



## Press Release

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### **Interactive educational workshop for children with Marina Katsari**

BirdLife Cyprus is organizing an interactive educational workshop for children ages 5-12, as part of its '153 birds' campaign. The workshop will take place on Saturday, 17 December 2016, 10:00 – 11:30, at Myloi Cultural Centre in Kaimakli, Nicosia.

Storyteller and drama practitioner Marina Katsari will tell us stories about feathered heroes who are travelling around the world and invite us to new adventures and to a journey of self-exploration. Through the allegorical narrative of storytelling, children will discover the magical world of birds and learn about their migratory journey, while acknowledging feelings and basic life values and discovering elements that define our personality. Incorporating the art of storytelling in educational drama and through the creative arts, Marina will bring characters to life and take children on a journey to imaginary worlds.

The educational workshop is being organized as part of the '153 birds' campaign which began last April with the launch of a drawing competition during which we received more than 300 drawings of birds from children and adults. The campaign is now being concluded with a drawing and photography exhibition, which is open to the public until 16 December 2016 at Myloi Cultural Centre in Kaimakli. Participating children will have the opportunity to go on a journey through the art of storytelling with Marina Katsari and at the same time learn more about the rich avifauna of Cyprus and enjoy many of the drawings that are exhibited at the venue.

Marina Katsari studied Pre-school Education at the University of Cyprus and did postgraduate studies in Drama and Theatre in Education at Warwick University, England. She worked as a lecturer at the University of Cyprus and at the European University of Cyprus, in pre-school education in the public and private sector, and as a drama practitioner in various educational settings in Cyprus and the UK.

**Venue:** Myloi Cultural Center, Kaimakli, Nicosia

**Date:** Saturday, 17 December 2016, 10:00 - 11:30

Please note that the workshop will be conducted in Greek and is free of charge. **Due to limited availability, please book by 15 December 2016 on 22455072 or at [rena.filippou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:rena.filippou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy).**

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**Notes to the editors:**

1. BirdLife Cyprus is a registered, non-governmental, not for profit organisation (NGO) that dedicates itself to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Cyprus. It was formed in 2003 through the merge of the two Cyprus Ornithological Societies and now has offices in Strakka, Nicosia comprised by professional staff. <http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/>
2. **Why 153?** In Cyprus about 400 different bird species have been recorded. Through the campaign '153 birds' BirdLife Cyprus presents some of the 153 species affected by illegal bird trapping in Cyprus. Each year hundreds of thousands of birds are killed in Cyprus as a result of this illegal activity, with the worst year recorded to date being 2014 when it is estimated that up to 2.5 million birds were killed. With this in mind, we hope that this campaign will bring everyone closer to the world of birds and help activate them for the need of their protection.
3. For more information on the campaign '153 birds': [www.birdlifecyprus.org/153birds](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/153birds)