



BIHTER ILDEM

CHRIO Goodwill Ambassador

Bihter Ildem was born in 1987 in Istanbul, Turkey to an architect father and banker mother. Ildem spent her childhood while attending private school in Istanbul, and engaging in a diverse variety of activities in her community. Ildem and her family immigrated to Toronto, Canada in 2001, which is where she continued her education through high school followed by attending Ryerson University for a Bachelor of Arts in Performance Production. Ildem is currently attending University of Groningen in The Netherlands to obtain an LLB degree in International and European Law.

All through her educational career, Ildem was involved in several youth groups and initiatives both in and out of school. She was part of the Leadership Council and volunteered for the Salvation Army throughout high school, as well as participating in food drives for shelters.

Ildem has always had a passion for the defense against the violation of human rights, which lead her to leaving theatre behind to pursue a career as a human rights defender, especially after experiencing different ends of the political spectrum after living both in Istanbul and Toronto.

Ildem is presently involved with two of Groningen's most prominent law student societies, NEXUS and ELSA, for which she is an active member and has organized a conference on Clean Water Initiatives in Europe and Around the World as part of an environmental focus of the NEXUS 2016 conference.

Ildem is proud to be a part of the CHRIO family, and will continue her efforts following her placement as a Goodwill Ambassador to the organization who are working on behalf of the Canadian Human Rights International Organization CHRIO worldwide.