

Dear Friends,

We present you the August issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which gathers 179 organizations and 113 individuals from 75 cities in B&H.

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It contains information about work of Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla, monthly activities of youth organizations, non-formal groups and individuals – members of Youth Network of B&H, their plans for future period and other useful information intended for young people and NGO sector (donor calls for projects, conferences, seminars, scholarships and etc.)

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ORC/ hCa Activities August, 2015

✚ CROSS-BORDER CITIZEN'S NETWORK FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION & HUMAN SECURITY IN BALKAN



Students from Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania had the opportunity to participate in second summer school "Humanizing Security", which was held within the partnership project "Cross -Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans" - in Pristina (Kosovo), from 5th to 11th of August, 2015.

The organizer of the summer school was the Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication from Pristina, along with partners from Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



During sessions, interesting lectures and presentations, the participants of the summer school had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the concept of human security in the Balkans and Turkey, together with what we have done so far within the partnership project.

As part of the project activities in the regional partnership project, Youth Resource Center (ORC) and our researchers from PRONI Brčko have started field activities for the research "The aspect of human security of young people living in collective centers, or alternative accommodation" in Bosnia and Herzegovina (focus groups and interviews in collective centers). More on this topic in next issues and on our website.

The "Cross -Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans" project is implemented by Helsinki Citizens' Assembly -Turkey, together with partners: ADP ZID Montenegro, SeConS Serbia, Institute for Regional and International Studies in Bulgaria, Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication Kosovo and Youth Resource Center Tuzla. The project is supported by the European Union.

✚ YET TUZLA – THERE IS ALWAYS A CHOICE - CIVIL COURAGE IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE

"There is always a choice" - Civil courage in times of war and peace is the name of the youth conference held in Tuzla from 27th to 30th of August, 2015. This event took place in five different locations: the Freedom Square, the International Portrait Gallery, Youth House Tuzla, the Peace Flame House and Bosnian Cultural Centre in Tuzla.

Over 150 young people from the region (Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Italy and Germany), had the opportunity to analyze history through various debates, educational workshops and panel discussions, during four days of the conference, in order to propose appropriate methods and civic actions for the future without violence.

This conference was an opportunity and a place for reflection and exchange of good practices and projects between young people who are active in the NGO sector, but also including less active youth. Participants, as well as citizens of Tuzla, had the opportunity to enjoy plays:

"MIMAR" - 1974 MTM Mostar, "Šmizle" - Youth Theatre of Vitez and "Put u Lili Put" - DIS Youth Theatre Banja Luka.

The organizers of this event were: Forum Civil Peace Service in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Post - Conflict Research Center in BiH (PCRC), in cooperation with the Youth Resource Centre (ORC) Tuzla, IPAK - Youth builds the future of Tuzla, Humanity in Action B&H, EUROCLIO - HIP BiH, Young Volunteers Visoko, Heart of the City Goražde, Peace Building Network BiH and Pax Christi Auchen, Germany



Volunteers from the Youth Group of Youth Resource Centre, to whom we thank on this occasion, gave immeasurable contributions to YET 2015.

✚ PRELIMINARY MEETING ABOUT STUDENT EXCHANGE BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - GERMANY



Director of Civil Engineering and Geodesy school, Mevludin Ferhatović attended the meeting together with professor Azika Musemić, Elke Pascher, Director of Reuschenberg school, volunteer-activist Josefine Schlang from Elsdorf, holder representatives of the project:

"Internationale Begegnungen Jugendakademie Walberberg" Beate Philipp Reuter and Sousse, as well as representatives of ORC Tuzla, *Slobodan Blagovčanin i Boško Vlajić.*

The main focus of the meeting was on the conditions, rights and obligations of all people involved in the project: the finite number of students who will participate in the exchange (15 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 15 in Germany) was defined, along

with the curriculum by which students will work during their stay in Germany.

During nine days of exchange, students will work on meeting their peers, as well as topics such as: democracy, "my vision of the future", discrimination and many others, and they will exchange experiences. A visit from German students to Tuzla was generally arranged at the end of the meeting for April next year.

YOUTH GROUP FROM ORC TUZLA

- TRAININGS FOR STUDENTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Students' training was held on Jahorina from July 31 to August 5, 2015. The aim of the training was to inspire students to recognize responsibility for social actions in themselves - through the meeting of young people from various areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina and joined work on topics related to the past and the future of post-war society, along with mutual exchange and reflection of participants. The training covered issues of dealing with the past, interethnic violence, peace building, reconciliation, national identities, interethnic cooperation, and non-violent conflict resolution. The representative of Youth Group from Youth Resource Centre Tuzla was *Sokoli Merita*.



- XIII RASTOK FEST



XIII RASTOK FESTIVAL was held in Jelah from August 5-10, 2015. The aim of the festival was to activate young people in the field of volunteering, music and art.

This year, 20 volunteers and 20 music groups from the region attended and helped in organization of the festival.

Beside bands who were playing at the festival, there were daily activities on the topics: The organization of cultural events, "From idea to implementation", workshop and exhibition of photographs: "Co-existence and cultural

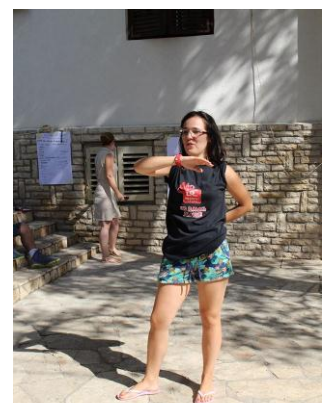
interdependence," graffiti workshop: "Rastok Time Machine", poetry evening "the Sky is big enough to embrace us all equally. "

One of the participants of the festival was Merita Sokoli, member of our Youth Group.

- YOUTH EXCHANGE „DON'T DREAM IT - BE IT!“

„Don't dream it - be it“ is a joined project of young people from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Topics that were discussed during the exchange are mental health, addictions, healthy lifestyles and etc. The goal of this project is to empower young people and enable them to gain additional knowledge and skills, so



they could be in dispose of their community resources and use them to build their own future and better life.

Youth exchange was realized in the resort of the Red Cross in Rogoznica from August 17-27, 2015. There were 36 young participants, and one of them is a member of the Youth Group from Youth Resource Centre Tuzla.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

During August, as part of our regular activities, we have worked on the maintenance and development of communication and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.omladina-bih.net). Within this, we have daily, to the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), and also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, distributed information of interest to young people and youth activism in B&H (calls for workshops, seminars, conferences, calls for project applications, jobs, scholarships, and other activities). We maintained and regularly filled in information on our website www.omladina-bih.net, sent abroad information we received from youth organizations and individuals from the network (international organizations, organizations in region and donors). We also corresponded with the organizations and individuals interested in activities of the network and replied on questions related to certain activities, education and other information related to youth activism in B&H.



HCA/ORC PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015

- Implementation of the regular activities of the Youth Network;
- Continuation of activities within "Cross -Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans" (continuation of work on research - organization of the meeting with stakeholders);
- Start of activities within step 7 (STEP 7) ALF BiH - Annual Meeting of ALF members in Mostar, from September 3-5, 2015;
- Youth Group from Youth Resource Centre will work on realization of activities from the project "Live a healthy life 2".

YOUTH NETWORK BIH MEMBER ACTIVITIES



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“GET INVOLVED“ AS THE MOTTO FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN SARAJEVO

„I want to be an employer when I finish my studies.“

„ I want to be father/mother, even though I do not have a job or an apartment.“

„ I do not live in the city centre and I want to ride on a bus or tramway freely.“

These messages resonated strongly today from the centre of Sarajevo. The Institute for Youth Development KULT has, together with young people, marked this year's International Youth Day under the motto "Get Involved!" with the support of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



There are 67.1% of young people in our country that are unemployed, 43% of young people who think that their standard will stay the same or get worse in the future, while 85% of young people get information on sexual and reproductive health via television. Every sixth young person is interested in political participation in the society, while 4 out of 5 young people want to leave Bosnia and Herzegovina. The statistics are devastating. However, solutions do exist, as the Institute for Youth Development claims.

"The problems that young people confront in our country are the problems their peers in the region and the world confront, too. Solutions are not elusive. The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is in the process of creating the first Youth Strategy of FBiH which will cover youth problems in 7 different areas, including employment, education and youth safety. A similar strategy is being created in the Serb Republic. By enacting and implementing the document on Youth Policy of the Serb Republic 2016 - 2020 and the Youth Strategy of FBiH 2016 - 2020, with the participation of all relevant actors whose aims include the improvement of youth development and actions, together with improvement of young people's lives and social conditions, a clear response is given to the questions and challenges that young people confront "- said Katarina Vučković from the Institute for youth Development.

The youth strategy in the Federation is the first strategic document that will address the problems of young people in FBiH and which should be in effect from 2016. Activists of the Institute for Youth Development KULT have introduced to their peers, symbolically on the International Youth Day, the proposed solutions which will be covered by the strategy and have invited them to participate actively in their development and implementation.

✚ SARAJEVO HALF-MARATHON: „ RUN FOR A CAUSE, TOWARDS A CAUSE!“ HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Sarajevo Half-Marathon, in cooperation with the Institute for Youth Development KULT, will have a strong humanitarian character this year. "Run for a cause, towards a cause!" is the motto of the humanitarian action whose aim is to raise funds for support of youth projects that have been selected at the Institute for Youth Development KULT - School of Friendship and the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA.

In less than two months, on 20 September 2015 at 9 am, the Sarajevo Half-Marathon will commence for the ninth time in front of the BBI center in Sarajevo. It is an international event, organised by the Association "Marathon" Sarajevo, which has grown over nine years into the most popular sport event in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Last year, more than 1,200 runners from 32 countries have participated in this event. This fact, according to the Association, brings multiple benefits for Bosnia and Herzegovina and its capital. "Apart from economic, environmental and sporting dimensions of the project, humanitarian aspect is particularly important because we want to improve the society we live in. Runners, and athletes in general, are known for their kindness and solidarity" - says Erol Mujanović, Director of the Association "Marathon" Sarajevo, which will this year, in cooperation with the Institute for Youth Development KULT, collect funds for the support of the selected projects created by young people. Athletes and guests of this sports event will be able this year to support the work of the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA and School of Friendship .

" Educational-Leisure Centre SPAJALICA is one of the leading socially-responsible youth centers in the country which, through a variety of activities, directs and motivates young people. Apart from SPAJALICA, participants will be able to help the School of Friendship, that gathers children up to the fourth grade of elementary school, where professional team helps them in studying, problem solving and socialization " - said Abela Purivatra from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

All participants can register via www.sarajevomarathon.ba.

✚ YOUTH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT IN UNA-SANA CANTON

The procedure of developing the Youth Strategy in the Una-Sana Canton has begun. The Government of Una-Sana Canton authorised the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport to demand from the cantonal ministries, public institutions and public enterprises to appoint representatives of the Work Group for developing the Youth Strategy USC for the period from 2016 to 2020. Institute for Youth Development KULT has been appointed to provide expert and consultative support, in cooperation with the Ministry, in the process of developing the strategy. The decision of the USC Government was preceded

by meetings held between Jasmin Bešić, Executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, Mr. Izudin Saračević, USC Prime Minister, Mr. Damir Hodžić, Chairman of the Committee for Education, Science, Culture, Sports and Youth at the Parliamentary Assembly of Una-Sana Canton and Mr. Kenan Keserović, Committee's Deputy Chairman. The initiative for the enactment of the Strategy was started by Mr. Kenan Keserović, Member of the USC Parliament. The Strategy, which is a legal requirement in all cantons of FBiH, and has been advocated by representatives of the USC



Youth Council, should specify clear objectives and measures of government concerns about young people.

✚ **CONDITIONS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL OF FBiH FULFILLED: YOUTH COUNCIL OF WEST HERZEGOVINA HELD FOUNDING ASSEMBLY IN GRUDE**

A Founding Assembly of the Youth Council of West Herzegovina was held in Grude. The council consists of three local youth councils - municipalities Grude and Posušje, and the town of Široki Brijeg. Mate Loncar, from Posušje, is elected for the President of the Youth Council of West Herzegovina and the Vice President is Josip Zelenika from Široki Brijeg. The Committee Chairman is Martin Kondža from Grude, and his deputy is David Naletilić, Široki Brijeg, while the secretary is Josipa Zorić, from Grude. Mate Loncar, President of the Youth Council of West Herzegovina, said that young people in West Herzegovina deserve to have the same opportunities as the rest of the youth from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"We joined forces and we will work as much as we can in accordance with our capabilities and I am confident that our effort will not be wasted," – Lončar added. Mrs. Ružica Mikulić, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of WHC, also attended the Founding Assembly and emphasized that the world is left to the young people and that the effort of those young people to stand up for themselves will surely not remain unnoticed. Srećko Mikulić, Municipal Youth Officer, addressed those present on the behalf of the host, the municipality Grude, and wished good luck and success in the work of the Youth Council.

By establishing the Youth Council of West Herzegovina Canton, which is the sixth cantonal council of FBiH, conditions have been fulfilled to form an umbrella council, the Youth Council of FBiH. Founding Assembly was attended also by representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT BIH.



✚ **CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP HANDED MONEY FROM HUMANITARIAN EXHIBITION TO CHILDREN'S HOME BJELAVE**



The first humanitarian action of the attendants of the School of Friendship has been very successful. After they have sold almost all the drawings on humanitarian exhibition in SPAJALICA, the children gathered the money and donated it to the Children's Home Bjelave. The funds will be spent on school supplies for one little girl. Apart from the money raised, the children gave their peers presents, such as toys and clothes.

The first humanitarian exhibition of the School of Friendship was held in front of the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA and was very successful, according to the children and their parents.



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✚ YOUTH ASSOCIATION NEW VISION : BE A PART OF THE TEAM THAT CREATES AND REALISES IDEAS“

Hardworking team of Youth Association "New Vision" has begun with interesting educational workshops within their project "Promotion of healthy lifestyles among young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina, while disapproving gender stereotypes". As a part of this project, an educational-entertaining "Be a Man Club" was formed whose goal is to gather highschool students and other young people who wish to work on their principles and become the ones who can change the laws which, in our society, lead to violence, violation of basic human rights and democratic values of the community.



Through different activities, discussions, workshops and sketches, these young people are enabled to learn interesting life lessons, that usually nobody provides them with. These are open workshops and any young person, who wish to build upon his/her principles and who respect diversity and basic principles of human dignity, is more than welcomed. Also, this is a unique opportunity for youth to meet, expand their friendship through creative activities, and discover their possibilities.

"Be a Man Club" is a part of "New Vision" activities, and it should soon start implementing in the schools.

This Project is financed by Care International Balkans and beside Novi Travnik, the project will be implemented in 10 other municipalities across B&H.

If you have an idea and want to be a part of this project, you can send your requests to the public mail of the organization: ounovavizija@gmail.com or on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ounovavizija>





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„NO HATE“ LOCAL TEAM KLADANJ

On August 7, 2015, at 19:00 hours, members of „No Hate“ team Kladanj, Anesa Hidić and Fatima Mašić held a presentation entitled "Youth and on-line activism".

During this one hour presentation, presenters have explained the possibilities that internet provides to young people. Each presenter analyzed Facebook, Twitter, My Space, Instagram, Crowdmapping and other popular virtual online brands.

Ernada Avdibegović, teamleader, addressed the audience with a short lecture on online hatespeech.



PRO FUTURE PROJECTS



Youth Circle Kladanj and Women's Association Podrinje from Vlasenica have organized a joined excursion to Sarajevo on August 22, 2015.

This was an opportunity for women from two municipalities to meet, arrange next project and visit the historical sites of Sarajevo.

The project was realised by Pro Future Community.

Education on strengthening of women potential was held on August 28, 2015. in the Association of Women Podrinje, together with help of organization "Sara" from Srebrenica. Youth Circle Kladanj was a partner on this project. Apart from

mutual lectures, participants of the seminar had lunch together and exchanged experiences from their work.

This project is a part of a four-year old PRO Future project.

DAYS OF GIRL'S CAVE

A folk festival of cultural and art associations of Kladanj, Olovo and Kakanj was held on August 28, 2015, during the event „Days of Girl's Cave“. Before the main manifestation on the central stage, participants paraded through the main streets in front of numerous audience

Beside that, bicycle club Kladanj organized the fifth bicycle race as a part of the event, which has become somewhat of a tradition. Cyclists have followed a route from Kladanj – Girl's Cave – Mladoševac – hotel Male's Water. Bicycle race begun at 11:00. Lunch and refreshments were provided for all of the participants.

Event was sponsored by Municipality Kladanj, BH Telecom, Tourist community of Tuzla County and Sports Association of Kladanj.





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CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Youth Organization Firefly has continued with its everyday activities during August. Participants are split into two groups, ages 4-7 every day from 11:00-13:00, while age 8+ from 14:00-15:30. Groups of children age 4-7 have crafted dolls made of fabric and cardboard, figurines out of dough and plasticine, potato stamps and little "monsters" made of wool, balloons and cardboard. Goal of these workshops was for the kids to develop their imagination and to express their creativity through use of different materials. About 25 participants have attended the workshop in August.

Afternoon group (aged 8+) has built, during the month, a model of a city with buildings made of cardboard and recycled materials, trinkets made of wool, jojos made of balloons and flour, as well as "monsters" made of egg packaging. Participants have come up with series of comics entitled "Alien visiting Earth", which they coloured using watercolors, as well as pirate maps with a hidden treasure. Also, through various games, this group has worked on basics of English and German grammar.



Workshops take place in Youth Centre of Brčko District. Coordinator of August workshops was Asja Subašić with the assistance of Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteers: Tamara Wonner and Nicolas Zduna from Germany, John Streatfield, Isembard Ryner, Kate Roberts, Sarah El-Taki and Catriona O' Sullivan from Great Britain. Number of students varies between 25 and 30.

„FUN DAY “ WORKSHOPS

Activities are held on Wednesday and Friday from 10:30-12:00 at the Youth Centre of Brčko District. These are intended for the juniors (8-12 year olds), and the goal is for the participants to have fun and get along with various interactive games during summer. During this month, they have begun work on a project of a castle made of cardboard and recycled materials. There are 15 participants, at the moment. Coordinators of this project are EVS (European volunteer service), volunteers from Great Britain, Kate Roberts, Sarah El-Taki i Catriona O' Sullivan.

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

- **Guitar Workshop:** Participants of this workshop have continued their work on études, miniatures and duets chosen for them according to their capabilities and instrument knowledge. The work is mostly done on études from periods of renaissance, barok, classical and romantism, but also études with modern characteristics.

- **Samba Workshops:** Music samba workshops for children age 7-12 are held on Wednesday at the Youth Centre.

✚ ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP „I LOVE ENGLISH”

Participants had a chance, during August, to take part in debates on poetry and literature. Afterwards, they would continue with the practice in spoken English. Coordinator of this workshop is EVS international volunteer from Great Britain, Katherine Roberts.

These workshops are held at the Youth Centre of Brčko district on Mondays and Tuesdays at 19:00-20:00. There are 6 participants, at the moment, age 15+.

✚ WHAT'S UP?! SPRECHEN-THEMEN- ARGUMENTIEREN – GERMAN LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

For those who truly wish to learn and improve their knowledge in German language, this activity is extremely beneficial. There are 5 participants at the moment, age 18+. Workshops are held at the Youth Centre, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 20:00-21:00. Coordinators of workshops are international volunteers from Germany Nicolas Zdun i Tamara Wonner. During this month, Nicolas and Tamara have participated in interactive workshops – Round table – "Stammtisch", organised by "Glossa – German language center" in Brčko District. Young people had a chance, through dialogue and socialization with native German speakers, to improve their knowledge as well as learn about German culture and life.



This kind of cooperation will continue in September, when the German volunteers of the Youth Organization Firefly will take part in realization of school program for German language, as well as attend one of the interactive workshops, once a month.

✚ SPORTS WORKSHOPS

Sports workshops for children have continued once a week through August on every Thursday from 14:00-15:30. Number of participants varies from 8-15, age 5+. Workshops are separated into three parts. First part consists of warm up exercises, second of motorfunctions with a ball and third, the most interesting part, consists of team ball games, soccer (football), volleyball, dodgeball and so on. Workshops for adults take place on Tuesday and Thursday at the Youth Centre from 21:00-22:00. There are 5 participants at the moment.

Coordinator of the sports workshops is Nicolas Zdun, international EVS volunteer from Germany.

✚ NIDRI, GREECE 2015 – SUMMER CAMP

During two weeks in August, four volunteers from Brčko attended the summer camp at Nidri on the Greek island of Lefkada. During their stay, they learned the best way to row a kayak, sail, windsurf, trapesing and various other watersports. All of this was possible with the help of Horizon Watersport, a small watersports centre in Nidri, which is lead by well trained, friendly and enthusiastic people. Also, volunteers have learned how to gauge wind speed, direction, and how to act in case of capsizing of a boat, loose sail, and how to get out of other dangerous situations that may occur while doing watersports. Camp was interesting, even during the theoretical parts and simulations.



All in all, camp was a great success, and the volunteers had a great time.

All of the regular workshops of Youth Organization Firefly will continue in September.



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FIFTH FILM FESTIVAL „CHANGE CONCIIOUSNESS“

The Fifth film festival about people with the disabilities carries the motto "Change the Conciiousness", in organization of Humanitarian organization "Partner". It will take place from 16-18th of September in the Multimedial center in Jewish Cultural Centre "Arie Levine" in Banja Luka.

In comparison to the previous years, when the festival lasted only one day, this year's Film festival will last for three days, organized in evenings.

This year's festival is also non-competitive because the goal of the festival is rising of the awareness for the needs and the possibilities of people with disabilities. According to the director of the festival Ognjen Ranislavić, the films projected are life stories, life's beauty, and if we take into account that everyone's life is the most beautiful, than the contest can only ruin the qualities which we nurture through our work.



Invitation for submission of films for this year was open for three months. During this period, films were submmited from various parts of the world (China, Australia, Spain, Brasil, Italy, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina). Because of this, we can emphasize, with pride, that our Festival has become International.

Apart from film projections, we are preparing additional programmes, which, we are sure, will be a surprise to all of the visitors of the festival.

Since the Radio television of Serb Republic is the main media sponsor of this year's festival, we will, in the coming days, inform the public with all details about the festival. Ministry of Education and Cultre of Serb Republic has helped with the organization of this year's festival, which is another proof that it's quality is being recognized.

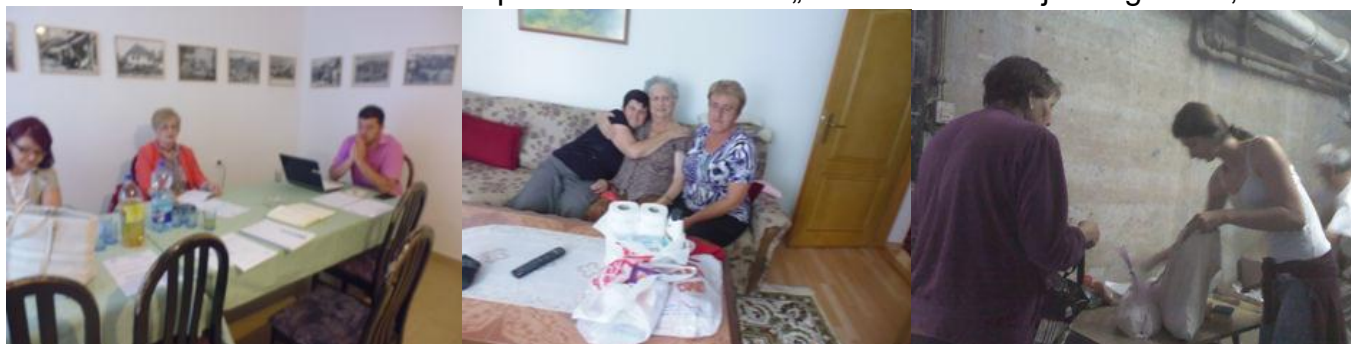
We take this opportunity to invite all interested parties, especially citizens of Banja Luka, to visit the festival and contribute to raising of the awareness of people with dissabilities as equal members of our society.



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+ H.O. „MERHAMET“ DOBOJ ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST, 2015

- o President of „Merhamet“ Doboj, Avdić Faketa has attended the first meeting of the Administrative Council of "Regional Merhamet" Banja Luka with it's new President, Mr. Admir Svrako on August 04, 2015
- o Activists of „Merhamet“ visited their ill member Avdić Ema when she came back from the hospital – August 05, 2015
- o Distribution of humanitarian help to the members of „Merhamet“ Doboj – August 08, 2015



- o Meeting with Tanja Danilović – chief of the OSCE, August 20, 2015. Since Tanja is leaving her job, the last meeting took place in a coffe place "Harizma" in Doboj, where Tanja treated us. We thank Tanja on wonderful cooperation and we wish her a lot of success in future endeavors, because she really deserved it with her modesty, kindness, ideas and collaboration.
- o H.O. „Merhamet“ Doboj has delighted 413 children of "Merhamet" members by donating school suplies, so they can happily start the school year.





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+ YOUTH EXCHANGE IN GERMANY

Young volunteers, 8 of them, from PRONI Center for youth development of Brčko District stayed for seven days in Leipzig, Germany. They participated, together with volunteers from Portugal and Germany, in project "Designing a Wall - Leaving traces Part 2".

Organization "Geyserhouse" from Leipzig was the creator of the project, and the goal was to connect young people from these three countries through designing three mosaics that will adorn the walls within the organization. Young people had the opportunity, with professional help, to learn different techniques of creating mosaics, which they later applied to the realization of their ideas.

During the seven-day stay, the participants had a chance to discover the city of Leipzig, its cultural and historical heritage, and numerous attractions that this city offers. Beside creative work on the mosaics and excellent meetings, participants had evenings where they prepared traditional meals and gave brief presentations about the countries they come from.

The first part of the project "Designing a Wall - Leaving traces" was held in 2014, which included the participation of young people from Spain, France and Germany.



+ PRONI WITH YOUNG PEOPLE 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Since the beginning of its existence, the leadership and young people from PRONI Center offer a hand of partnership to local authorities for mutual work on improving the position of young people in Brčko District B&H, and wider. The efforts which PRONI invests in 365 days a year for better position the youth are recognized at the region, including both entities, but also at the international level. Ten years ago, the International Youth Day is a day when we, together with young people, draw attention to their position, needs and challenges, but we also offer solutions.

It is important to mention that representatives of PRONI Center participated in the preparation of the first strategic documents for the youth from Serb Republic, especially Bijeljina. Today, our general manager works, with one of the working groups from the Government of the Serb Republic, on the development of the third Youth Policy of the Serb Republic. At the same time, PRONI is directly involved in the development and implementation of local youth policy in Bijeljina for years. We are a

member of the Youth Council Bijeljina and a member of the Youth Council of the Serb Republic Assembly.

We supported, together with our partners, the establishment of the Youth Council in Orašje, Domaljevac, Teočak, Srebrenik and other places of North - East Bosnia. We helped, in that way, young people to have their representatives in dialogue with local authorities. We are the co-founders of the first network of youth centers in B&H, and also of local volunteer services network, where we collaborate with other members on daily basis.

Since the first assembly of the Commission for Coordination of Youth Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina until now, PRONI is the only organization that has representatives in all three assemblies of the only institution for young people at the national level.

We are one of the loudest advocates for adoptions of the Youth Act, the law on volunteerism, development of the strategy for young people and other relevant documents, and for adjustment of the activities of all sectors which are related to young people in Brčko District, the only part of B&H that does not have youth issues solved. At the same time, it is PRONI Centre organization who educated generations of young workers, initiated and supported the establishment of the city's youth centre, and who supported young people who have launched a number of initiatives in Brčko and elsewhere.



Beside the above, the successes of young people who work with us every day and who choose to be active in our organization are the biggest success for us and our work. We emphasize this today, on the International Youth Day, because the United Nations have decided that this year's theme should be civic activism. Since 1998, the PRONI Centre has cooperated with tens of thousands of young people and our membership counts more than 2000 members in Brčko, Bijeljina and the surrounding areas. We are particularly proud of the fact that friendships and relationships which young people make in our organization, last for a long time.

This year's International Youth Day emphasizes civic activism of young people as an important segment of the development of society as a whole. Because of that, it is extremely important that young people of Brčko District get their place and specific actions of local authorities in solving young people's issues. Young people that we know are genuinely active on daily basis in their communities.

On this occasion, we would like to thank to the Mayor on the first congratulations since the establishment of the District. Last year, we asked for compliments, but this year we ask for concrete measures and actions for solving the issues of young people in our city. It is high time and extremely important that the Government of Brčko District adopts the youth law, defines young people, defines their rights and obligations in all areas of life, and strategically approaches to young people with concrete measure offers for all the issues of young people in our city.

PRONI Center is available to local authorities, in this process, with their resources, because the young people of Brčko District cannot and must not be different from their peers in the rest of Bosnia and Herzegovina, or the region, because they are not. They face the same challenges as their peers every day, and local authorities must also be a partner in overcoming those challenges.



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+ R REGIONAL ACADEMY OF SUSTAINABILITY - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

NGO "EKO-Leonardo" is strategically focused on the development of youth and ecotourism, biodiversity protection along with the youth activism, and creativity of young people through sustainable solutions for the benefit of the local communities in which we operate.

Project vision: Members of our association, who are organized and united about a common vision of a

better and healthier future, where the environment will be respected and appreciated as a mother - not exploited and destroyed, contribute, with their responsible actions, to the development of environmental awareness, protection and enhancement of the environment for sustainable development.

Mission Tourism: recreation of the human body and soul, enjoyment in benefits of nature by protecting the environment, promotion of sustainable use of natural resources through connection of local communities with the same goal.

Definition: The camp is a building on arranged area where tourists can rent their space for camping, gadgets and camping equipment (tents, caravans with corresponding contents, etc.). This camp is being built in rural area and thus opens the opportunity for the development of rural tourism. In short, what are camps? Methodologically, the camps are specific area for work and teaching children and young people.

The name of the project is "ECO camp Majevisa - viable tourist destination." The general aim of the project is to generate creativity in content designing of ECO Camp Majevisa, implement successful ideas and strengthen human resources in the field of youth and ecotourism. The total project budget (considering the total assets of 17,550.00 KM = planned raise funds 9,727.00 BAM + matching funds 7823.00 KM Foundation MOSAIC + planned donations in goods and services /non-monetary value). The project is funded by the European Union.



EKO-Leonardo



+ „YOUTH SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH CAMP“ PROJECT

The "Youth Scientific and Research Camp" project - Scientific research youth camp is just about to start with implementation in 2015. The planned duration is 12 months. The project is funded entirely by the US Embassy and the amount of the project is around 45,000 US dollars. The duration of the camp: 7 days (the date will be determined at the first meeting of the Consortium).

The number of participants in the camp: a total of 100, of which 80 young people (students / high school) and 20 adults.

Young perspective students, divided into six teams from different fields of science, will conduct a research, during the stay in the camp, which will be under the supervision of university professors. Besides research, there will be sports and volunteer activities. The selected titles and research within the mixed teams, gathered within the field of science but from different parts of BiH, will motivate students to activate and cooperate. Research results will be published and promoted in public.



The partners who confirmed their participation in the project by the time of writing applications are:

1. ToPeer Doboj (RS),
2. EkoLeonardo Priboj (RS),
3. Radio Club Kreka (FBiH),
4. Eco Green Tuzla,
5. Faculty of Mining, Geology and Civil Engineering Tuzla
6. Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Tuzla
7. European University Brčko
8. NGO Vrisak Mostar
9. Art Group "Lucido" Lukavac.

Beside that, a number of our members and associates, along with several other organizations, were involved in the arrangements and preparation. The project will be open to organizations and individuals who did not submit their consents in time of preparation, as well as other stakeholders, within the approved project activities, their dynamics, available resources and other constraints.

+ „ACTIVATE AND VOLUNTEER FOR HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT"

Ecological Association Eko Put Bijeljina, in partnership with NGO EKO-Leonardo, are implementing a project, "Activate and volunteer for healthy environment."

Priority area: Improvement of environmental protection with the inclusion of civil activism and volunteerism.

Target group: The local government, city's population in urban and rural areas, Civil Defence, volunteers, youth, non-governmental organizations, vulnerable categories of citizens and media. The number of direct beneficiaries is at least 600. Place of implementation: the City of Bijeljina. Duration of the project: 6 months.



AKTIVIRAJ SE I VOLONTIRAJ ZA ZDRAVU ŽIVOTNU SREDINU



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The overall aim of the project: Improvement of environmental protection through the inclusion of civil activism and volunteerism; strengthening of the common vision and objectives, along with public participation in decision-making and implementation process of activities in the field of environmental protection in regular and emergency situations.

The project is implemented with the financial support of the program "Strengthening Local Democracy IV - LOD IV". The project is created by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and it is funded by the European Union from the funds of Instruments for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) in the amount of 2 million euros.

INFORMATION / DONORS / CALLS

1. Youth Bank: Call for youth organizations and non-formal youth groups

"BE A HERO IN YOUR COMMUNITY" CAMPAIGN

You are young and a member of a youth organization or an informal group of young people from Srebrenik, Kalesija, Živinice, Lukavac or Tuzla. You have an idea that could improve the quality of life of young people from your community area. Youth Bank Foundation of Tuzla community offers you the opportunity to write your idea with the value of 1,200 to 2,200 KM, win money and be the hero of your community.

The goal of the campaign

Encourage young activists in the local community to be the true heroes of their communities.

Encourage local businesses and individuals to support financially projects of young heroes.

We support:

Through the campaign, Tuzla Community Foundation will support 25 youth projects in total amount of 35,000.00 KM.

How to apply:

All you need to do is think of a good idea about making a change in your area, complete the form from our website, find 20 friends who are ready to donate 10 KM for your idea and wait for the decision of the Youth Bank Board from the place where you live.

Deadline:

The call is open from August 24 to September 27, 2015.

Treasure hunt:

If your project gets chosen in the top five in your community, 1.000KM from Tuzla Community Foundation will be added to the 200 KM provided by your friends. You can win the remaining money by participation in the promotional fundraising event "Treasure Hunt".

Do not worry, every hero has good fairies who accompany him in his intention. "Treasure Hunt" implies presentation of projects in front of socially responsible companies and philanthropist individuals who have decided to support the campaign. They are your "good fairies". Thereby, we give you the ability to present your idea to "good fairies" and ensure additional funds for your project.

If you stay persistent, you can find treasure and your idea will be achieved. Do not worry and think that you are alone, superheroes like you are all around us.

More information about the terms of the application can be found in the document "Criteria for the issuance of grants", and if there is something that is not clear, you can contact us by phone: 035 362 832 or visit the office at Pozorišna 13, Tuzla.

Do not forget one important information - "We encourage young people to make positive changes in their lives and the local community they live in."

Further information and documents can be found here:

<http://www.mreza-mira.net/23650-omladinska-banka-poziv-za-omladinske-organizacije-i-neformalne-grupe-mladih/#sthash.zNnTn2mA.dpuf>

2. EIDHR: Global Call For 2015 Projects

The main objective of this call is to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, through the support of civil society organizations, as well as contribute to strengthening of the international framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, justice and the rule of law. Reference: EuropeAid / 150264 / DH / ACT / Multi

Published: 08/03/2015

Status: Open to 01.10.2015

Program: Human Rights

Geographical area: All countries

Budget: 26,866,185 (EUR)

Link: Documents

This call refers to five objectives, divided into five different areas:

- LOT 1 - Support for organizations dealing with human rights at grassroot (basic) level
- LOT 2 - Support for the monitoring and effective implementation of specific international conventions ratified by the GSP+ countries (countries in development)
- LOT 3 - Support for the fight against the death penalty
- LOT 4 - Support for migrants, including asylum seekers from third countries, stateless people and the internally displaced persons
- LOT 5 - Support for children associated with armed forces, groups and gangs, on whom the armed violence left marks

Further information:

<http://tacso.org/eu-corner/eu-calls/?id=12316>

<http://www.mreza-mira.net/23423-eidhr-global-call-for-proposal-2015/#sthash.AZaTsNae.dpuf>

3. European Youth Foundation - Grants for international youth activities

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a foundation established by the Council of Europe, with the aim of providing financial support for European youth activities. The Foundation aims to encourage cooperation among young people in Europe by providing financial support for activities such as the promotion of peace, understanding and cooperation in the spirit of respect for human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

Types of activities being co-financed:

- Educational, social, cultural and humanitarian activities of European character;
- Activities for the promotion of closer cooperation and better understanding among young people in Europe, particularly in the development of information exchange;
- Activities aimed at strengthening peace and cooperation in Europe;
- Activities designed to foster mutual help in Europe and the developing countries for cultural, educational and social purposes;
- studies, researches and documentations on youth issues.

Application deadline:

October 1, 2015 for structural grants 2016-2017.

Further information:

<http://www.mreza-mira.net/23147-europska-zaklada-za-mlade-bespovratna-sredstva-za-medunarodne-aktivnosti-mladih/#sthash.lqGOyhXf.dpuf>

4. National Endowment for Democracy NED Grant Programmes

Deadline: 02.10.2015.

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) gives direct grants, each year, to hundreds of non-governmental organizations around the world which are working on the improvement of democratic goals and strengthening of democratic institutions. The amount of the grant depends on the size and scope of the project, but in average, every grant lasts for 12 months and is up to \$ 50,000. NED is a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world.

Areas:

- promotion and defense of human rights and the rule of law;
- Support for freedom of information and independent media;
- Strengthening of democratic ideas and values;

- Promotion of responsibility and transparency;
- Strengthening of civil society organizations;
- Strengthening of democratic political processes and institutions;
- Promotion of civic education;
- Support for the democratic resolution of conflicts;
- Promotion of freedom of association;
- Strengthening of the broadband market economy.

Applications may be sent by email / mail / or fax.

<http://www.fundsforngos.org/free-resources-for-ngos/national-endowment-for-democracy-ned-grants-program/>

Further information:

<http://www.mreza-mira.net/22586-national-endowment-for-democracy-ned-grants-program/#sthash.UiNFJKmA.dpuf>

5. Call for youth training applications " Fight against hate speech through the strengthening of citizen media", in Sarajevo from September 27 to October 2, 2015

Post-conflict research centre (PCRC) invites young people, between 18-30, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, to participate in workshops entitled " Fight against hate speech through the strengthening of citizen media" which will be held in Sarajevo, from September 27 to October 2, 2015. The focus of workshops will be on educating students how to recognize, monitor and report cases of hate speech and discrimination. There will also be talk about the use of citizen journalism with the aim of proactive challenging of negative stereotypes and prejudices against other ethnic and minority groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Selected participants will have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field of journalism, photography and film making, and they will have the opportunity and support to publish their work next year on the multimedia web platform of PCRC called "Balkan discourse".

Balkan discourse is a regional network of writers, bloggers, multimedia artists and activists who have united in response to the lack of objective, relevant, empowering and independent regional media. Publications available on this website connect topics beyond the boundaries and provide new and independent views in the field of peace-building, human rights and transitional justice.

Our aim is to train young people who will work as local correspondents for the Balkans discourse. PCRC will provide a chance for participants to earn money fee. PCRC recognizes that young people do not have enough opportunities to express their views and to freely express their concerns, ideas and opinions on issues that are related to them. We believe that it is very important to hear the voice of youth and to see them as serious decision-makers in the process of transition and peace-building in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

There are 15 open positions. If you are interested in participating, contact us:

e-mail events.pcrc@gmail.com (retrieve registration form)

Selected participants are expected to attend all 4 days of workshops. The cost of transportation, accommodation and food will be provided for selected candidates.

Further information:

<http://www.mreza-mira.net/23584-omladinski-trening-borba-protiv-govora-mrznje-kroz-jacanje-gradanskih-medija/#sthash.C2gyF42z.dpuf>

Dear Friends,

If you are interested in publishing: your calls for mutual activities and cooperation, information about activities, work applications, call for help or support, public announcements as well as other non-commercial ads, in monthly information bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, you may contact us on one of the below mentioned addresses.

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