

Our Story



We are a non-profit organization dedicated to the safeguarding and preservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage. Our story begins in 2012. Opinion leaders, who produce projects for the city of İzmir and work for the protection of its values, came together and established the association to prevent the loss of 8,500 years of historical and cultural heritage.

İzmir's diverse range of heritage assets includes World Heritage Sites, archeological areas, historic buildings, monuments, and artifacts that have not only historical importance but also aesthetic, architectural, and economic value. Intangible assets cover even wider range of features including culinary culture, crafts, stories, and legends from the many civilizations hosted through the ages.

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Our Other Websites:

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- www.smyrnaagorasi.com
- www.kontak.org.tr
- www.izmirshop.com
- www.kemeraltihikayeleri.com
- www.kisakisakemeralti.com
- www.ozetkitap.com

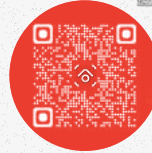
Our Mobile Apps



- Smyrna
Agora



- KORU



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 **Kentimiz
İzmir
Derneği** ➤

Cities Where
Memories Live
Forever...



Areas of Work



Restoration and Functionalization

We are developing projects for the restoration and functioning of derelict historical buildings.



Raising Awareness

We carry out projects and activities aimed at raising awareness about the necessity to protect, preserve and promote cultural heritage in general among local people.



Research & Inventory

We carry out inventory and research studies to reveal and protect cultural values.



Social Enterprises

- › Kontak - Innovative Learning Lab for Children
- › İzmir Shop - A City Souvenir Brand



Research Studies

- › İzmir Historical City Center Research Study
- › İzmir Tangible Cultural Heritage Inventory and Strategy
- › İzmir Intangible Cultural Heritage Current Situation Analysis and Strategy
- › İzmir Festival Strategy
- › Regional Research Studies
- › Traditional Street Games Research Study
- › Thematic Cultural Routes
- › Jewish Heritage Publications
- › 'Journey to the Historical City Center' Book



Projects

- › 'İzmir, The Historical Port City' Submission to UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List
- › 'A Stronger Civil Society to Conserve Cultural Heritage', EU-funded Project
- › 'Heritage Alive', EU-funded Project
- › 'Cultural Wealth of İzmir - Sustaining Jewish Heritage', EU-funded Project
- › 'Strengthening the İzmir Jewish Community through Inclusive Leadership' (Despertar İzmir), EU-funded Project
- › İzmir Historical City Center Tourism Promotion, Brand Strategy and Applications
- › İzmir History Communication Project
- › 'Kemeraltı Stories' Project

What We Do?



Restoration and Functionalization

- › Historic School Building (İstiklal School) ◀
- › Historic Courthouse Archive (Birinci Beyler) ◀
- › Chief Pharmacist Old Factory (Eczacıbaşı) ◀



Communication Works

- › Smyrna Agora Archeological Site ◀
- › Experience Centerr
- › Mobile Applications ◀
- › Short Films ◀
- › Participatory Workshops ◀
- › Brochures and Maps ◀
- › Social Media Management ◀
- › Design ◀



Advocacy Works

- › İzmir Cultural Heritage Platform ◀
- › İzmir Cultural Heritage Monitoring Report ◀
- › Social Media Campaigns ◀
- › Training Programmes ◀



Raising Awareness

- › Treasure Hunt ◀
- › Kemeraltı Short Film Contest ◀
- › Cultural Tours ◀
- › Cultural Heritage and Photography Meetings ◀
- › Festivals ◀