



ÇİĞDEM EĞİTİM, ÇEVRE VE DAYANIŞMA DERNEĞİ



Çiğdem Education, Environment and Solidarity Association, shortly ÇİĞDEMİM Association was organised by 14 people, who believed that there must be done something instead of expecting everything from the State, around the then mukhtar in 1996 and later became an association. Our first and founding chairman was Mr. Vecdi Seviğ, a journalist.

In the beginning, the Association has worked to solve the problems of the district together with the then mukhtar and increased its activities and actions after it was strengthened sufficiently.

It is an INDEPENDENT-IMPARTIAL AND VOLUNTARY action.

Our Association, whose fundamental purpose is to increase the quality of life of the district habitants and to strengthen the neighbourhood relations which tend gradually to be forgotten, carries out activities in a very wide range in this line.

We pay attention, in every activity or study, to make people meet each other and socialise, thus to develop the neighbourhood relations.

We pay attention, in the activities realised together with the district habitants, to raise a social responsibility awareness. We believe that the people who deal with the problems of the district they reside in the narrowest size, will also deal with the problems of the country and take responsibility, if necessary.

Contribution will also be made to the democracy upon the increase of the number of district associations such as our Association and their receiving support from the local administrations and the State. The democracy has some organs: Legislative power, executive power and the judiciary. However, the democracy does not have any cells. These cells are sought to be filled with the mukhtar and the elders, which are extremely unfunctional and insufficient. We state that the associations must be supported in the districts. There must be such associations in every district and cultural and social centres in every district. In these centres, all social needs of the people must be met.

The detailed information and photos concerning the activities of our Association may be accessed at the following websites: www.cigdemim.org.tr and <http://picasaweb.google.com/ffaksoy> and <http://picasaweb.google.com/ffaksoy1>

OUR MISSION

To provide, voluntarily and participatorily, such services as to make contribution to the improvement of Cigdem district and its inhabitants in all respects and to increase their quality of life.

OUR VISION (OUR IDEAL)

To be the best district to be lived, the most secure and the role model district in Ankara of which everyone will be proud to be a member.

OUR VALUES

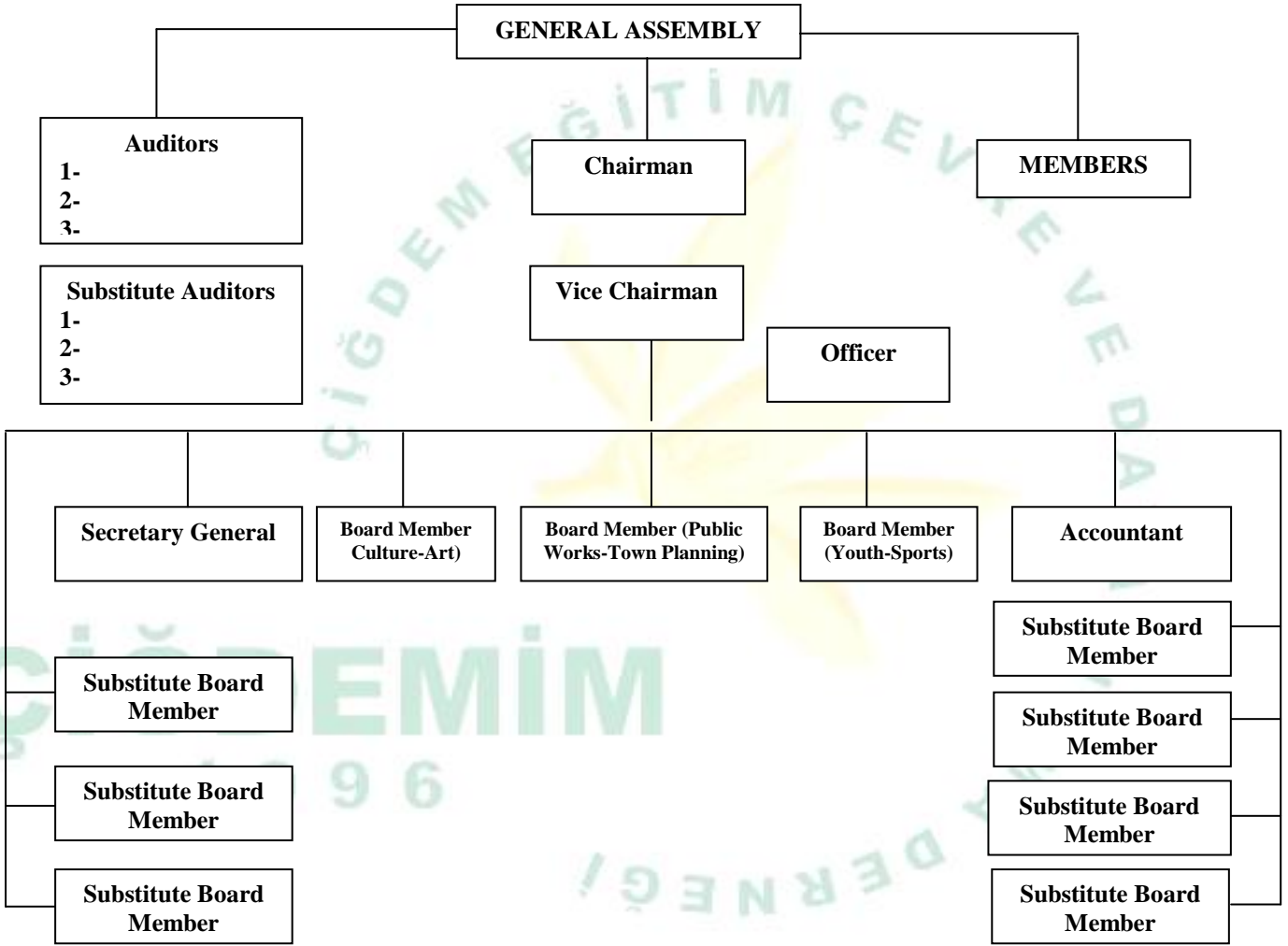
- DEVOTED TO PRINCIPLES AND REFORMS OF ATATURK
- PARTICIPATORY
- BELIEVING IN TEAM WORK
- WORKING WITH MENTALITY OF PROCESS MANAGEMENT
- SENSITIVE
- RELIABLE
- VOLUNTARY
- ADVOCATING THE ORGANISED LIVING
- IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT *VIS-A-VIS* THE POLITICAL PARTIES
- SOLIDARIST
- CHARITABLE
- FOR SHARING
- PIONEER
- DEVOTED
- ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO QUALITY
- CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISER
- TOLERANT
- UNPREJUDICED
- TRANSPARENT
- AGAINST DISCRIMINATION
- SOLICITOUS FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE
- MODERN
- PRODUCTIVE
- RESPECTFUL TO THE HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS
- ART-LOVER
- OPEN TO COOPERATION
- INNOVATOR
- AN ORGANISATION WHICH IS LEARNING

Some of Our Activities

- **District Library** : We have a District Library, which does not exist in any other district and is totally formed with the donations. It is a library, which does not have another counterpart with its over 13000 books and high reading rate. Our project, which started with 200 books and a bookshelf made out of a sofa bed, is currently not able to fit into its place.
- **Seminars** : We organise seminars on various occasions for purposes of meeting district habitants, socialising, spending time together and sharing our information and experiences. In these seminars, we are informed by an expert with respect to a determined subject.
- **Neighbourhood Day** : We seek to strengthen the neighbourhood relations through the activity we have organised in the first week of June for 6 years. In this festival, there are some concerts, folklore shows, competitions, the shows of the groups of our Association such as guitar club, drama club and lute club and some exhibitions. Various stands are opened. People spend one day together with their neighbours and meet and socialise.
- **Apartment Building Award for the Best Neighbourhood Relations** : Through this application, we select the apartment building where there are the best neighbourhood relations. We give this award to the most appropriate one among the notified and fixed candidates and hang the plate to the entrance of the building. Thus, we encourage the improvement of the neighbourhood relations which tend gradually to be forgotten. We wait for the candidates for the award which was given to Miltas, Defne and Manolya apartment buildings and Camlik Site in the previous years.
- **Tree plantation and maintenance** : We planted over 2000 trees in our district with the various campaigns we organised. We have somebody complete the maintenance of these trees as well as the trees planted in the sidewalks. We also planted many trees and fruit seeds in the METU forestry.
- **Classical Turkish Music Choir** : Our Classical Turkish Music Group, which was formed in 2003 under the organisation of our Association, is working together with the music-lovers from every age and delivers a concert every year. We also have a Lute Group under the organisation of the Classical Turkish Music Group. The Lute Group organises concerts two-three times a year.
- **Cultural Activities** : We take the habitants to the cultural activities such as plays, opera and ballet performances, concerts, through the party tickets we buy and the shuttles we provide. We all together go by shuttles, watch them and bring people back home by shuttles. Over one thousand people a year participate in these activities.
- **Monthly Bulletin** : We announce our activities and communicate the news concerning our district through our monthly bulletin which is published as 5000 copies and delivered to the mailboxes of all apartments. Moreover, we have an electronic communication group of over 1800 people and a website (www.cigdemim.org.tr).
- **Trips** : We organise trips to the close vicinities in order for our district habitants to socialise and get to know their close vicinities.
- **Problems of the district** : We carry out some correspondences and meetings with the Municipalities and the public institutions for the solution of every kind of problems of our district. Street lamps, motorways, sidewalks, etc. We created a public opinion and succeeded on the removal of high voltage line, the pooring of excavations in METU forestry and the combat with the mistletoe.
- We carried out a **Solid Waste collection project** and now we passed it on the municipality. We collect the waste batteries. We collect the unused medicines and deliver them to the district clinic. We collect the electronic wastes and waste vegetable oil in the Association and deliver them to the relevant institutions.
- **Courses** : We open various courses for the evaluation of leisure times. Lute, guitar, wood-painting, creative darama are some of them. We formed an English Conversation Group under the organisation of the Association and they meet every Monday evening. In the new term, we opened Spanish, diction and keyboard courses.
- **Scholarship Project** : With a project we started in 2009, we give scholarships for 9 months to the students in the number determined according to the contribution amount collected in the pool created. We gave scholarships of TL 150 to 6 people in 2010 for the project which started with TL 100 for 9 months to 4 students. This year, we raised this number to 8 students. We accept donations to the scholarship fund, any time and in any amount.

- **Social Responsibility Projects** : Two times a year, we organise blood donation campaigns in our district in cooperation with the Red Crescent. We extended aids to many people and institutions in the scope of the social assistance activities. We distribute and send the books, encyclopedias and supplementary school books.

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