

## Bringing life back to the Bandabuliya of Famagusta and Nicosia!

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Cultural Activities will take place at the Bandabuliya (Old Market) of Nicosia and Famagusta throughout Summer 2013!

Cultural workshops, photo and painting exhibitions, and interactive activities with children aim to bring life back to these historical and cultural landmarks. Click on the links below to download the new SUMMER CALENDAR of activities!

[Famagusta Bandabuliya Summer Calendar \(English and Turkish\).](#)

[Nicosia Bandabuliya Summer Calendar \(English and Turkish\)](#)

These activities are funded by the European Union and supported by UNDP-PFF under the Call for Proposals for Innovative Cultural Activities in the northern part of Cyprus.

More than 200 women already took part in the events organised during May at the two Bandabuliya.

In Famagusta, a Women Cultural Centre is expected to be established at the completion of the activities thanks to the support of the local authorities, while children photos and painting exhibition on environmental themes will remain on display for the all summer.

In Nicosia, all marketers joined their imagination to design together their future Bandabuliya Shopping Bag and handicrafts and other cultural workshops will continue for the all summer aiming at making of Bandabuliya not just a market but an open-to-the-public laboratory of creative handicrafts ideas.

Overall, the Call for events at the Bandabuliya of Famagusta aims at establishing recurring events that promote local products and enhance the visibility of the neighbourhood through arts and culture.

Since 2001, the EU-financed UNDP-Partnership for the Future Programme has been working in Cyprus to support the economic and social development of the Turkish Cypriot Community through community development, rehabilitation and infrastructure projects in the walled cities of Nicosia and Famagusta as well as in 10 villages and small towns in the northern part of Cyprus. The aim was to improve the quality of life of the residents, make the cities more attractive for both residents and visitors, while preserving the important cultural and urban heritage of the island. All projects will be completed in September 2013.

To complement these projects, in December 2012, UNDP-PFF launched a Call for Proposals for Innovative Cultural Activities to be organized in locations where urban upgrading projects had previously been implemented. The Call was open to not-for-profit organizations based and registered in Cyprus.

The general objective of the Call was to support the residents and local communities of the renovated areas in hosting and promoting innovative cultural programmes that are linked to Cypriot cultural traditions but at the same time propose innovative approaches that promote social inclusion and community participation.

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