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### Young Employees Department Campaign "Right to housing - Dignity for the new generation"



he Department of Young Workers of EDON will carry out this year's established campaign, this time under the title "Right to housing - Dignity in the new generation". The campaign will take place from April 15 until April 27.

Through this year's campaign we want as EDON to highlight, among other things, the housing problem, which is one of the most important problems of the new generation and not only. The need to create an integrated housing policy, increased rental rates, fight against homelessness, refugee benefits and housing issues in general, both for the younger generation and the Cypriot society as a whole, are the main issues with which the campaign will work.

Within this year's effort, we will also try to become recipients of the problems and concerns of young people as we move forward to an event - a debate on housing policy for young people. The event will take place on Saturday, April 20th at TEPAK in Limassol. At the same time, excursions will be organized in all cities for distribution of a relevant leaflet, meetings with competent bodies and several other initiatives to inform the world about the statements of our organization.

As EDON, we repeat once again that we are opposed to the rationale behind the right to shelter young people in market appetite. We reject the neo-liberal policies that apply by limiting the right to housing only to a portion of the population that has increased financial capacity. The policies that created homeless people in Cyprus and have eliminated all funds to promote housing policy for young people.

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## "Inspirational personalities"

he meetings of the Local Movements of EDO-Nopoula that have been carried out across Cyprus, are finally coming to an end. This year's campaign named "Inspirational personalities!" was concerned with the life and the actions of many personalities who through their way of life, the resistance they have showed, their fights, their achievements, their offer to science, the culture and other disciplines, they let their own traces to history.

Through the fun and educational activities of EDON-opoula aged from 6- to 13-year olds, they have learned why Klio Christodoulidou, Pablo Picaso, Ezekias Papaioannou and other personalitied from different disci-

plines have been a source of inspiration. What each one of them have done, and how each one of them was facing the difficulties and why until today are an example to be imitated for their way they conquer either science, or the literacy and art world or the freedom and the dignity to life.

Through the meetings, children were exemplified from other children who they fought for their lives with courage such as Ahed Tamimi and Malala Yousafzai, Iqbal Masih and Annie Frank. The aim of the meeting was the inspiration of the children from different personalities and the encouragement to discover their abilities and to chase a better wuality of life. Away from individualism and the inertia that is plaguing our nowadays society.



### It's coming...

### **Pancyprian Excursion of EDONopoula**

The EDONopoula on Sunday 12th of April will visit the Youth Makerspace of the Youth Organisation in order to learn technologies and creative constructions. There will be activities at Larnaca Municipal Garden.

Participation fees: 5 euros
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or the first time ever since the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus, we are closer to ever implementing a Health System that covers the needs of health care for all. The General Health System (GHS) will become part of our lives as of June 1, 2019 and will enable every beneficiary to have access to health services irrespective of the socio-economic situation. With the GHS, each of us can now go to health care providers for care without being forced to pay too much to have access to the self-evident.

The GHS has as its main objective to end the current situation and fellow citizens do not die anymore on waiting lists. Besides, it is the mono-insurance nature of the System that ensures equality between citizens and there will be no two-speed patients as it is today.

However, despite the fact that GHS legislation passed unanimously by all Parliamentary parties in the House of Assembly, some of them behind the scenes undermine the mono-insurance nature of the System.

Moreover, it is not by chance that both the President of DISY and President Anastasiades in every public placement do not miss the opportunity to pretend that they "wanted a multi-insurance Health System", as Mr. Averoff Neophytou gives promises to private doctors and private insurance companies how it will pass a law amendment after the end of the elections to turn the System into a multi-insurance.

This is due to the fact that the president of DISY wants to "pamper" the voters' ears in the first phase in favor of the mono-insurance and in the second stage he will make it possible for the GSSY to become a multi-insurance one in order to serve the big economic interests of major and private insurance companies.

As EDON, we believe that everyone is entitled to free health care and equal access to health services. Health is the most sensitive area of social goods and as such must be dealt with. Without cuts, discounts and reductions, in the name of dealing with the crisis of capitalism. We also believe that the Anastasiadis government bears the responsibility for any problems that arise due to their own policies and handling of the implementation of GHS.





# Municipal Elections in Turkey

ith Erdogan pre-election campaigning on March 31 in Turkey, as proof of the approval of his own authority, the result can only be seen as a strong warning to the Turkish President.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan lost important cities and municipalities. The more organized opposition now prevailed in the economically stronger prefectures / metropolitan municipalities and managed to send out the message that Erdogan is not unbeatable.

Voters were mainly affected by the financial crisis. However, an important factor that has led to this result is the questioning of Erdogan himself. Both the 2017 referendum, with the difficult "yes" and the 2019 municipalities, confirmed that there are social dynamics of change in Turkey. Social dynamics criticizing the authoritarian power of Erdogan.

It should be stressed that these dynamics at this stage are not subversive. Erdogan continues to maintain his influence in a very large part of society and has enough time ahead of the next elections in Turkey in 2023.

It is worth noting the increase in the votes of the Turkish Communist Party in very harsh conditions and the election of the first Communist mayor in the history of the Republic of Turkey to the city of Dershim of the Province of Tunceli.

With this data, the scene on the Cyprus issue does not seem to change. The economic dependence of the occupied side towards Ankara, has made the prospects for resolving the Cyprus problem difficult. With the stagnation in the negotiations and the perpetuation of the status quo of invasion and occupation, the Turkish Cypriot political extinction risk increases.

The inaction of the Anastasiades government and the Turkish intransigence and provocation lead to the current deadlock in which we are dealing with the Cyprus problem. On the other hand, with the "new ideas" put forward by President Anastasiades, it affects the credibility of the Greek Cypriot side, with the result that the prospect of resuming the negotiations is reversed by the day. EDON will continue to undertake bi-communal action in favor of the solution by putting pressure on reopening talks.

