

**SARIYER MUNICIPALITY'S DECLARATION OF THE 4th INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S ASSEMBLY**

2019

We, as children, are from different cities of Turkey (Edirne, Van, Diyarbakır, Hakkari, Manisa, Sivas, Trabzon, Tekirdağ) and from different countries of the world (Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Montenegro, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Georgia) we gathered at Sarıyer Municipality the 4th International Children's Assembly. As we do every year, we have determined our main title as “We are all different, we are all equal” among us by voting. In the Children’s Assembly, we worked on “Right to Play”, and we thought that when we play, we can all be together with our differences. Even though the countries, cities and nations change, the plays we play don’t change.

The play has a very important place in our lives. Through it, we learn, think, socialize and grow.

We solve problems and express our emotions with games; in short, we want you, adults, to notice that, too.

Today, as children, we can’t play games comfortably for many different reasons such as, lack of enough play grounds, security problems on the streets, lack of enough parks and green areas, and traffic.

Today as children, we are required to be in school for long hours, and we have to study on the curriculum which we cannot find our interests. When we consider the homework and other things we have to do, there is no time left for us to rest. We also learn while we play, can't we think of a combination of games and education?

This Assembly says; our teachers, families, please notice our needs!

This Assembly says; all of us right to rest and play games!

This Assembly says; places, where we live, should be planned for children to be able to play comfortably!

This Assembly says; Streets and play areas should be designed according to our needs so that we can play comfortably with our disabled friends!

In short, this Assembly says; "Let us play!"

We dreamed of a day where we could play games freely all day: “Play Day!” To tell everyone about the importance of the game for us, we have prepared a Play Day Project through which not only the children, but also the adults will play freely. We would like to ask the Mayor of Sarıyer, Mr. Şükrü Genç, to put our “Play Day” Project into practice.

On behalf of all children of the world, we would like to thank Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who brought us together by offering us World Children’s Day.

We would like to thank the Mayor of Sarıyer, Mr. Şükrü Genç, and Sarıyer Municipality for supporting us in this process.