

New channels for the integration of Third Country Nationals
in the local community

Νέοι δρόμοι για την ένταξη Υπηκόων Τρίτων Χωρών
στην τοπική κοινωνία



PRESS RELEASE

MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF AYIOS DHOMETIOS MUNICIPALITY 2016

The Multicultural Children's Festival organised by Ayios Dhometios Municipality on Saturday 28 May 2016, celebrating the International Children's Day and the International Environment Day was a great success. Hundreds of joyful children and visitors of all ages, of different national and cultural origins gathered at "Tsaf Tsou 4 kids" playground at the Municipal Park "Mnimis kai Epistrofis" and enjoyed a rich programme of activities. A large number of Third Country Nationals (TCNs) attended and had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities and to communicate with organised local groups, citizens of Ayios Dhometios and other visitors. Encouraging feedback was given by participants, particularly children, who enjoyed the Festival with their families.

The Festival was organised in the framework of the Programme "New Channels for Integration of TCNs in the Local Community", which is co-financed by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the EU and the Cyprus Republic under the Project "Integration Programmes by Local Authorities". The partners implementing this programme are the Municipalities of Nicosia (Final Beneficiary), Ayios Dhometios, Engomi and Lakatamia, the Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation and the consultants NVK Advent Ltd and Losadeal Ltd.

The event was under the auspices of the Commissioner for the Protection of Children's Rights and the Commissioner for the Environment and was supported by the Environment Department, KENTHEA and Tsaf Tsouf 4 kids. Nicosia community police enriched the event with entertaining games and information on road safety. The 75th Scouts System of Ayios Dhometios supported the event by providing first aid and participated in entertaining games.

The festival offered a wide range of activities, including entertainment and recreation, information and a rich cultural programme that presented participants from public nurseries, elementary and secondary schools; dance groups of local associations and social programmes; dance schools; and dance groups or TCNs. The programme comprised also face painting, clowns, balloon formations, handicrafts, painting and other art workshops and, not least, entertaining educational games.

The Mayor of Ayios Dhometios, Dr. Costas Petrou, addressed the event and welcomed the participants. He congratulated the organizing team and the groups contributing to the programme, and thanked the hundreds of children and visitors for their lively presence at the Festival. The Festival was supervised by the Municipal Committees for Culture and Social Welfare and for International Relations and European Affairs, organised and coordinated by the Culture and Welfare Officer of the Municipality, Ms Margarita Vraka – Eleftheriadou in collaboration with the members of the relevant municipal service and the "New Channels for Integration" programme staff.

Ayios Dhometios Municipality thanks the public for their presence and congratulates all individuals and groups who contributed to the success of the Festival.

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