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Job Vacancy: Part-Time Greek Teacher

Opening Date: 28/08/2025

- Location: Athens, field based
- Status: Part-time position, teaching hours between 16:00–20:00. A hiring contract of 4h/day can be offered, but we also welcome candidates who are only available on specific days of the week or who wish to take responsibility for particular groups.
- Starting Date: Immediately
- **Duration:** 3-month probationary period with possibility of extension

About Better Days

Better Days was founded in January 2016 in response to the influx of refugees in Lesvos, Greece. Our first project was the Olive Grove, an unofficial camp adjacent to Moria camp that supported the needs of thousands of people passing through Lesvos. During its first six months of operation, Better Days and its partners provided aid (medical, food, shelter, and non-food items) to approximately 70,000 people. Since Olive Grove, Better Days has implemented more than ten projects providing legal aid, recreational activities, non-formal education, counselling support, and other essential services to people on the move.

Today we focus on providing an integrated approach to education through educational and counselling services for displaced young people to enhance their opportunities for personal development, academic growth, and independence. Our educational flagship, Gekko, was selected by the 2021 5th Global Entreps Awards Committee from among 5000 candidates in 126 territories as one of the 100 Best Practices in the world for the implementation of the UN Sustainability Goals. Global jurors highlighted Gekko's mission to improve conditions for displaced and disadvantaged children and asylum seeking people in Lesvos, combined with quality education, as unique in the world. Our new Gekko educational centre in the heart of Athens offers displaced young adults (15-24 years old) access to quality personalised education and counselling in a safe, trauma-informed, and dignified learning space.

Chronology of projects:



- The Olive Grove, 2015-2016: Moria Camp emergency response, sheltering, food & NFI distribution, medical aid.
- Community Support Program, 2015-Ongoing: Financial support for students.
- Elpida Home, 2016-2017: Recreational programming for adults and minors, info point, food and NFI distribution.
- Medical & Legal Intervention Project, Moria Camp, Lesvos, 2016-2017: Medical aid and legal info for vulnerable asylum-seeking adults.
- Gekko Kids, Lesvos 2017-2022: Non-formal educational programs.
- EcoHub, Lesvos, 2017-2020: Sustainable ecological garden with vocational training and ecological literacy for children and adults.
- TAPUAT, Lesvos 2017-2019: Non-formal educational programming, activities for minors, child protection, trauma support.
- Gekko X, Lesvos 2019-2020: STEAM curriculum, exhibitions, blended learning, e-learning.
- Central Triage Pharmacy, Moria Camp, Lesvos 2020: Medicine provision, Covid19 response.
- Socrates, Lesvos 2019-2020: Sports and development, SEL pedagogy, football sessions, trauma support.
- Gekko, Athens 2023-Ongoing: Non-formal educational programs.

About Gekko

Gekko was conceived by Better Days on Lesvos in May 2017 to challenge existing models of education in emergencies by integrating high-quality education with mental health and psychosocial support services in a dignified, trauma-aware environment. Gekko operations in Lesvos reached optimal capacity in 2019-20 with 915 registered students and 452 psychosocial support sessions. Due to interconnected factors including Covid-19, the fire that destroyed Moria camp, and the implementation of closed, securitised camps on the islands, we expanded our projects to mainland Greece.

Displaced young people in Athens are in need of services that lie at the heart of Gekko: trauma-aware psychosocial support integrated with high-quality, individualised education. Thus, Gekko in Athens was born. Our summer pilot program (50 students) launched in July 2023 and the full-scale project (120 students) in fall 2023. Gekko offers a safe learning environment for 15-24 year-olds who are experiencing displacement, and serves as a space where they can offload their troubles and fight for their dreams. We aim to reduce the barriers students face and pave the path to quality education and accreditation.

Working with Better Days

Better Days is a small and dynamic organisation looking to hire people who are passionate about humanitarian work, understand its risks and complexities, and are interested in investing in their role long-term. We are a quality-driven organisation determined to provide grassroots,



holistic and effective solutions to support the integration and de-victimization of displaced communities in Europe, focusing on refugee education and empowerment of youth. Our colleagues come from all over the world, and our official business language is English. The ideal candidate will be inducted for two weeks and trained during the probation period. At the end of a third month's contract, the candidate is expected to participate in Better Days' Employee Survey and Self-Assessment, which is part of their employee evaluation.

Role Description

We are looking for a dedicated and inspiring educator to join our team as a Greek Language Teacher. The ideal candidate will bring both professional expertise and a genuine passion for supporting learners in a dynamic, multicultural environment. You will be teaching Greek as a foreign/second language to adolescents and young adults from diverse educational backgrounds, including students with exceptionalities and different learning needs.

Beyond classroom teaching, this role offers the opportunity to contribute to curriculum design, develop innovative lesson plans and materials, and support school administration when needed. The position involves teaching in group settings as well as one-on-one tutoring. Close collaboration with the Academic Coordinator is essential, as you will be monitoring student progress and ensuring that individual learning plans are met.

This is a meaningful opportunity for an educator who is not only skilled in language teaching but also motivated by the chance to make a positive impact in the lives of displaced children and youth.

Main Responsibilities

- Support with Curriculum design and development.
- Preparation of syllabus, lesson plans, assignments, and teaching material for all educational levels.
- Gathering and submitting data, i.e. maintaining daily attendance, collecting student feedback.
- Support with School Administration when required.
- Teaching in various size groups and one-on-one tutoring.
- Monitor and assess students' progress as per students' individual plans and report to the Academic Coordinator in planned intervals.



Requirements

Candidates who do not meet the criteria below will not be considered.

- Qualified in teaching and/or Certification in Greek language teaching.
- Advanced IT skills (G Suite: Docs, Sheets, Drive, Canva, Slack).
- Passionate about working with displaced children and youth.
- Previous volunteer/humanitarian experience.

How to Apply

To apply, send your CV and a Cover Letter in English to volunteer **hr@betterdays.ngo**, with the subject "**Greek Teacher Part-Time**" Candidates who attach their CVs in any language other than English will not be considered.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Application closing date: until the position is filled.

Better Days retains applicants' information and submitted documentation for 6 months. After this period, all data is deleted. For further information on how we handle personal data, please refer to Better Days Privacy Policy, available at our website, or contact compliance@betterdays.ngo for further inquiries or requests.