# Respekt für Griechenland

Is a non-governmental association from Berlin since 2015 that aims to contribute to a solidarity-based Europe.

How we want to contribute to solidarity in Europe:

We organise events on the topic of Greece and Europe.

We have been involved in refugee work in Lesbos, Athens, Thessaloniki and Philippiada for several years.

We have initiated a project on climate protection in schools together with the city of Athens and support the dissemination of this concept. We organise youth meetings.

We promote self-help projects such as "Pervolarides" in Thessaloniki and "SoliOli".

We remember war crimes in Greece during World War II through public relations and educational work in Germany and support projects of some victims' communities in Greece.

We have about 40 active members, many of whom have experience in politics and/or social movements.

We also constantly send young volunteers from Germany to Greece to help on the ground and participate in our projects.

For a detailed overview of our projects in Athens, Lesbos, Thessaloniki and Philippiada, please visit us online at:

respekt-für-griechenland.de





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# Network for Children's Rights

Our Partner in Athens. (ddp.gr)

The aim of this organisation is to protect and strengthen children's rights by offering a variety of educational programmes, workshops and extracurricular activities. Since children without a recognised asylum procedure are not allowed to attend public schools, they are offered informal education here. We support the local partner organisation in the following ways:

Language lessons in English, German, Greek, Arabic (present or digital).

Teaching packages with materials for children with limited internet access.

SOS emergency aid packages for homeless refugees and Greeks (hygiene articles, energy food, cold protection, sleeping bag).

Accommodation and placement of emergency accommodation for unaccompanied and homeless refugee children.

Workshops and courses with creative, educational and ecological themes.

A computer course for beginners. In easy language and easy to get started.

Collaboration with the newspaper "Migratory Birds" from the Network for Children's Rights. Young refugees write about political, social and cultural issues that directly affect them.

(issuu.com/migratorybirds.ddp)

#### Individual Cases

We provide direct support to families and minors to ensure their basic daily needs such as food and shelter.

If possible, we try to help people attend certified language courses (Greek, English).

Furthermore, we also distribute survival kits directly on the street: Sleeping bags, hygiene items, blankets, food, clothes, etc.

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The impact on the economy since the beginning of the pandemic, the state evictions of recognised refugees from their shelters in May 2020, the fire in Moria on Lesvos and the consequences of the strict closure have left deep and visible wounds in Greek society.

In 2020, we tried to stand by all our shelter-seeking children, youth and adults and never lose contact with them, despite the strictly controlled commandment of social distancing, we were able to find a way to

### Riza Project - U. Gardens Athens

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The various existing wastelands in the centre of Athens should be used to create a network of gardens and therefore break up the dense development of the city and make it greener.

The aim is to raise awareness of ecological issues and to create accessible, safe, educational, creative, emotional and aesthetically pleasing spaces in underprivileged neighbourhoods in collaboration with refugees and Greek local community.

An exemplary garden in Alkamenous Street has already been completed and successfully used. (Cooperation: RfG - Network for Children's Rights - PEPSAEE - Ankaa)

We are currently working on a second garden with an opportunity for job orientation for unaccompanied minors. (Cooperation: RfG - METAdrasi - Odyssea)

## HipHop4Hope Athens

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The vision is to use hip hop culture and dance classes as a tool to inspire, empower and strengthen young people through regular activities.

Young people should be offered a chance to creatively and physically express their feelings and for a moment to block out their often difficult everyday lives and possible traumas.

### Friends Projects

In addition to our partner "Network for Children's Rights", we also support friends organisations e.g. "Khora" and "O Allos Anthropos".

(www.khora-athens.org) (oallosanthropos.blogspot.com)

Both are self-organised projects, founded by refugees and committed Greek citizens.

Khora has a free shop and a social kitchen where clothes, goods and food are offered free of charge to those in need. They cook 25,000 meals a month.

Our volunteers are in the kitchen weekly distributing food to the homeless.

O Allos Anthropos was founded to provide food to people in need.

Operating in various hotspots in Athens, they distribute 300 meals a day. In urgent situations, such as the fire in Moria, volunteers are also sent to other locations to cook and beyond to help where they can.

We support our friends whenever possible with donations of goods and food, as well as practical help on the ground.

We are also in contact with the Syrian Greek Youth Forum. (sgyf.city) A group of 15 international activists, artists and academics working together to find and implement sustainable solutions for an inclusive society - breaking stereotypes and connecting people.

For the city gardens we cooperate with organisations of social orientation that have a workshop to build our objects.

Ankaa (www.ankaaproject.org) Vocational orientation centre with sewing workshop. Employees of the refugee centre sew new bags from old boat material from Lesbos.

Odyssea (odyssea.com) Education and training centre. Here people have the opportunity to take a craft course and obtain a certificate.

