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In Support January 24th
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION
"Compulsory Peace Education Through ICTS"



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SATURDAY



1.30 PM



NY ATATÜRK SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

411 E 76TH ST, NEW YORK, NY 10021

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"The biggest battle is the war against ignorance."

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Program Language: English/Turkish

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

COMPULSORY PEACE EDUCATION THROUGH ICTS

Education is a human right, a public good and a public responsibility.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 January as [International Day of Education](#), in celebration of the role of education for peace and development.

Without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth, and adults behind.

Peace education should be a transformative process that empowers students with knowledge, values, attitudes, skills, and behaviors, making them catalysts for peace in their societies. Education lays the foundation for more peaceful, just, and sustainable societies and emerges as a powerful tool to address challenges such as climate change, inequality, discrimination, violence, and global conflicts. When effectively designed and implemented, education becomes a long-term investment that provides increasing returns.

To create peace, security, equality, and a sustainable world, it is essential to implement a Compulsory Peace Education curriculum from kindergarten to 12th grade. Through the development of empathy, critical thinking, and digital literacy, the goal is to empower youth as agents of change. This process will accelerate sustainable development by eliminating gender inequality, environmental crises, racism, and hatred. The commitment to universal access to ongoing education, particularly digital literacy, aims to equip all citizens for the digital age. By investing in Compulsory Peace and ICT Education, the ultimate goal is to enable both current and future generations, including people with disabilities and disadvantaged individuals, to thrive in an interconnected and technologically democratized world. This holistic approach will accelerate human progress in both the short and long term.

This program is taking place under the leadership of the TWLA organization and The Light Millennium Organization in support of the #UNGA79 Summit of the Future, #Our common agenda & #Pact For The Future to contribute to the creative and inspirational combination along with a need for compulsory digital literacy both to protect and prepare young and future generations along with to inter woven with Compulsory Peace Education as the backbone of compulsory peace education. This initiative is grounded on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights #UDHR76, the UN Charter, and the International Telecommunication Union's #ITU 2030 Agenda.

PROGRAM

**25 JANUARY 2025
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION
NY Ataturk School**

**Organized by Turkish Women's League-America
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TIME	SPEAKERS
1:30-3:00	<p>*Welcome President -TWLA Mrs. Berna Gürdal *NY Ataturk School Principal Ayca Ergisi *Dr. Burcin Ogrenir *"Keeping an Eye on AI : The promise of AI in Social Emotional Learning and the need for Gatekeeping Dehumanization" *Nurseli Tamer" Finding Peace in a World of Infinite Scrolling *Closing remark Bircan Unver-Founder President ,The Light Millennium Global</p>

SPEAKER

DR.BURÇİN ÖĞRENİR



Dr. Burçin Öğrenir is a Family and Parenting professional with expertise in child development, personal growth, family dynamics, and education. She pursued her graduate education in Clinical Psychology and Early Childhood Education at Penn State University and has previously served as an Assistant Professor at the City University of New York, where her work reached international audiences. A certified family mediator through the NJ Association of Professional Mediators and trained in Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Dr. Öğrenir is dedicated to fostering harmony within families and communities. She is also actively exploring AI applications to enhance her work in education and psychology, aiming to leverage emerging technologies to promote interpersonal peacebuilding and societal growth.

Berna Gürdal (President -TWLA)



Berna Gürdal graduated from Hacettepe University Department of Nutrition and Dietetics in 1997 and worked as a corporate dietitian at Panorama Food Company between 1997-1999. Between 1998-2005, she worked as a clinical dietitian at Uludağ University, Department of Internal Medicine and made presentations at various congresses. Her studies on diabetes treatment were published in the book Diabetes Mellitus in 2006. Since 2005, Berna Gürdal has been living in New York and received a Certificate in Child Nutrition and Food Program from Stanford University. She is married and has two children. Both of her children graduated from NY ATATURK School. She has been serving on the TWLA Board of Directors since 2017. She has been the TWLA President since 2023.



Nurseli TAMER

Graduated from American Academy for Girls and University of Istanbul, Faculty of Economics. She started her career at American Express Bank and became one of the first fund managers. After working at various banks, she made a career change in 1998 with the birth of her daughter and became a "full-time mother". With the inspiration she received from her daughter, she returned to education as a visiting student in 2007 at HAYEF. During the studies, she met and became a volunteer of SENG, Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted Children. In 2014, she completed her master's degree at Bahçeşehir University Faculty of Education. Seeing the developments on the web she wrote her thesis on, "Perceptions of Adolescents on Technological Bullying and Awareness Education". She has articles published in academic journals and media in this field and she has a book titled, "Internet Does Not Have Secrets. In 2022, she started teaching students with special needs at the New York DOE and completed her second master's degree in educational sciences at Pace University NY.



AYÇA ERGİSİ -NY ATATÜRK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

After graduating from Ankara Gazi University Faculty of Communication, she started teaching by taking Pedagogical Formation. She worked as a elementary school teacher and assistant principal in Şanlıurfa and Istanbul in Turkey for many years. She was certified as an expert teacher by the Ministry of National Education in Türkiye. She studied languages at Baruch and La Guardia in New York. Mrs Ergisi has been the principal of New York Ataturk School since September 2021.



Bircan UNVER (THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF ORGANIZATION)

Bircan Ünver is the Founder-President of The Light Millennium, a charitable global human advancement organization, and has been its head UN representative since 2005. She is also the Executive Producer of #LightMillenniumTV Programs, a multi-media producer, host, author, and public speaker. Bircan has organized numerous UN-related events and served as a mentor and lecturer on global water action and UN NGO engagement and public access television. She has authored five books in Turkish and English, including “The Most Sacred is to Create” and “A Thousand Years More” “Hope Never Fades.”. Bircan has received multiple awards, including the 2023 Anuvrat Ahimsa Award and the 2024 Best Web-Based Program award. She holds degrees from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University (B.A) and New School University. (M.A)

NY ATATÜRK SCHOOL



Founded and sponsored by Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) since 1971, New York Atatürk School has hundreds of alumni and is the oldest established weekend Turkish educational institution in New York. As a forerunner institution promoting the educational ideals of Atatürk, New York Atatürk School was founded in 1971 with President Ayla Erdamar's diligent work and endeavor and with the support of Consul General Sait Sahipoğlu. At the time, the classes were held at the Turkish Consulate at Rockefeller Center in New York and the school had only 30 students. With the increase in number of students the following year, the classes were held at the leased classrooms in New York Theological Seminary Building. Between 1974-1977, education continued at the United Nations International School. With the support of Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations İlter Türkmen and Consul General Sıtkı Coşkun, Atatürk School moved to New York Turkish Center after its acquisition in 1977. During the renovation of the Turkish Consulate Building in New York, Atatürk School continued to provide education by leasing classrooms from public schools in the Manhattan area. Since 2022, we accept students from all the United States and Canada through online and in person education. Our program beginning of October and including the second week of June is implemented for a total of 37 weeks. Every Saturday between 11:00-14:00, education-training, cultural and social activities continue successfully without interruption. Our in-person educational address is: Eleanor Roosevelt High School 411 East 76th Street New York 10021.

TURKISH WOMEN LEAGUE OF AMERICA (TWLA)



Established on September 17, 1958, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in New York, Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) aims to preserve and teach Turkish language and culture to the future generations. The organization is one of the oldest active Turkish American organizations in the USA and is the sole supporter of the NY Atatürk School which has been a pride since 1971. The Turkish Women's League of America's Board of Directors is comprised entirely of volunteer members. The organization and its members adhere to the principles of modern Turkey's founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and the values of the Republic and adopt the national, moral, human, spiritual and cultural values of the Turkish Nation. Our Mission is to unite the Turkish women living in America under one roof, to provide solidarity and strength among them. We organize cultural and recreational activities to foster a better understanding between the people of Turkey and the United States. With this awareness, Turkish Women's League of America works devotedly with institutions and nongovernmental organization to achieve and preserve the deserved respected place of women in the society. The Turkish Women's League of America is proud to announce our association with the United Nations Department of Global Communications as of December 10,2021.



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THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM ORGANIZATION

The Light Millennium Global Organization (LMGlobal.Org), introduced on the web in 1999, is a non-religious, non-political, and tax-exempt NGO based in New York. It is associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UNDGC) since 2005. LM Global.Org promotes global peace, cultural diversity, and sustainable human development through e-publications, public events, and Light Millennium Television programs. It focuses on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and advocates freedom of expression. The organization has collaborated over years with various UN missions, governments, and universities, and participated in major conferences, including the 2023 UN Water Conference. The 9th Science Technology and Innovation Forum (STI) and #UNGA 79 Summit of the Future. It also engages youth through bi-annual J.U.C Awards projects supporting science, peace, and development.