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GOLA's 2021 YEAR: GOLA in 2021

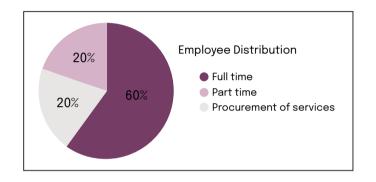
Gola Culture, Art and Ecology Association, whose field of work is mainly Eastern Black Sea Region, approaches every aspect of nature and human beings with a holistic perspective beyond borders: it focuses on culture, knowledge, art and nature itself. Gola, which is 17 years old with a new establishment process today, was founded in Beyoğlu with the efforts of urban youth who are faced with the ancient knowledge of the peoples of the Eastern Black Sea Region and the fact that Laz language is an endangered language. Gola organized the Green Yayla Festival, which continued for 10 years, always focusing on the Eastern Black Sea Region, while making compilations and archival studies so that ancient information is not lost. Gola adopts a peaceful, sharing and democratic language in the field of culture and arts so that culture and mother tongues can live. Gola draws attention to both ecological and cultural values with its works for many years. It also aims to revitalize by increasing its contributions to the local economy and local production.

In 2021, Gola, which opened doors in Beyoğlu 15 years ago, moved to the Eastern Black Sea region, where Gola went as a guest and made production in the past, and became the host. Thus, Gola, who thinks that a rights-centered and democratic local can only be built from the local, by putting the culture of living together as a center, has determined the Eastern Black Sea Region's rural as its center. Therefore, it is aimed to contribute to the expansion of cultural production areas, the establishment of a civil and democratic area, and the safe participation of the Eastern Black Sea memory and ancient knowledge in democratic information production processes. Official procedures have been initiated for the representative office opened in Rize-Findikli to become the head office.

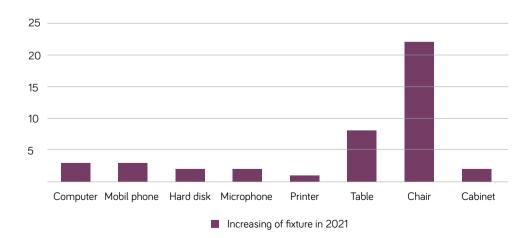
Association Administration and Capacity

Working with 3 full-time employees since January 2021, 1 part-time staff as of June, Gola also recruited from 1 full-time personnel at Gola in 2021. With the priority of women's participation and employment in civil society at the point of employment and service procurement, all of the personnel working in terms of gender breakdown are women.

The democratic process is dominant in the decision-making mechanisms within the Gola association. For Gola, volunteering is important in participation in decision-making as well as in the execution and distribution of work. While reaching unanimity in decision making is the primary goal, a reasonable majority of votes is also accepted for taking decisions. It is encouraged to voice objections and annotations while the decision-making processes are in progress. When we analyze the Gola board in terms of gender equality, it is seen that the association carries out a policy that emphasizes the active participation of women in decision-making mechanisms. 4 of the 5 board members, including the chairman of the board, are women.



The increase in the technical equipment and fixture of the association is as follows:



Localization Process

On January 15, 2021, Gola's representative office was opened in Rize - Findikli. Due to the pandemic, the indigenization process of the association was slow. After the 6th Ordinary General Assembly was held on October 17, 2021, and the 2nd Extraordinary General Assembly was held on December 12, 2021, the necessary procedures were initiated for the Gola Findikli office to become the head office.

At the beginning of the pandemic period, when online communication channels were active, various digital communication channels were used so that members could be aware of each other and Gola. In this context, on March 28, a meeting was held with Gola members in the virtual field with the zoom application. In addition, in order to increase interaction with Gola volunteers, a meeting with the member candidates was held on 30 September with the zoom application.

Interviews were held with active NGOs and civil actors locally. Gola opened the office doors for use by women living in Findikli for their reading workshop. Gola Institutional Assistant Çisem Şendeniz, voluntarily, conducted the Women and Life Days within the scope of Viçefest organized by Findikli Municipality. Özlem Şendeniz, one of our members, held an interview about "Conscience and Gender Roles", and our chairman of the board, Sevilay Refika Kadioğlu held interview about "Nature and Women in Laz Mythology".





17 October 6th Ordinary General Assembly - 12 December 2nd Extraordinary General Assembly



Posters of conversations with the active participation of local government actors and the public

Beyond The Local Networks and Our Connections

■ Gola has taken its place in Arts Map, a digital platform for art and culture that aims to develop sustainable dialogues between artists, institutions, non-governmental organizations, the public and individuals by using the unifying power of culture and art.

■ Gola joined the Platform of Kültürel Çoğulluk in 2021. Sevilay Refika Kadıoğlu, our chairman of the board, provided consultancy to the platform. The Platform of Kültürel Çoğulluk is an organization whose main purpose is to create a permanent network of non-academic civil society actors working on cultural diversity and cultural groups in Turkey, by the Turkish Cultures Research Group coordination team under the umbrella of Bilgi University. Gola has been included in the platform by giving importance to cultural plurality both in the Eastern Black Sea region and in the context of Turkey.

Funded by the European Commission and run by the Minority Rights Group-Europe (MRGE); Sevilay Refika Kadıoğlu and İrfan Çağatay get involved in the MARC (Minorities, Accountability, Rights and Collaboration) program, which will last for three years.

Sevilay Refika Kadıoğlu provided consultancy for the Black Sea Region meeting of The German Marshall Fund (GMF) and the Reducing Polarization in Turkey Civil Society Project. As an extension of the project, Gola participated in the Trabzon Provincial Workshop "Understanding and Reducing Polarization in Turkey and in the World" organized in cooperation with Turkuaz Lab – Istanbul Bilgi University on September 11, 2021 in Trabzon.

Özlem Şendeniz, Gola project coordinator and also a member of the AG-DA Gender Equality Network, participated in the "Monitoring and Advocacy Capacity Building in the Field of Gender Equality Fall School".



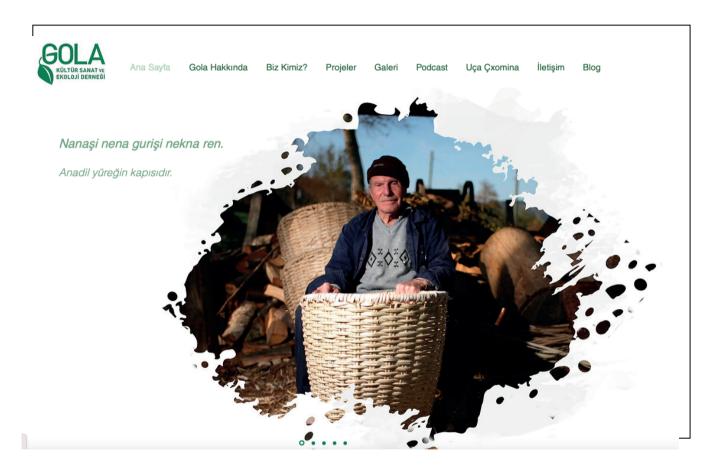
Gola Newsletter

As of 2021, Gola has started to publish the Gola Bulletin on the last Friday of every month. In the bulletins where the transformation of the seasons with their colors are followed, the news from Gola was conveyed through the theme of the "past month" and the "next month".

To join our newsletter network:

https://forms.gle/56KA3Auwi75PsPKD6





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With the pandemic, internet channels emerged as the most important means we use in communication, while Gola's website was found to be weak in reflecting the spirit of the association. In this direction, with the support of the EU Sivil Düşün , an original design service was received to create a design that better describes Gola in virtual space.

Gola Monday Talks

We took a short break in the Monday Talks, which we set out to commune on the second Monday of every month, as it became difficult to league together in the zoom environment. Our imagination of conversations growing by opening leaves showed itself in poster design.



Gola Monday Talks

Talks we've had so far:

Monday Talks 1 - Ayse Cavdar ile "Yaylanın Hevesi/Havası" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWRI2aBGGJ8&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=4 Monday Talks 2 - İlknur Yakupoğlu ile "Peştemalli Amazonlar" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= R7Dm6NDzQI&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=3 Monday Talks 3 - Ulas Bayraktar ile "Müstereklerin Geleceği ve Umut Siyaseti" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9B2G1X2bG4&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=1 Monday Talks 4 - Sinan Canan ile "Kadim Bilgi ile Bilmek" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah0ei246sXw&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=2 Monday Talks 5 - Füsun Ertuğ ile "Biyokültürel Mirasın Aktarımı ve Korunmasında Kadınların Rolü" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yya1aYpnKqA&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=5 Monday Talks 6 - Gökçe Erhan ile "Kırsal Yaşamda Bütünsellik" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K pRDDNjWso&list=PLJpjUfnHX0ot 3ta7a0YpiRtSmyndbDrp&index=6 Monday Talks 7 - Ahmet Yaşar Yıldız ile "Çay ve Orman: Bir arada mı yok ederek mi?" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEpxn0wWpSA Monday Talks 8 - Nilüfer Taşkın ile "Lazlığın Dayanılmaz Hafifliği: Otoetnografik bir kimlik okuması" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM wL1sR238

Gola Podcasts

Podcast content production started in Gola with the contribution of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Association Turkey Representative. A total of 24 broadcasts were made in four series, with the podcast jingles prepared voluntarily by Didem Gençtürk and voiced by Tuğba Zehra Sağlam.



Golaşi Nena / Gola'nın Sesi – Sevilay Refika Kadıoğlu

Episode 1- Ormanın Dili

Episode 2- Kaz Dağları'ndan Kaçkarlar'a Doğanın Buluşturduğu Bir Dostluk Hikayesi

Episode 3- Güneşin Aydemir ile Kutuplaşamama, Arada Kalma ve Bir Olma Üzerine...

Episode 4- Geleneksel Arıcılık ve İlyas Can'ın Hatırası Üzerine...

Episode 5- S. Refika Kadıoğlu'nun Laz Dilindeki Kişisel Yolculuğu

Episode 6- Caner Karataş'ın Gola ve Sanat Yolculuğu Üzerine...

Youtube oynatma listesi:

https://youtu.be/7VDspamstdk

Koyu Yeşil – Özlem Şendeniz

Episode 1- Cemil Aksu ile Doğu Karadeniz'de Çevre Hareketlerinin Ahvali Üstüne

Episode 2- Fatma Genç ile Çaydan Öte Doğu Karadeniz'in Dönüşümü

Episode 3- Nazlı Demet Uyanık ile Arhavi'nin Atmaca Kadınları ve HES'ler

Episode 4- Şükran Özçakmak ile Karadeniz Sahil Yolu Haberleri

Episode 5- Nesrin Algan ile Bir Deniz Olarak Karadeniz'e Bakmak

Episode 6- Uğur Biryol ile Yeşil Yol ve Doğu Karadeniz'de Vahşi Yayla Turizmi ve Alternatifleri Youtube oynatma listesi:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJpjUfnHX0ouL5wImX6NaVp98SZ0v8sRZ

Sanatın Tabiatı - Reyhan Yıldırım

Episode 1- Doğu Karadeniz'de Horon Kültürü Episode 2- Land Art (Arazi / Yeryüzü Sanatı) Üzerine... Episode 3- Antroposen Çağda Doğa, Peyzaj ve Sanat Üzerine... Episode 4- Cemil Cahit Yavuz ile 'Leke Oyunları' Üzeirne Episode 5- S. Refika Kadıoğlu ile Geleneksel Laz Müziği Episode 6- İlkay Nişancı ile Ekoloji Belgeselciliği Youtube oynatma listesi:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJpjUfnHX0os-wmDlZPsUWqyy769Xb5gU

Galenişi – İrfan Çağatay

Episode 1- Caziler Episode 3- Tzitzikveri Episode 5- Germakoçi ve Çika Youtube oynatma listesi: <u>https://youtu.be/5Bo-z4cFyGI</u> Episode 2- Tzanağani Episode 4- Koncoloz Episode 6- Doğaya Dair İnançlar

Trainings

In 2021, Gola received capacity building trainings. These trainings have been open to the stakeholders as well as to members of the association.

Among the trainings received:

- Aysel Ergün ile Dernekler için Finans
- Zeynep Taşkın ile Dijital Arşivcilik 101
- Kayuş Çalıkman Gavrilof ile İstifçilikten Arşivciliğe
- Didem Gençtürk ile Podcast 101



Çevrimiçi Çalıştay & Forum

ÇAY'DAN ÖTE:

Tarladan Demliğe Mekanda ve Bellekte Çay 10-11-17 Nisan 2021

Katılım Formu İçin: golader@gmail.com www.gola-der.org



Tea Workshop and Book

As of April, social media promotion has started for the workshop and forum Beyond Tea: From Field to Pot Tea in Space and Memory. The edited recordings of the workshop are available on our youtube page as a playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list= PLJpjUfnHX0ot8iRxdsiSduEXF1S2aV-g9

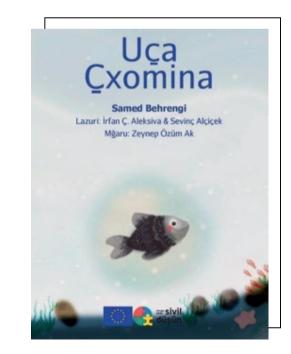
The workshop was collected into a book with a collective production. And it was published in English-Turkish in two languages in November 2021.

Our Publications

■ Under the executive of İrfan Çağatay, the work of Little Black Fish // Uça Çxomina in Laz language was published as a youtube video, podcast recording and printed work in three different forms as the EU Sivil Düşün project.

■ "Çaydan Öte: Tarladan Demliğe Mekânda ve Bellekte Çay" / "Beyond Tea: From Field to Pot Tea in Space and Memory" the details of which we have mentioned in the chapter of Tea Workshop and Book, was published as the first book of Gola Publishing.





Field Researches

Artvin – Klaskur village was visited for the compilation of silor and Georgian dishes. The compilation records made by Meryem Topdemir from Meroli are in the Gola archive for editing.

A Project application for the AĞ-DA Eren Deniz Tol Research and Advocacy Support Program titled "Looking at Tea in the Axis of Land, Property and Gender Relationships, Field Research and Reporting" and the results of which will be published in Gola, has been accepted. And the preparations for the field research to be carried out in the spring-summer period of 2022 have started.



Gola in Media

• Within the scope of the promotion of Little Black Fish, the news "Little Black Fish is now in Laz" was published in the Hürriyet newspaper on 12 May:

https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/egitim/kucuk-kara-balik-artik-lazca-41809070

• Beyond Tea, From Field to Pot, Tea in Space and Memory Online Workshop and Forum announcement was featured on various news channels and networks:

https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/tarladan-demlige-mekanda-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistayi-basliyor-haber-1518296 https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/haber/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu-1825646 https://www.haberofisi.com.tr/tr/haberler/cumhuriyet/teknoloji/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu-xcOuOmIGuil https://wdmnews.com.tr/26567-caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu https://kolektifhaberler.com/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu/ https://ahaberaktuel.com/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-yer-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu/ https://rizenabiz.com/goladan-caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistavi/ https://viratrabzon.com/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekanda-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistayi-10-nisanda-baslayacak-8314/ https://haberver.me/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekan-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistay-ve-forumu-haberi/ https://www.evrensel.net/haber/430087/gola-derneginden-calistay-ve-forum-caydan-otesi-tartisilacak https://www.sivilsayfalar.org/takvim/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekanda-ve-bellekte-cay-cevrimici-calistavi/

Gola in Media

• After the workshop, articles by Fatma Genç and İrfan Çağatay from the Tea Workshop Working Group were published in the tea file prepared by Evrensel newspaper on 16 May..

https://www.evrensel.net/haber/432995/cayin-tadi-daha-da-cok-kacacak

https://www.evrensel.net/haber/432996/caydan-once-caydan-sonra-dogu-karadenizdegelenekseltarim?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=twitter_ap&utm_content=77&utm_campaign=16-05-20216:20

• In the policy text "Culture and Art for Ecological Transformation: Examples from Turkey" prepared by İKSV, in Alternative Approaches and New Practices (page 13), Gola said "In terms of practices and approaches: participatory approach, locality; in terms of multi-disciplinarity/ What they do: Green Yayla Festival; oral history studies, conservation of cultural heritage/ In terms of intersectionality: Ecological transformation; locality; social justice; participation; networking".

Following the book Beyond Tea: From Field to Pot to Space and Tea in Memory (2021), the news in the media are as follows:

https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-mekanda-ve-bellekte-cay-cikti-haber-1544101?fbclid=IwAR3A0g0erFOk0Ky4dl3ce5h (3 December 2021)

https://www.evrensel.net/haber/449515/cayin-kitabi-cikti?fbclid=IwAR1BSwsNzlzAHc150kS4coDCBhJq6KBDAkWhHnRbdQeZJOKboqdI24d0_nw (6 December 2021)

Evrensel Gazetesi "Çayın Kitabı" Çıktı" 5. Sayfa (6 December 2021)

https://www.haberetanik.com/haber/caydan-ote-tarladan-demlige-meknda-ve-bellekte-cay-kitabi-yayinda-63801.html

Istanbul TRT Radio - Program of Yeşilin Sesi on December 28, 2021

https://radyo.trt.net.tr/kanallar/radyo-1/programlar/30/yesilin-sesi

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Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ9i7KDZIqN2prrsOUHVwlg