



LOVE

A Photovoice Project

October 2025

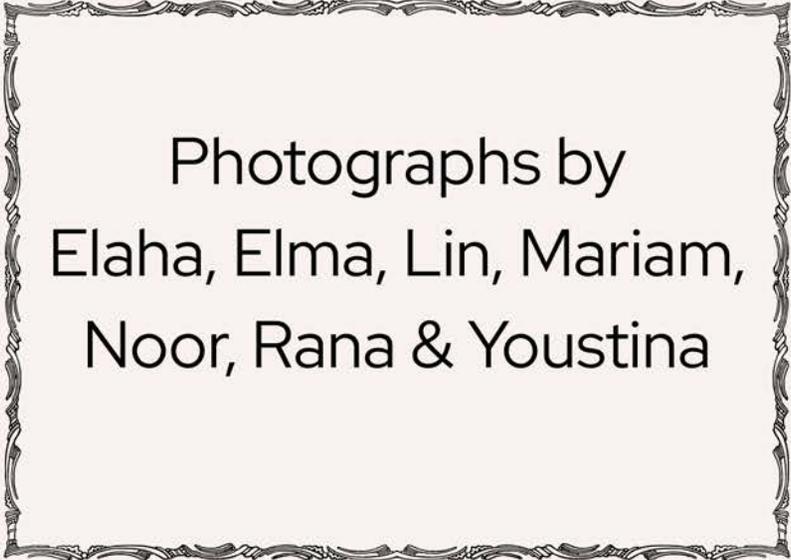
Growing Up Across Borders (GRABS) is a research project that explores the lived experiences of young people growing up in situations of forced migration and (im)mobility. Through creative participatory research methods, we aim to deepen our understanding of how youth knowledge, lived experiences, agency and ideas shape young people's pathways into adulthood across borders.

This photovoice project took place in Athens in October 2025. We met some of the young women at Melissa Network in the spring, when they chose photography as the way they wanted to explore and share their experiences. The members of the group in this photovoice project were Elaha, Elma, Lin, Mariam, Noor, Rana and Youstina.

Together, the group selected the theme "love" and spent time taking their photos independently. Each member of the group presented 2–3 of their photographs, inviting others to share their interpretations. Afterwards, each photographer spoke about the inspiration behind each image. Each photographer selected their own titles and descriptions, and together the group organised the photos into five categories: Nature, Clouds, Knowledge, Daily Life, and Memories.

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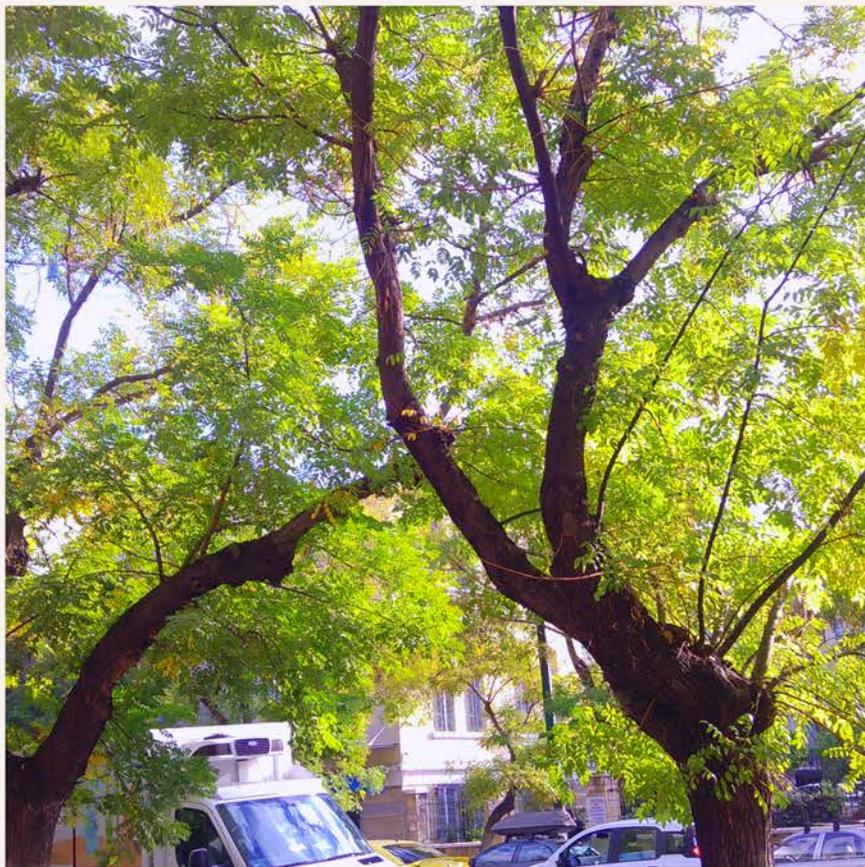


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Noor, Rana & Youstina



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'La Nature' / 'Nature'

By Elma

J'aime bien la nature ici avec les arbres bien alignés, des feuilles vertes. Quand il y a le soleil, ça dégage de la bonne énergie.

I love nature here, with the trees well lined up and the green leaves. When there is sunshine, there's a good energy.

Nature

'Rebreathing'

By Elaha

Enjoy the life as long as we live. The life is once, there is no repeat.





'The Birds'/ العصافير

By Lin

انا احب العصافير وصوتها اثناء الشروق
I love the birds and their sounds at sunrise



'The most beautiful time is when the sky is cloudy'

By Rana

أعمل الأوقات وقت الغيوم مصورة الفيوم مع الأشجار
والحمامبتي منظر جميل جلا وأكثر وقتا بحب أخرج فيه هو
وقتا لالغيوم

The view of clouds with the trees and pigeons creates a very beautiful scene. The time I love going out the most is during the cloudy weather

'The bridge'

By Lin

المناظر الطبيعيه الخلايهنا احب هذه المناظر الجميله
The breathtaking natural scenery - I love these beautiful
views



'Flowers and the Calm'

By Noor

ضياء وورود وسكون يملء المكانا احب الورود الهدوء
Light, flowers and calmness fill the place. I love flowers
and peace.



By Rana

لكا الأشجار والسماء وطلوع الشمس

يشعر بالهدوء والراحة فى هذا المكان وبحب جدًا الأشجار

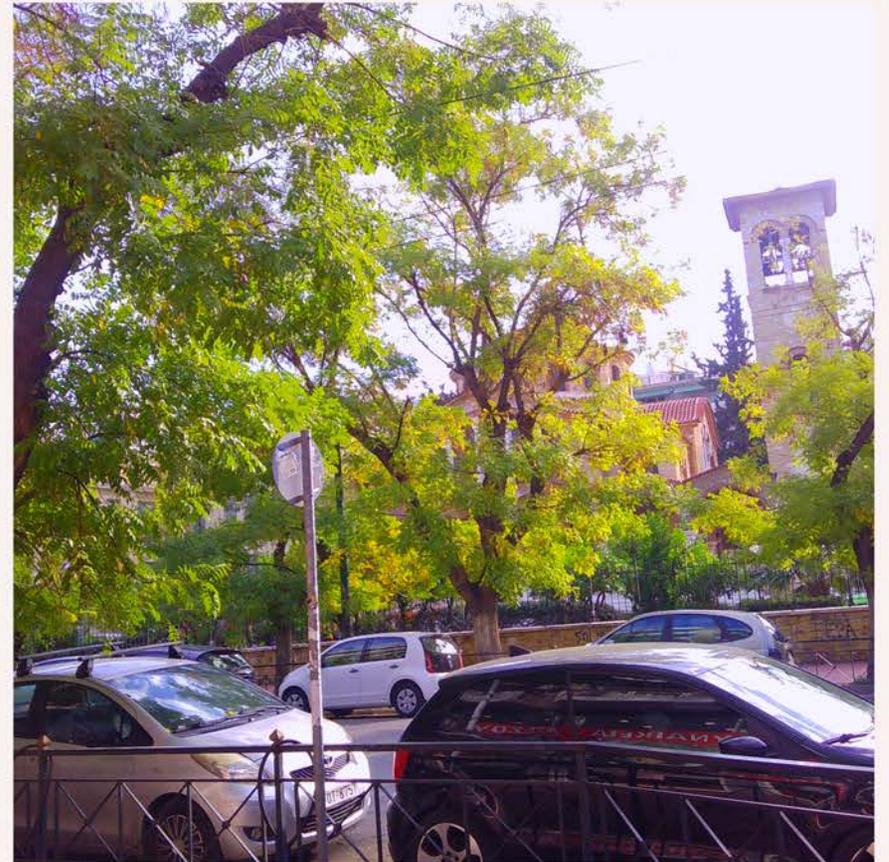
The trees, the sky, and the sunrise make this place feel peaceful and relaxing

La Religion en Grèce / Religion in Greece

By Elma

J'ai pris la photo de l'église parce que j'en vois beaucoup presque à chaque 100 metres, et j'ai vu combien les gens d'ici tiennent à leur religion avec beaucoup d'amour.

I took a photo of the Church because I see a lot of churches - one every 100 metres. I've seen how much people here value their religion with lots of love.



Clouds

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بداية تقطع الغيوم وظهور السماء الصافيه

/ 'The beginning of the clouds' disappearance and the
appearance of the clear sky'

By Youstina

احب هذا المنظر وأشعر بالراحة عندما أتطلع الى السماء
I love this view and feel relaxed when I look up at the sky



لوع الشمس من بسن الغيوم
/'The Sunrise between the Clouds'

By Youstina

أحب ذلك المنظر الرائع حيث أشعر بالدفع والنشاط :
I love that wonderful view where I feel warmth and energy



Knowledge

'Book'

By Elaha

I love reading books. I always do. The first book I read was about the place where I was born but I didn't grow up there. The book was about different things in that place where I was born, about its culture, foods, different events they have and many other things. It was a very interesting book



Crafts

By Elaha

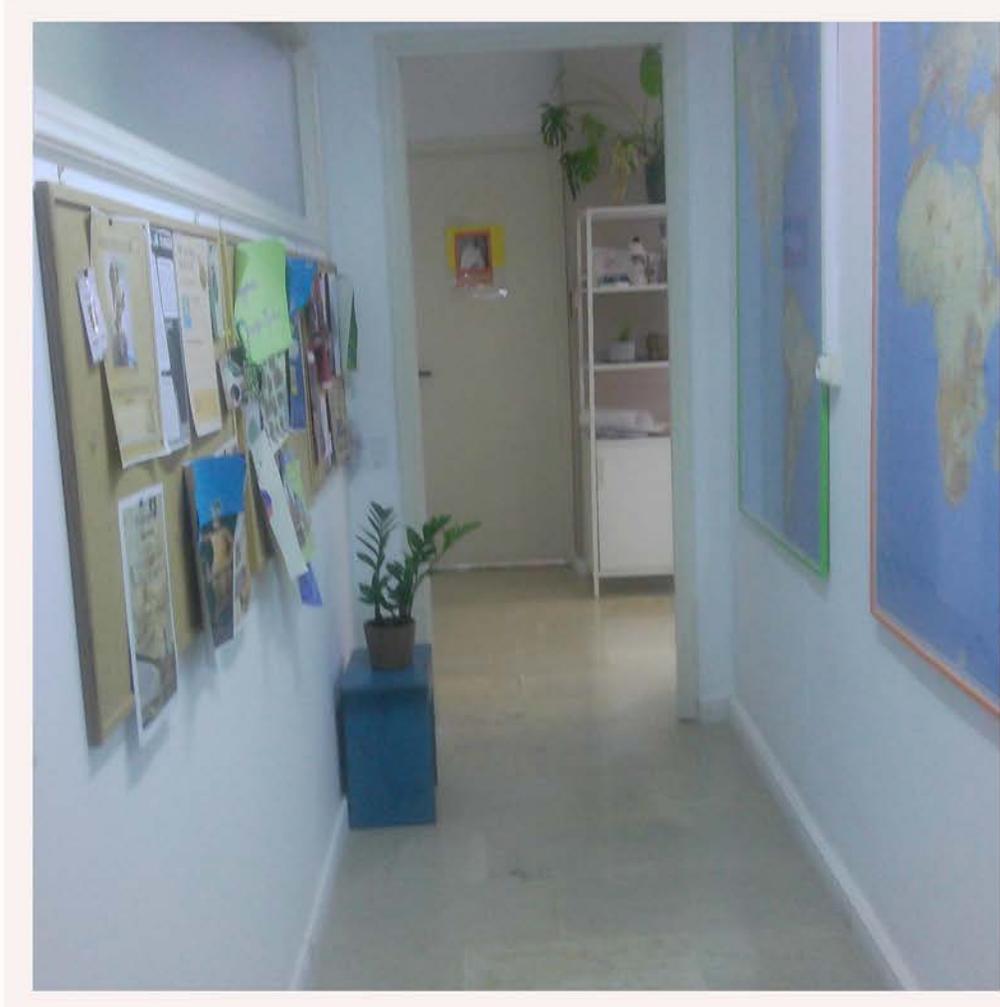
Don't say it is impossible. When you apply for something, the good thing will happen. I said no to doing this mask, but I decided to make one and I won.



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'School Corridor'

By Noor

ممر المدرسه حيث بدأت الاحلام استرجاع ايام المدرسه وايام الطفوله
الجميله

The school corridor, where dreams began - recalling school days
and the beautiful days of childhood.



'Good Beginning' / البداية الحلوة

By Mariam

أول يوم لي في اليونان
My first day in Greece

Daily Life

Les Rues d'Athènes / Streets of Athens

By Elma

J'ai choisi ma rue parce que depuis que je suis à Athènes
c'est là-bas que je vis. Une rue pleine de souvenirs,
positifs comme négatifs.

I chose my street because I've lived here since I arrived
in Athens. A street full of memories - both positive and
negative.





'The Calm Green Streets'/ الشوارع الخضراء الصادقة

By Youstina

أنا احبش الشوارع الهادئة و المليئة بالأشجار حيث الهدوء والراحة
النفسيه

I love quiet streets filled with trees where there is peace and
you feel comfort in your soul.

'The Street and the Calm'

By Noor

شارع الامان حيث يلهو الاطفال بظمانينة أنا احب هذا
الشارع لهدوئها أنا احب هذا الشارع لهدوئه
A safe street, where children play in peace. I love
this street for its tranquillity.



Memories

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'First Walk' / أول فسحه

By Mariam

أحب الصيم . وأحب الحضارة و المباني فما أجمل ان يجتمعا معاً

I love nature and I love modern places civilisation and buildings; how wonderful it is when they come together



'Approaching the distant' / إقتراب البعيد

By Mariam

أحب دائماً منظر الطور في السماء . والأجمل اقم أراها قريبه .,
I always love the view of pigeons in the sky, and what
is even more beautiful is that I see them so close.

'The Birds' / العصافير

By Lin

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صوت الحمام والمناظر الطبيعيه من أجمل المناظر الطبيعيه هم
/ 'The Sound of the Pigeons and the beautiful scenery are among the most
beautiful natural sights'

By Rana

صورة الحمام وشكلها الرائع مع الخضره

The view of the pigeons and their wonderful appearance amidst the greenery.



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