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Community Outreach Education

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Partnerships for the Goals	Dedicated outreach education for the wider community	Teachers and mothers trained in one project reported in 2021 (392 and 76)

Purpose of this evidence file

This fact file answers THE Impact Rankings SDG 17 measure 17.4.3: “Does your university as a body have dedicated outreach educational activities for the wider community, which could include alumni, local residents, displaced people?” No supplied text came with the request, so it is built from a survey of ciu.edu.tr: the Continuing Education Center, certificate programmes, teacher and school projects, the Women Empowerment Center and the Career and Alumni Center. It sorts what is found by the three groups named in the question and states where the record is thin. Every drafted item is marked as a proposal.

INDICATOR 17.4.3

Community outreach education at a glance

CIU runs courses, certificates, teacher training and school projects for people outside the degree body; alumni and displaced people are served thinly.

The question and the answer

Question. Does your university as a body have dedicated outreach educational activities for the wider community, which could include alumni, local residents, displaced people?

Answer: yes for the wider community; partly for alumni; little for displaced people. The Continuing Education Center lists five courses and four certificate programmes are published. Teacher training, a children's architecture workshop and the Women Empowerment Center reach schools and young women. The Career and Alumni Center holds career events and a reunion, but no learning programme for alumni is on its page. For displaced people we found Afghan girls' education support abroad and one Afghan Culture Day, but no course for displaced people living in North Cyprus.

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Courses and certificate programmes listed for outside learners (5 + 4)	Teachers and mothers trained, reported Aug 2021

Headline result

Real offers, thin proof. The pages give course names, hours and one fee, but no dates, fees for the five courses, participant numbers or statement that the public may join.

One well-documented project. The Art of Happiness project reports 392 teachers and 76 mothers, with a ministry, an anti-drug commission and four municipalities as partners.

Next step. Page 8 drafts an outreach plan with a yearly offer for each group and a log of who took part.

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THE THREE GROUPS

Alumni, local residents and displaced people

Group	What the record shows	Evidence
Local residents and the wider community	Continuing Education Center (languages, ideCAD, SPSS, occupational health and safety); four certificate programmes at €350; Pedagogical Formation for graduates who want to teach; an in-service teacher course with the Ministry of National Education; a children's workshop with Nicosia Turkish Municipality; WEC DigiHub for women 18–35. The Haspolat pedestrian bridge gives residents access to campus library, green spaces and events (not education).	CIU pages
Alumni	A Career and Alumni Center with workshops and seminars, job and internship sharing, an online platform, Career Days, an alumni talk and a reunion in Ankara (9 Aug 2025). The page mentions no course, fee discount or lifelong-learning offer for graduates.	CIU alumni
Displaced people	WEC supports Afghan girls' access to education (no dates or numbers on the page); the 2021 Sustainability Report counts 17 Afghan girls helped through an NGO; Afghan Culture Day was held on 13 Jun 2023 (attendees not stated). No course or scholarship for displaced people living in North Cyprus is on the pages read.	CIU pages
Schools, teachers and parents	Art of Happiness (392 teachers, 76 mothers); AI training for public-school teachers (1–11 Sep 2026); children's architecture workshop (5 Jun 2025).	CIU news

LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Courses and certificates for outside learners

Programme	Length	Aimed at
Foreign languages: German, French, English	20 hours	Basic level, no entry requirement
Ottoman Easy Texts I and II	Not stated	Researchers in history, archaeology, Turkish literature
ideCAD course	8 h + 2 h exam	Architectural and mechanical drawing users
SPSS course	20 hours	Research staff, report writers, thesis students
Occupational Health and Safety	1 day	Workplace risk reduction
Investment Appraisal and Project Finance	3 courses	Professionals in enterprises, banks, ministries, NGOs
Leadership, Marketing Strategy and Innovation	3 courses	Any role or sector
Marketing for International Business	3 courses	Marketing experts
Data Science for Business	3 courses	Data Scientists
Pedagogical Formation	1 year, 40 ECTS	Graduates who want to teach

OUTREACH PROJECTS

Projects with schools, teachers, women and the public

From CIU news and event pages. Figures are CIU's; "Reading" is ours.

Project and date	What CIU reports	Reading
Art of Happiness (news 10 Aug 2021)	Faculty of Education project on positive thinking and well-being: 392 teachers and 76 mothers trained; 28 branch teachers ran 17 school projects; partners the Prime Ministry Anti-Drug Commission, the Ministry of National Education and four municipalities.	The strongest record: numbers, partners and outputs. SDG 3 and 4.
AI training for teachers, 1–11 Sep 2026	In-service programme with the Ministry of National Education: AI basics, ethical use, and building AI-supported lesson plans.	Public-school teachers; attendance not stated.
Architectural workshop for children, 5 Jun 2025	Faculty social responsibility committee with Nicosia Turkish Municipality; Arabahmet Primary School pupils at the Nicosia Children's Centre; five stages, drawing and a map game.	Child outreach; number not stated.
Women Empowerment Center	WEC DigiHub aims to give at least 1,000 women aged 18–35 digital skills; the Center says it reached more than 500 local and off-campus young women; STEM scholarships; Nigerian partners.	Open to off-campus women; free or fee not stated.
Prostate cancer awareness, 22 Sep 2025	A medical faculty member's public message on screening for men over 50.	Awareness text, not a taught activity.
Growth Mindset Training, 9 Oct–4 Dec 2024	Weekly sessions in room GE 140; audience and fee not stated.	Unclear who could attend.
Front Office and Housekeeping Training, 16 and 23 May 2024	Held at Mc Palace Hotel Spa and Convention; audience not stated.	Possible industry training; unclear.
Digital Techniques Bootcamp, Aug 2022	Four weeks, 115 students, run by the Computer Sciences Club with the Nigerian Student Union.	For students; not community outreach.

ALUMNI

Alumni and the Career and Alumni Center

From the alumni pages of ciu.edu.tr. About 30,000 students have graduated since 1997, according to CIU.

Item	What CIU reports	Reading
Career and Alumni Center	Keeps graduate records, organises social events, runs an annual satisfaction questionnaire, holds workshops and seminars, shares job and internship offers from partners.	Services and events; no named learning programme.
CIU Alumni Platform	An online platform to reconnect, build networks, guide students, help with recruitment and organise events.	Networking, not education.
5th Career Days, 22–24 May 2023	Seminars in Turkish and English with CreditWest Bank, Vodafone, hotels, a hospital and four Turkish universities; the TRNC Minister of Labor joined the opening.	Open seminars; alumni among speakers not identified.
Alumni talk on careers, 27 Dec 2024	Fourteen alumni spoke to students over three days, including a panel on life after graduation.	Alumni teaching students, not alumni as learners.
Alumni gathering, 9 Aug 2025	Reunion for graduates at the Garden of Club Mirador, Ankara, 12:00 to 17:00; news of 27 Aug 2025 says hundreds attended and calls it the first meeting abroad.	Social; no educational content on either page.

Reading the alumni record

The alumni offer is career support and reunions. The pages mention no graduate discount on certificate or master's fees, no alumni lecture series and no lifelong-learning access, so "alumni" is not yet backed by an educational activity. The Ankara event date also differs between the two pages that describe it (9 Aug event, news of 27 Aug).

DATED RECORD

What the record shows, with dates

From ciu.edu.tr. “Reading” is a plain note, not a CIU claim.

Ref.	Date	Item	Reading	Source
R1	10 Aug 2021	Art of Happiness project reported: 392 teachers, 76 mothers.	Teacher and parent training	CIU news
R2	26 Aug 2022	Digital Techniques bootcamp reported, 115 students.	Student, not community	CIU news
R3	22–24 May 2023	5th Career Days with companies and a minister at the opening.	Careers seminars	CIU page
R4	13 Jun 2023	Afghan Culture Day at the Student Union.	Attendees not stated	CIU event
R5	Spring 2024	Registration open for certificate courses in project finance and design thinking.	Paid certificates	CIU page
R6	16 and 23 May 2024	Front Office and Housekeeping Training.	Audience unclear	CIU event
R7	9 Oct–4 Dec 2024	Growth Mindset Training, weekly.	Audience unclear	CIU event
R8	27 Dec 2024	Fourteen alumni speak to students.	Alumni as speakers	CIU news
R9	5 Jun 2025	Children’s architecture workshop with Nicosia Turkish Municipality.	Child outreach	CIU news
R10	9 Aug 2025	Alumni gathering in Ankara.	Social event	CIU page
R11	1–11 Sep 2026	AI training for public-school teachers with the Ministry.	Teacher training	CIU news

What the dates show

Outreach appears every year from 2021 to 2026, but each item is a single event or an undated course. The only record with participant numbers is the 2021 project, so the series reads as sporadic until counts are added.