

The Teens House Let teens' hope and passion create a new world

"The Teens House" Project

Adolescence is the beginning of growth and development for everyone. A path that seeks to make us full grown; full of living, rich and unique opportunities, and of course sometimes full of challenging and rough experiences. The experiences and choices of this period have an important impact on the future of every human being. Many teens need assistance in this period and path, the necessity that seriously felt in Saadi (as a poor area in Shiraz) in which our educational charity– named Tolou is there.

Many teenagers in Saadi are struggling with serious challenges. There are many lots of teenagers living in non-supportive and underprivileged families. Drug and alcohol abuse are widespread there, as well as cultural pressures for girls marriage in an early age. Meanwhile, formal educational programs usually do not help adolescents about these problems. Due to such conditions and the desire to realize

the great talents of teenagers, we decide to start the "The Teens House" project, which we hope will actualize and result in the best manner with you and your accompaniment.



To date, there have been some experiences in teenagers' education at Tolou Institute (this link shows some them). Based on these experiences and according to teenage necessities, we think adolescents' education will be much more effective if we consider these following features:

We think an effective program for adolescents must consider that ...

- -Education should be based on teamwork and collaboration, while friendship groups play an important role in teenagers' lives.
 - Teens should have an active role in the training process.
- Adolescence is a period of great ideals; education should help to clarify these aspirations and their growth and prosperity.
- Teens must clearly recognize effects of what they learn in their lives and in society.
- Teens should experience beauty and the creation of beauty should be a part educational programs.
 - Education should be adventurous and exciting for teenagers.

- Education should not be limited to adolescents; their parents also need education.

"The Teens House" project tries to pay attention to above items by creating a daily house for girl teenagers. A safe place where they can spend their hours of the day there, and participate in diverse and attractive programs.

In this house, teens will have the opportunity for...

- Doing several activities like planting, cooking and carpentry (and offering their products in marketplaces),
- Involving in decision making and planning for the Teens House, with the guidance of their coaches.
- Improving their knowledge for changing their lives and society with the help of books, games, storytelling ...
 - Reading, writing and researching about their favorite topics.
- Group Discussing about involved issues and problems to them in order to find feasible change plans
- Defining practical and beneficial projects (community-based activities) in their neighborhoods.
 - And more...

We hope that this "House" and will suggest a new path full of hope and happiness for Saadi teenagers.



*Note

Join Us

A team of 10 people will run the "Teens House" project. According to our first estimations, the project will cost 450 euro per month.

The House will start its work from the beginning of this summer until the end of 2019 winter, that is, for 9 months, which we hope will continue after that. If you would like to participate in financing part of this project, contact us.



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