



It's Time to Share Your Story

We would like to convey your memories and stories about being a refugee or migrant in Turkey to share them with the Turkish people. For this, we are creating a platform where you can share your experiences being a refugee or a migrant in all areas of life: in the neighborhood where you reside, at the apartment where you live in, in the workplace where you work, on the campus where you study, on a street, in a public transportation, in a shopping center, in a hospital, in a cafe, or on social media; it could be about a scene you have witnessed, a moment from your daily life, a dialogue or a relationship you have established...

Our aim is to listen to any positive or negative event that has left a mark on you in your new life in Turkey and understand the effects of this event on your feelings and thoughts, and share them with those who need to hear.

We would like you to write us a story that you think is important for you to share on our platform (gurbethikayeleri.com) and social media accounts. This story may include:

- 1) a story of racism, discrimination, and exclusion that has upset, hurt, broke your heart or scared you,
- 2) a story of kindness that has warmed your heart, instilled hope and strengthened your ties with Turkey,
- 3) a story of success you have experienced in school, in business, in sports, in culture and art life or in any other areas of social life,
- 4) a story about a togetherness and solidarity you have experienced with the locals.

The aim of our platform is to gather the stories of refugees and migrants living in Turkey with the Turkish people, and with them, with your story, help break the harmful prejudices by increasing the representation and participation of refugees and migrants in the public dialogue. Therefore, we believe it would be more appropriate to tell your story as if you were speaking to those who may have not yet truly met refugees nor migrants in their day to day lives.

We only ask you for one story that you most like and need to tell. If possible, it should not exceed one and a half A4 pages. The story you share shall be a transmission of experience and memory and not an abstract evaluation nor a discussion, for our wish is to bring awareness and evoke empathy among us and not to stir the muddy waters that are dividing us even more.

We kindly ask you to send a pseudonym you would like to use with your story; for your real name and any information will remain anonymized and won't be used anywhere.

We expect you to write preferably in Turkish, but you could also write in Arabic, Kurdish or English. We will translate and publish the articles written in languages other than Turkish.

You can send your articles to the person whom you received this e-mail from, or to our email info@gurbethikayeleri.com.

Please be kindly informed that we will publish the first stories in three months' time, as our website is in the preliminary work phase.

Thank you.

