Sep 29, 2019

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Chios: No future on a prosperous Greek island

InfoMigrants - Dec 11, 2018

Unlike neighboring islands, Chios keeps migrants and refugees far away ... of Migration Policy for just three years- that is until January 2019.

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- is greece in europe
- is greece a country
- is greece safe
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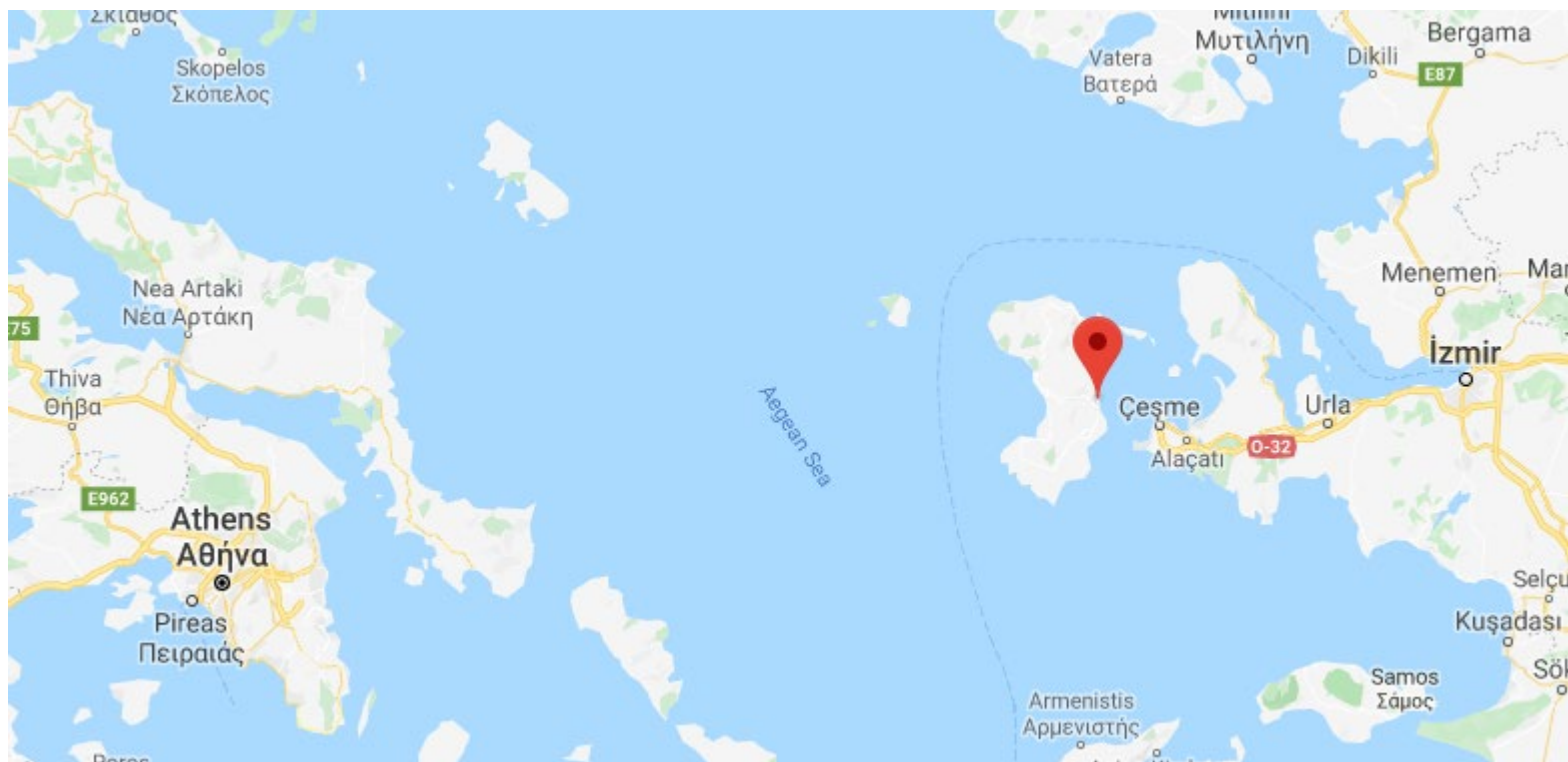
CHIOS ISLAND, GREECE

The Island of Chios has been attached to Greece since 1912. This island received a large number of immigrants from Anatolia. Today, a great part of the inhabitants of Chios are the grandchildren of immigrants from there. Years on, starting with the Arab Spring, many refugees found themselves in Greece because of the island's location.



REFUGEES ON CHIOS ISLAND

- Due to its location, Chios Island in Greece hosts many refugees now.
- The island is relatively small, only forty-five minutes away from Athens (Greece) by flight and fifty minutes away from Çeşme (Turkey) by boat.
- The most common reason why Chios Island welcomes many refugees is that this Greek Island is the first exit from Turkey that opens up as a gate to Europe.



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- The NGO aimed to provide a safe space for young adults and to offer non-formal education opportunities to fill the educational gap, in terms of English literature and language.
- Supporting students in continuing to grow developmentally outside of the daily struggles in the camp. Therefore, curricular activities were mainly about learning English for daily use.
- Extra-curricular activities -> YUGI (Youth Center)

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YUGI (YOUTH CENTER)



The Youth Centre offered a safe space for teenagers between the ages of 14 and 22.

It sought to create an environment and atmosphere that allows the teenagers to develop trusting relationships and confidence in their own abilities and skills.



The teenagers improved their

- conflict management,
- non-violent communication
- group-based decision-making

through social integration and skills-based activities.

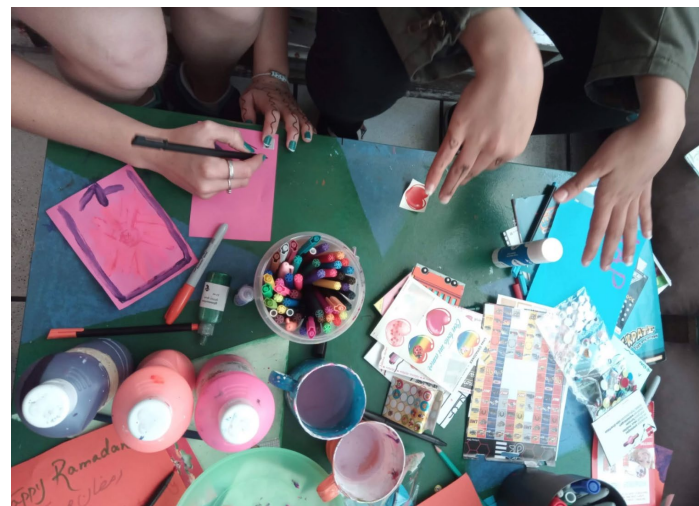
These included both daily (e.g. theme-based assemblies to discuss social topics, group cooking and games) and longer-term projects (e.g. woodcraft, drama, running club, arts, orienteering).



DAILY ROUTINE

“Good morning teacher!” Ah! They’re here, our girls. Group 7 is the women’s group; it is small. We tend to have about 15 girls. (To compare: Group 1,2,3,4, and 5 have about 30 males in each one).

We start each session with an assembly where we say, “We are so happy to see you.” This is the most important part. We want them to know that we care about them, that they belong here. The purpose of yugi is to create a safe space for those waiting on Chios. We want to create a place where it doesn’t matter what religion you are, or what nation you are from, there is a place where you are accepted. Sadly, this is not how they feel in Chios.



THE FUTURE IS FEMALE!



- *Thank you!*

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