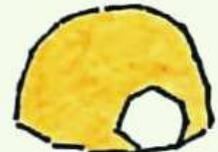


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ABOUT IMECE INITIATIVE

**SUSTAINABLE
COLLECTIVIST
SOLUTIONS**

Imece is a solidarity collective created in 2012 in Cesme in Turkey on the Aegean Sea, in front of the Greek island of Chios.

In 2015, thousands of people reached Cesme to cross the border to the EU. Seeing their appalling living conditions, we couldn't close our eyes and decided to act. Starting by distributions of water, food on the coast, we extended our action to all the refugee settlements of the Izmir Province.

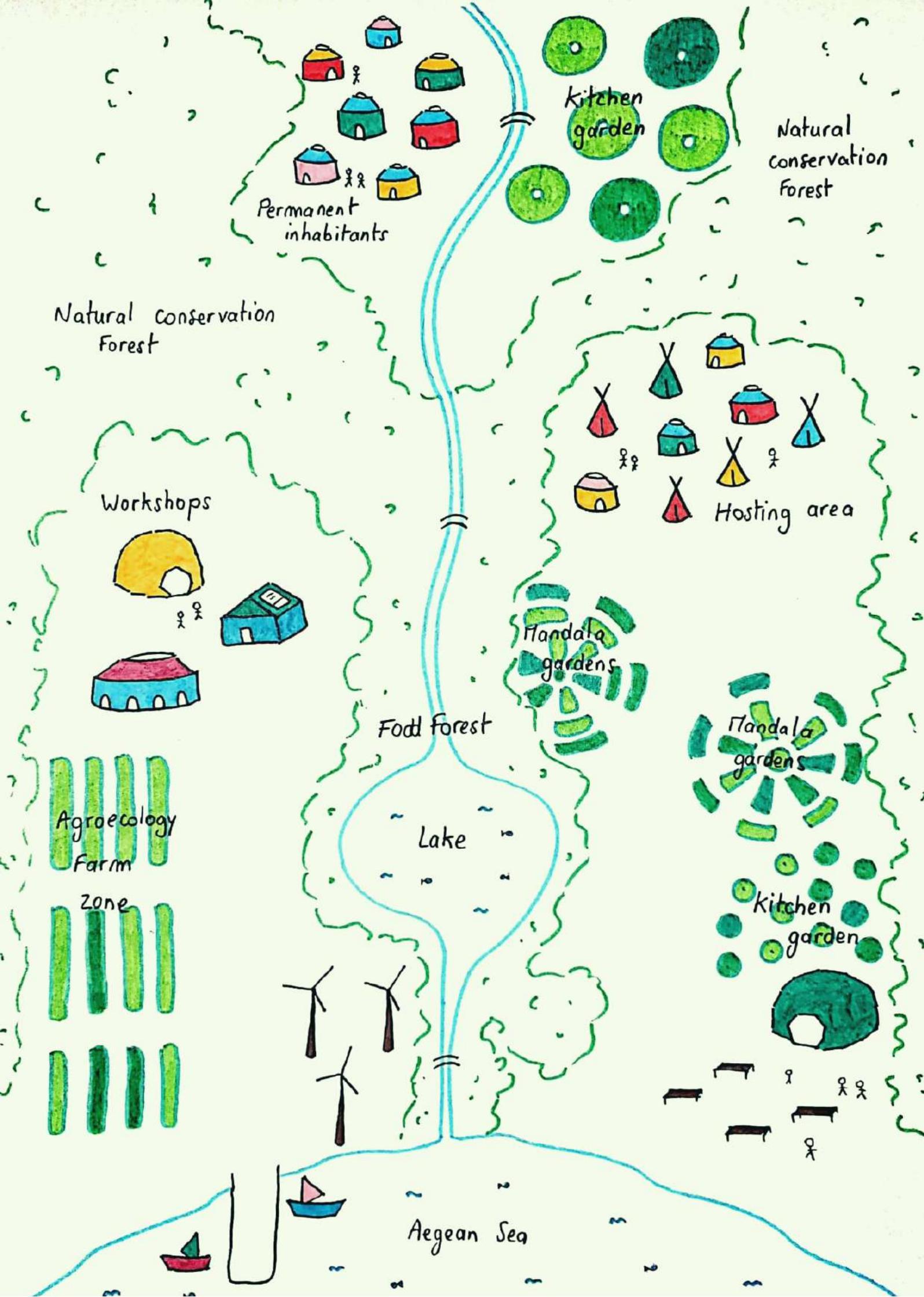
After two years living each day in the emergency, we decided to search for sustainable solutions and started in 2017 a mobile education program that allowed 83 refugee children to access school. Witnessing the specific difficulties that displaced women live, we created the Solar Age program. It provides solar engineering skills to refugee women and the creation of a solar power bank distributed for free on the road of exile.

Through these solidarity actions, a community was created. In search for a sustainable and collectivist living, we decided to give a try: rent a land for 3 years. A land where Turkish people, international volunteers and displaced persons could live and work together for a better future.

It's been 4 years now and we can tell it: it worked!

So now? Let's create Imece Village 2.0!





IMECE VILLAGE 2.0

EMPATHY MAKES US HUMAN

"Empathy makes us human" is the motto of our organisation. Empathy for all humans whatever their legal status is, empathy for all living beings whatever their biology is. Imece Village 2.0 will respect these values in all its aspects and land management.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Imece means solidarity and collaboration. This word comes from the rural Turkey and describes the efforts of the community toward a common goal. Deeply rooted in the local community, Imece is above all a collective movement.

CARE FOR THE EARTH

We believe our meaning in life relies on the positive ecologic impact we have on our ecosystem. Support the local biodiversity, work for reforestation and the regeneration of the ecosystems is the core of Imece Village 2.0.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

Imece Village is a place of shared learning, where everyone can access and share knowledge. For refugees, for children, for international and the Turkish local communities. We will continue to propose trainings on solar engineering, feminine health and permaculture, and expand our curriculum.

AUTONOMY

Because we don't consider autonomy as autarchy, we think Imece Village 2.0 as deeply linked within the local economy. Always working toward the ecological, democratic and social transition of the territory.



CARE FOR THE EARTH

REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

REGENERATING ECOSYSTEMS

Using permaculture design technics, we will work towards the regeneration of the land and the creation of sustainable, diverse and strong ecosystems that can last after us.

EMPOWERING LOCAL SPECIES

Imece Village 2.0 will be designed in the respect of the environment. A large part of the land will be dedicated to reforestation and the protection of local species. Grown cultures will also focus on endemic species such as mastic trees.

HERBAL MEDICINE

Autonomy also relies on health. That is why a part of the land will be dedicated to the culture of medicinal plants. Herbalism will be part of our teaching curriculum.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Because no revolution can be done alone, Imece Village 2.0 will bring together Turkish locals, international volunteers and displaced persons.

WATER SUSTAINABILITY

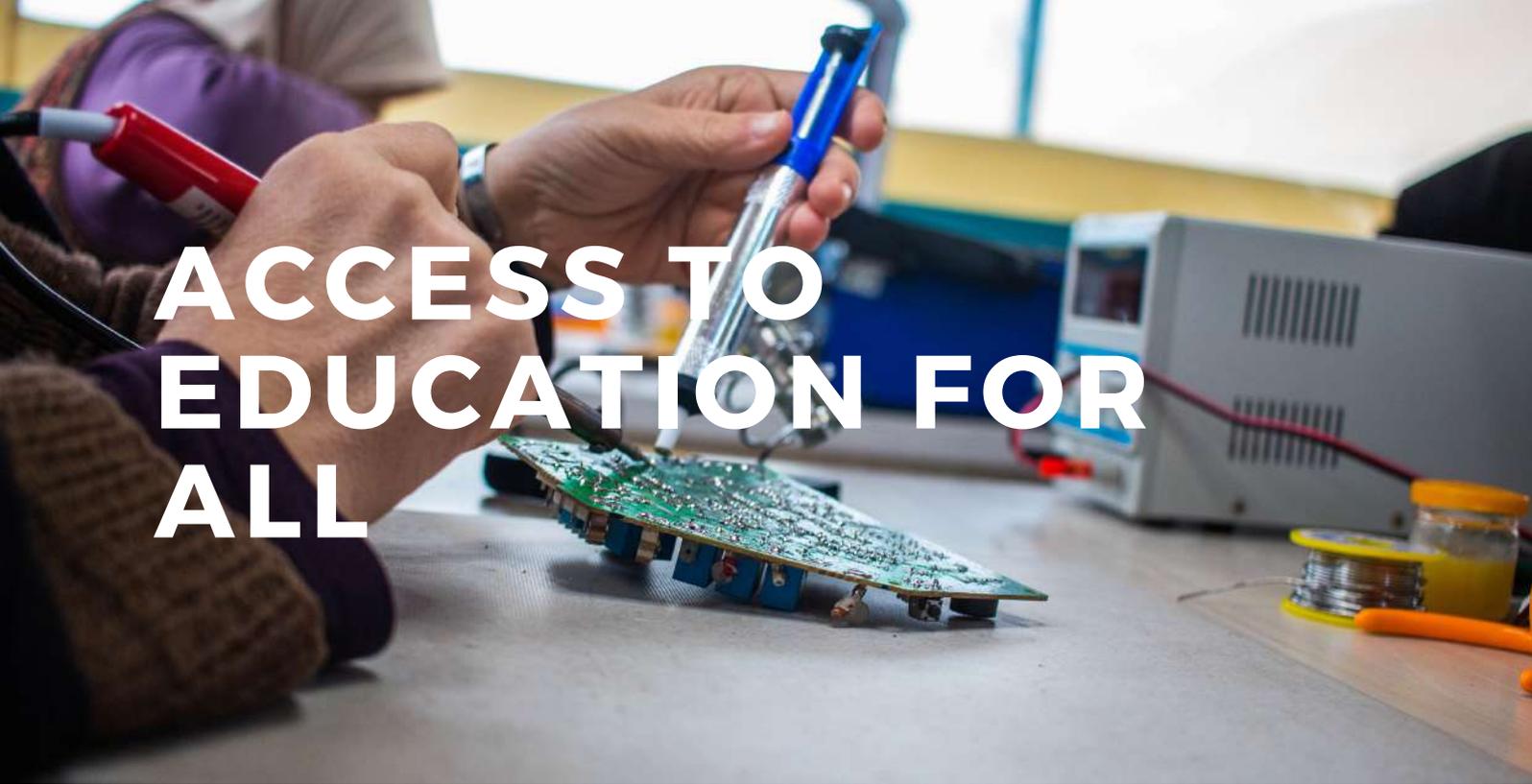
Water is rare on the Mediteranean region, and the Aegean Coast has strong salinization problems. But with a thought water management including consumption reduction, and working to slow, spread and sink water into the soil, we can create a resilient ecosystem allowing sustainability and water self-sufficiency.

ELECTRICAL INDEPENDENCE

Electricity will be generated through sun and wind using solar panels and wind turbines.

FOOD AUTONOMY

We will farm our own vegetables and fruits, and collaborate with local farmers. All our surplus will be shared.



ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL

THE SOLAR AGE PROGRAM

Since 2018 we are teaching professional solar engineering skills to displaced women in Turkey. After their training, they are able to install solar panels, do cabling, soldering, and build EFE solar power banks that are distributed for free to people on the road of exile. It support them in lighting their way and charge phones using solar energy.

A part of Imece Village 2.0 will be dedicated to learning spaces and workshops. For the actual solar energy, permaculture and feminine health workshops, but also widening to herbalism, wind energy and all accurate topics.

**FINANCIAL
INDEPENDANCE FOR
DISPLACED WOMEN**

**ACCESS TO ENERGY
FOR PEOPLE ON THE
ROAD OF EXILE**

ACCESS TO SCHOOL FOR INVISIBLE CHILDREN

THE BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Since 2017 we are running a mobile education program aiming to facilitate the access to school of displaced children living in camps of the Izmir Province.

Imece Village 2.0 will be place open to all where children whatever their legal status is can access education.



ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY FOR RESILIENCE AND POSITIVE IMPACT



Imece Village 2.0 is a life-lasting project from the association Imece Initiative, registered charity in 4 countries (Turkey, Germany, UK and France). We generate income from donations, monthly support and income from our projects. We are completely independent from any governmental or intergovernmental entity

We value this independence and are working toward a complete financial self-sufficiency of Imece Village 2.0.

HOW?

Indeed, we are already produce ecological products from the work of our carpenter and electrical workshops. The commercialization of the objects created will constitute a reliable source of income.

Moreover, living a collective life seeking for autonomy, reduction of consumption and self sufficiency makes us stronger and resilient.





SOLIDARITY SEMINARS

Imece Solidarity organizes online seminars on the experience and methodology of infrastructures of Care and Solidarity around commoning practices. How refugee and migrant solidarities use diverse infrastructures and what are its medium/agencies? How common practices sustain care and solidarity in resilience? How planetary sensibilities concern vulnerable conditions of climate justice?

The first phase of the platform is a series of seminars by practitioners and activists who are working on refugee solidarities, building resilience and threshold infrastructures, agro-ecology communes and alternative pedagogical initiatives. The aim of the seminars is to create a cross territorial solidarity, connecting through experiences of building care infrastructures and sharing our experiences that will lead to a future collective pedagogical platform of Imece

You can access Imece' seminars on Imece Inisiyatifi Cesme's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-FMuMWbZEO>

IMECE VILLAGE 2.0 ECO-CONSTRUCTIONS



Imece Village 2.0 will be divided in 5 zones:

1. Workshops where the courses will be taught. It will include an auditorium, electronical and wood workshops and a school for children.

2. Social space with a common kitchen, living room, guinguette where all the inhabitants and hosts of Imece Village can be together.

3. Hosting space that will be dedicated to the short-term residents of Imece village 2.0: international volunteers, displaced persons, trainees, etc.

4. Living zone for permanent inhabitants.

5. Agroecologic farming zone, respecting wildlife and permaculture principles.