

# DISCOVERY OF THE TRADITION IN GUDUL



Güdül Local Action Group aims to carry out a series of activities (selection of fabrics, cutting, sewing, etc.) in order to remember and keep alive the local clothes that are on the verge of being forgotten, and to transfer this culture to future generations. In this direction, an activity has been planned together with the Yeşilözüm Solidarity and Nature Protection Association operating in Yeşilöz District of Güdül. Within the scope of the activity, a local dress sewing course was organized and women living in the region were trained in this direction. The trainings will continue and a “Local Dress Festival” will be organized where the clothes sewn as a result of the trainings will be exhibited.

Local clothes (“Meydaniye”, “Yanarca”, “Çitari”, "Sarı velvet", "Balkaymak", "Yanar Döner", "Ax handle", "Kutnu" etc.), which are a part of the regional cultural heritage of the district, are no longer produced and are rarely worn. Clothes stored in old people's chests are in danger of being forgotten. The number of people who do the sewing work of these clothes has decreased to a great extent, and the ancient sewing techniques and features have begun to disappear.

Before the local dress festival to be held, it is planned that the forgotten clothes and local products will be reproduced and exhibited in the newly established workshops (wood workshop, sewing workshop, wood painting, stone painting and art workshops).





It is planned to revive and promote the values attributed to the local dress culture in the region by exhibiting the products to all Gudül residents living in Ankara and other immigration cities. As part of the festival, it is aimed for the local people to wear their local clothes, to share the information documents introducing the clothes with the participants, and to introduce the local culture together with the traditional dances.

A 7-day sewing course was organized with the financing of GÜDÜL YEG, together with the participants in Yeşilöz, as a preliminary work for the planned festival. In the course, samples and patterns of the local clothes were produced and introduced to the participants. The production and use of local clothes has been an important step in terms of the sustainability of the festival.

A training course lasting 7 days (at least 5 hours a day) was organized between 18 - 24 June 2021 for a group of 13 participants. Training was given by a sewing instructor who is familiar with the local dress techniques of the region. The total cost of the training is 14.300.00 TL, including visibility expenses, catering expenses and the budget allocated for the trainer.

**BUDGET: 14.300 TRY**  
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The target audience of the project is all adults in Yeşilöz who take interest to the subject. The general profile of the participants are adult women from Yeşilöz. In the short term, it is envisaged that the patterns of the local clothes specific to the region will be produced. Besides, an information booklet on the history of the local clothes will be published.

In the medium term, it is expected that the clothing patterns and the information brochure produced in the education will be archived and form a base for the local dress festival.

In the long term, it is aimed to reproduce the forgotten local clothes, to increase their visibility by exhibiting in the festival, which will be organized traditionally. So, Gudul LAG expects local people protect this cultural heritage.

