



DARWIN PLUS



AKROTIRI Spring Festival

Sunday 12th

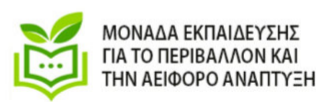
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@ Akrotiri Peninsula



A **unique event** dedicated to the **environmental & Cultural importance** of Akrotiri Peninsula.

Co-Organisers:



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8:45 Bird Ringing Akrotiri Environmental Education Center (AEEC)

Join us to learn about the fascinating world of bird migration and conservation through an interactive bird ringing event.



9:30 - 11:30 Bird Watching Tour Starting Point at AEEC

Age 12+, children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Registration Required

Akrotiri Peninsula hosts a wide variety of bird species, both resident and migratory. Come with us to discover the rich avifauna of Cyprus and connect with nature in a peaceful and serene environment. We will explore the diverse landscape of wetlands, salt lakes and coastline of the area. Hop on the bus and let the bird-watching tour begin!



10:00 - 12:00 The Adventure in the Forest Begins: A Unique Journey of Exploration and Creativity on Akrotiri!

Starting Point at AEEC Age 5-10, children will board on a bus accompanied by teachers and without parents to be transferred to the location of the activity (3 minutes from AEEC).

Registration Required

An adventure dedicated to our little friends. In this adventure we will discover the gifts of nature, the possibilities it offers for learning, exploration, creativity and above all for play and fun! Together we will discover the flora and fauna, shelters, animal tracks, our relationship with nature and each other, make crafts, discover natural ways of survival and share stories and experiences! Join the team of fearless explorers who will embark on magical adventures in the unique way of our special, beloved Forest School!



12:00 - 14:00 Photographing with sunlight: Cyanotype as a tool for environmental awareness

AEEC Age 12+ Registration Required

Cyanotype is one of the oldest methods of photography where the image, as a photogram is formed by a deep blue (cyan) colour from the combination of two chemicals when exposed to the sun. In this workshop, we will learn the technique step by step. Using plastics collected from clean-ups in the area, which we will integrate into an artistic context with elements from nature, we will create visual narratives about the human footprint on the environment. Together we will create a collective work and also postcards for everyone to take away as a souvenir of this creative morning.



9:30 - 13:00 Crafts Station AEEC

Together we will be making environmentally friendly crafts related to Akrotiri Peninsula's biodiversity. Stop by the craft station to explore a fun and creative way to learn more about the protection of our planet.



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10:30 - 14:00 Learn about the Vultures **AEEC**

Educational and interactive activities (floor game and crafts) for children and adults, to learn more about these endangered creatures.



14:15 - 15:30 We build and learn about bird nests **AEEC**

Children younger than 7 years old need to be accompanied by an adult.

Registration Required

Join us to learn about the uniquely beautiful and different nests that each bird makes. Some birds need cavities or holes to nest and raise their families. Such spaces are far from plentiful; placing a nest box can be a great way to provide shelter for these birds. You will build your own bird nest for your garden visitors.



15:00 - 16:30 Basketry Workshop **AEEC** Age 10+

Registration Required

Through the basketry workshop, we will have the opportunity to learn about this traditional art, its history and its value for the culture and the environment of Akrotiri. With the guidance and assistance of experienced local basket weavers, we will watch and participate in the basket weaving process from start to finish.



14:00 - 15:00 The "hidden world" around us **AEEC** Age 8+

Registration Required

Follow us in the Botanical Garden of the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre to explore and observe the invertebrates, using specialised equipment and guides.



15:00 - 16:30 A fascinating journey into the world of dragonflies! **AEEC**

Registration Required

Flying in our skies for over 300 million years, dragonflies have amazing adaptations, a remarkable life cycle and fascinating life facts! Immerse yourself into the secret world of dragonflies through the guidance of a dragonfly expert and learn more about this magical creature through fun games for all ages and in the end, we will create our own dragonfly to accompany us home!



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10:00 - 14:00 Documentary Screenings **AEEC**

Documentaries that highlight the unique beauty of the Akrotiri Peninsula and the need for its protection will be screened on the loop. Watch them to discover the hidden gems of the Peninsula!



16:30 - 17:30 Hiking at Kourтели Trail **Kourтели Hiking Trail**

Together we will follow the path that was traditionally used by the inhabitants of Akrotiri to carry their products to Limassol. We will explore the plants and insects we will encounter. The hike ends at a beautiful viewpoint of Akrotiri Salt Lake.



We look forward to seeing you
@ the Akrotiri Spring Festival!



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The festival is organised in the frame of Darwin Plus Project: [DPLUS141: Habitat Restoration & Wise Use for Akrotiri & Cape Pyla](#). The 3-year Project (2021-2024) is funded by Darwin Plus in UK and aims to restore important wildlife habitats within the Cyprus SBAs, focusing on Akrotiri wetlands and native scrub on Cape Pyla, promote wise use of the area and at the same time develop eco-tourism opportunities to support local economy. The project partners are BirdLife Cyprus (leading role), Terra Cypria, the Cyprus Sovereign Base Areas Administration - Environment Department (SBAA ED) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.