

The logo for Kite Runner Media Training is a stylized kite shape. It is divided into three colored sections: a large red section on the left, a black section on the right, and a green section at the bottom right. The text "Kite Runner" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the top, and "Media Training" is written in white, sans-serif font below it.

# Kite Runner

Media Training

## Media Training

### Generating New Narratives

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#### *Mission*

*The general vision is to question a dystopian reality of excluding “the other” in the form of the migrant, the poor, the opposite sex, the unknown.*

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The Istanbul based association **Diyalog** in cooperation with the [International Media Support \(IMS\)](#) is starting in August 2022 the Kite Runner activities in Istanbul.

**Kite Runner** is being developed as a hub with support/counseling and workshop opportunities, social events and network building activities for Afghans with journalistic/media background mostly in Turkey. Afghans aspiring to become journalists or media workers can also attend selected activities, and some activities are open to all.

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### August - December 2022

The program activities between August and December 2022 include counselling, life management skills training and improving journalistic creativity.

The program will begin with creative workshops (video-photography-storytelling,) counseling sessions and language courses. A café will be the meeting point. The creativity workshops serve as a research laboratory. Events such as tours to explore Istanbul are developed according to the interests of the participants. These activities will be documented by the photographers and videographers and used as introduction and PR-action of the **Kite Runner** hub on social media. Film screenings serve as social gatherings, networking boosters and platforms for attendees to demonstrate their first products in a safe environment.

The establishment of a social media hub serves to network and acquire participants and pave the way for professionalizing media skills.

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All events of **Kite Runner** are Free of Charge.

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## Kick-off-Meeting

The **Kite Runner** activities will start on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at the auditorium of Salt Galata with a kick-off event. Within the kick-off event the **Kite Runner** team will introduce the details of the activities and events taking place between August and December 2022. The kick-off event will be accompanied by film screenings and discussions.

## Selected Activities

- Digital storytelling workshop
- Photo workshop
- Online video workshop
- Legal advice
- Language courses
- Film screenings
- Debates

We are looking for participants foremost from Afghanistan with and without journalistic experiences. Ideal participants would have several of these qualities: - *Experience*, interest or enthusiasm about video, filmmaking and journalism - *Passion* for social justice, equality, and human rights, wellbeing, and democratic processes - Expertise or enthusiasm about local communities - *Artistic, design or communication skills* - Interest in community-friendly practices.

## Objectives

The participants will receive training in digital media production focusing on film, video and photography. Participants are encouraged to use skills acquired within the workshop to create movies about attitudes regarding the environment, their own journey, community life, social justice and conflict situations. The content will be published online on channels established by the project team. Questions about conflict situations, gender equality and local communities will be addressed and will sensitize participants and the public online.

## Venues

**Salt Galata** - Bankalar Caddesi 11  
Karaköy 34421 İstanbul Turkey

## Organizer

The principal objectives of **Diyalog** are the promotion of exchange and cooperation to carry out an intercultural understanding to strengthen as well as above all a cultural dialogue beyond borders. Under these circumstances we are supporting initiatives that express cultural diversity within societies.

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2009 **Diyalog** implemented its first video workshop series under the title EntropyTV in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut and as partner of the Cultural Bridges Program by the EU.

Since 2010 **Diyalog** is organizing workshop programs with young adults in Turkey, Malta, Iraq, Afghanistan and Canada in cooperation with the Vodafone Foundation, Anna Lindh Foundation and others.

In 10 years **Diyalog** was setting up 4 editorial online platforms based on open-source software dedicated to community building, diversity and audience development.

Since 2017 **Diyalog** is organizing the Mahalla Festival. The festivals bring together actors and initiatives from Europe and beyond to support an intercultural understanding in the field of migration, inclusion and local communities. Under the title Generating New Narratives the festival in Malta 2018 displayed events reflecting aspects of borders, armed conflicts and migration, inclusion and intercultural communication.

### Supported by IMS

**IMS** (International Media Support) pushes for quality journalism, challenges repressive laws and keeps media workers of all genders safe, so that they can do their jobs. Through alliances and innovation, IMS helps free, independent media contribute to positive change and better societies.

**IMS** supports the production of good journalism that meets internationally recognised standards and work to ensure safe media environments with sound laws for journalists.

**IMS** do this because citizens of all gender identities, ethnic or religious background and their leaders need information they can trust to make decisions that develop their societies in a peaceful and democratic way.

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*Become a member of  
the Kite Runner  
network*

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