

## The Learning Centers Network

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Balkan Sunflowers has been running education programs aiming at the successful integration of Roma Ashkali and Egyptian communities since 2003, but it was in 2008 when these programs were organized under the framework of the Learning Centers Network. Balkan Sunflowers is currently running 4 Learning Centers - Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, Graçanica/Graçanicë, Shtime/Štimlje, Plemetina/Plementinë - and has recently launched a new center in Plemetina/Plementinë Social Housing Buildings in Obiliq/Obili municipality. The attendance is over 500 children daily. Programs are conducted in Albanian and Serbian languages and are facilitated by trained staff and volunteers mostly belonging to Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities. The centers also host 5 international volunteers from February to December under the umbrella of the European Voluntary Service.

Please visit the Learning Centers Network for more information on the program and its successes.