

NEWSLETTER 5



CitSci4All

Project Updates

Summer Snapshot: Citizen Science Initiatives and Project Progress

Exciting News!

As you scroll through our newsletter, you'll come across testimonials from some of our esteemed partners. We're excited to give you a sneak peek through a few captivating photos taken at these events. Don't forget to follow us on our social media platforms for regular updates as we'll be sharing the videos soon.

Uniting for Climate Action

The opportunity that the project provided to DHH adults once again demonstrated that everyone must take part in the fight against climate change for it to be successful.

Issue #5

- Project Updates!
- Video Testimonials and roundtable discussions with everyone involved in the CS Initiatives
- Insights from the workshops and roundtable discussions.
- IST presentation to staff members about CitSci4All
- The workshop "signifyZO" was organized by IASIS to teach Greek Sign Language to young people.



Empowering DHH Adults in Citizen Science: Observing Butterflies in Cyprus

CIP & RITE, Cyprus

Citizens in Power and Research Institute for Technological Evolution, the Cypriot partners have organized a get-together with DHH Adults to share their insights on the CS Initiative of Observing Butterflies in Cyprus.

In collaboration with the Open University of Cyprus, CIP and RITE supported d/Deaf adults in participating in this Citizen Science project. This was an excellent opportunity to learn more about climate change and help the scientific community in their research efforts on environmental issues.

During the DHH adult participation in the program, they were fascinated by their discoveries

Testimonials

" I was so excited when I saw a rare butterfly species ... that I felt that I wanted to protect it and admire it."

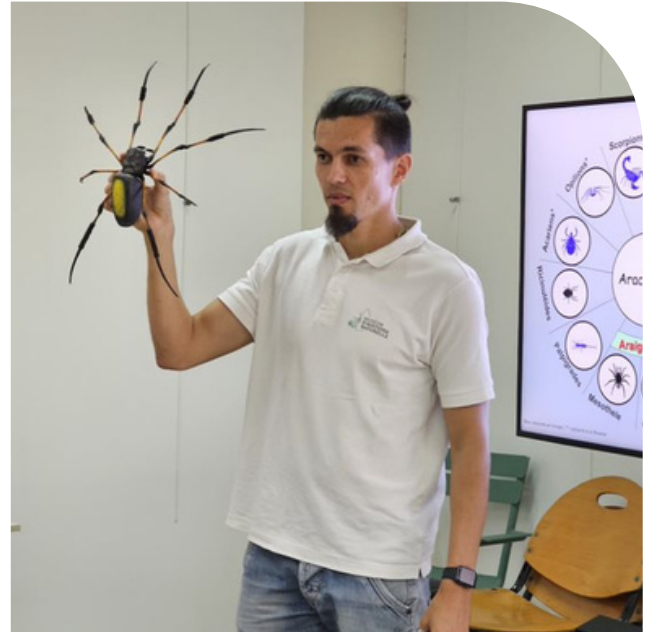


The Cypriot partners plan to host a gathering for the DHH and CS experts who assisted in implementing the Observing Butterflies Scheme in the following weeks!

Spider Observatory

IRSAM, France

The Reunion Island “Spider Observatory” is a citizen science project aimed at observing and cataloguing the different species of spiders found throughout Reunion Island which took place from April to June and was coordinated by Ms Narcisse, a teacher at the Institute Regional of Deaf and Blind (IRSAM), who is coordinating the project for IRSAM Réunion



This project was developed in partnership with the Museum of Natural History in Saint-Denis, Réunion.

To successfully carry out this mission, a group of 13 young deaf adults from IRSAM actively participated in the project where they were able to measure more than a dozen spiders in their immediate environment!

[Click here to learn more](#)



CitSci4All Presentation

Fondazione Istituto dei Sordi di Torino, Italy

“Discovering Magnolias” Project

On 17 July 2023, the Institute had the opportunity to present the European CitSci4All project to 25 staff members working within the organisation, including adult educators and DHH trainers.

First, the Guide was shown and its main objective explained: the social and scientific inclusion of the DHH community in climate change issues through the opportunities offered by Citizen Science initiatives.



Then we showed the second resource: the customised Citizen Science toolkit for DHH trainers. The sign language videos were very useful as a reference point for both correct terminology and as a source of knowledge on the effects of climate change and Citizen Science in an accessible format. The interactive units were also found to be innovative and attractive.

Lastly, we recounted the birth and development of the Project "Discovering the Magnolias" realised with the Institute's residential service, 'Casa Decibel', thanks to the collaboration of educator Chiara Moretti, and shared with the young deaf students of the Institute's Italian course. Many adult educators had no idea what a Citizen Science Project was and what the steps to create one were. After this meeting, they realised how it is possible to be active in the fight against climate change also by participating in CS projects and how it is possible to involve every interested person using accessible materials and tools.

Citizen Science activity and a round table discussion with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Web2Learn, Greece

On September 2, Web2Learn organised a citizen science activity and a round table discussion with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DHH_ adults in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Stefania Oikonomou, Web2Learn, introduced citizen science to DHH adults who then downloaded the iNaturalistGR application to map plant biodiversity in Thessaloniki city center. The workshop was followed by a round table discussion in which participants shared their experience and views on environmental action and active citizenship for climate change. Web2Learn would like to warmly thank the Center of Greek Signed Language (<https://www.keng.gr/>) and its DHH trainers for hosting us in their premises and supporting us throughout the activities.



[Check our announcement here.](#)

SignifyZO

IASIS, Greece

👉 The "signifyZO" workshop gives its own "meaning" to Connect Family, a Day Center in Thessaloniki aiming to support families in various and creative ways.

Through the workshop, participants come into contact with the Greek sign language through experiential learning. The goal is to raise awareness of the community on deafness & hearing loss issues.



In case you are located in Thessaloniki, participation can be declared at this [link](#)

📅 The workshop takes place every Wednesday at 13:30-15:30.

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