

Safeguarding Policy of Doğa

Doğa's workplace policies start with Doğa's Values and Doğa's Principles. The staff and board of Doğa must sign and accept our values and principles which raises the importance of these issues.

Our work is not confined to any political movement and our grassroots network can embrace people from any political background. We oppose any form of discrimination based on nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, language, or religious beliefs. There is no tolerance on bullying, harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse.

This statement outlines Doğa's commitment to safeguarding of all staff, members, volunteers and participants including children, young people and adults at risk, protecting them from potential neglect, physical, sexual and emotional harm. We are committed to putting their welfare as a priority in all we do; respecting their views, feelings and rights; taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of all those that come into contact with Doğa.

Doğa's Values

Doğa sees nature as thinking, writing and drawing the entity. These thoughts are not inscribed in the form of ink stains on paper, but as rivers flung upon the sea from mountains, in the harmony of millions of living beings, in the nuclei of atoms and the eternity of the universe. Doğa pursues a perusal and reproduction of nature without an intermediary. This is only possible through an understanding of the cyclical logic of nature. Ultimately, the human is nature itself.

Doğa challenges competition with cooperation. It strives to re-spread volunteering, collaboration and sharing to replace competitive social relations based on overtaking one another. Essentially, the source of the havoc of nature and the human as a part of it is the ravenous competition between people and the ambition to amplify one's own wealth only.

Nature has rights inscribed upon leaves, riversides, cloud tracks; rights the violation of which will lead to the destruction of life. Doğa believes that all beings are tied to one another in their right to live. Doğa aspires to translate the right of nature into the human written languages; for nature's right is the basis of universal harmony for all including humans, other living beings, and their environment.

Doğa works towards hearing, telling and living the indigenous cultures being in harmony with nature for thousands of years, instead of the prevailing culture and way of thought acting through a frantic growth code. It turns to the natural sources of joy present in life and convenes the culture of nature, versus the planet-destructing ways of entertainment and learning dispersing from large centers.

Doğa is against all hierarchical, segregating, coercive, imposing, punitive and oppressive formations. It does not discriminate on any nationality, race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, language or faith; nor does it hold one above the other. The essence of Doğa is the pursuit of unity in plurality and plurality in unity.

Doğa, akin to wandering clouds, blowing winds and flowing rivers, like the birds, forests, and deserts, is borderless. Though founded in Anatolia, Turkey, its work goes beyond borders; flourishes like the pollen riding the wind and fertilizing fruits to convey the culture of nature amidst all spaces and times. Nature is us.

Doğa's Principles

Grassroots Network: We are an independent, membership-based organization whose constitution and strategy are driven entirely by its voluntary grassroots network, the General Assembly.

Financial Independence: We do not request or accept financial support from organizations that have a detrimental impact on nature and human rights. Our sponsors cannot define or change the values, strategy, and priorities of the organization, which are developed independently by our grassroots network.

Partnerships: We do not compete, but rather establish partnerships and alliances with other civil society groups, whenever needed. We are the partner of BirdLife International in Turkey.

Nature Rights: Nature is valuable in its own right. Its diversity and processes nourish all forms of life. We, therefore, respect and advocate the rights of nature, as a universal principle of justice.

Nature Culture: Nature culture refers to the long-term transformation of the way people think and act, to reduce the human footprint on the Earth. We believe that nature culture can be witnessed in the customs of various indigenous communities based on the common values of equity, cooperation, and reciprocity.

Political Impartiality: Our work is not confined to any political movement, and our grassroots network can embrace people from any political background. We oppose any form of discrimination based on nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, language, or religious beliefs.

Cultural Diversity: While we are a civil movement born in Anatolia, we understand that nature has no geographical boundaries and our responsibility goes beyond political boundaries or ethnic communities. We, therefore, consider cultural diversity as an invaluable asset to safeguard our fragile world.