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Dear friends,

We present you the September 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 BIH.

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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 BIH, 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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## ✚ VIII ALF BIH MEETING, MOSTAR 3 – 5 SEPTEMBER, 2015

The eighth meeting of the ALF BiH Network members was held in Mostar, from the 3rd to 5th September. Meeting was attended by 24 representatives from 23 member organizations of ALF Network BiH.

This has been an opportunity for network members to meet, exchange information and experiences, but also to be informed about the work of ALF BiH in the former period and their plans for the future.

A three-year strategic plan and activities of ALF (2015 - 2017) was represented within this meeting, as well as the call for projects ALF 2015. Also, the regular meeting of the Network Board was held alongside with the meeting of ALF BiH.



Alf BiH Media Plan has been adopted on the meeting, as a starting point for the development of future activities related to the promotion of the work of ALF Network BiH. A PR Network Group has been formed, consisting of: Medina Mujić, "CURE" Sarajevo; Azur Ramić, "IPAK" Tuzla and Emir VILDIĆ, "GEC" Tuzla.

The Constituency Assembly of ALF BiH also took place at the same time. It decided to extend the mandate for two years (2015 - 2017) to the existing members of the Board and to include one more member (Sretenka Mihajlović from the organization "Sixth Sense" Doboj). After the meeting of ALF BiH members, there was a two-day workshop on the topic: "Networking and writing projects for ALF", with the intention of strengthening the capacity of network members.



ALF has announced a public call for project proposals for this year in two categories: Education for intercultural citizens and Intercultural artistic co-production.

Workshop participants, divided into four working groups, defined five project ideas, on which they will work in future.

All reports from the meeting, other reports and documents of ALF BiH can be found at:

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<http://www.annalindhfoundation.org/networks/bosnia-and-herzegovina>

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



As a part of the project activities in this regional partnership project, Youth Resource Center (ORC) and our researchers from PRONI Brčko continued their field activities for the research named "The aspect of human security of young people living in collective centers or "alternative accommodations" in Bosnia and Herzegovina (focus groups and interviews in collective centers). More details can be found in the coming newsletters 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.

**YOUTH GROUP ORC TUZLA:**

**„LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE 2“**

The Youth Group of ORC Tuzla has accomplished three activities for young people from Tuzla, as a part of the project named „Live a healthy life 2“, which is financed by Tuzla Youth Bank (Tuzla Community Foundation):



**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

Volleyball tournament was organized in partnership with the "JKP Pannonica" on 5th September, right on the volleyball courts of the Pannonian lakes. Fifteen teams participated in the tournament. Team "Gopa" from Srebrenik won the deserved first place. The tournament was supported by "Rio juices" and "Kobens water".

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Youth Group of ORC Tuzla organized a basketball tournament on 5th September, 2015. Around 80 young people from Tuzla entered the tournament with 16 registered teams. The format of the game was 3x3. This tournament was organized in cooperation with JU City Stadium "Tušanj", on the grounds of the TTC "Telex". Team "Ballerz" from Tuzla won the first place.



## VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

Voluntary action of blood donation was organized on 30th September, in cooperation with the Polyclinic for Transfusion of UKC Tuzla. The goal of the action was to motivate young people and all citizens of Tuzla to respond to the humanitarian action of blood donation.

This action has been held for the second time by Youth Group of ORC Tuzla. This year, 30 blood donors participated in the humanitarian action.



## ► II PANNONICA MTB CUP 2015 - AVDO ŠERAK MEMORIAL

The second international mountain bike race "PANONIKA MTB CUP 2015 - Avdo Šerak Memorial" was held on Sunday, 20th September, 2015, within the Complex of Pannonian Lakes and "Slana Banja" (Salt Spa) sports and recreation park. The format of the race was XCO (Cross Country Olympic).

The organizers of the race were "JKP Pannonica" and the bike club "Unity" from Tuzla. The sponsors of the race were the Municipality of Tuzla and the Cycling Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, while the partners were "JKP Komunalac" Tuzla, Red Cross Tuzla, Organization for children and youth "Smile for Smile" and the Youth Group of Youth Resource Centre Tuzla. Young people who participated in these activities are:



Dženita Tosunbegović, Muharem Gaši, Mehmed Sulejmanagić, Eldar Imamović, Zada Bešić, Jasmina Begović, Mediha Delić, Vedran Mitrić, Velid Zenunović, Samra Halković, Mirna Anđelić, Aldin Hodžić and Sokoli Merita.

## ► FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE



As a part of the project named "Friendship Bridge", a two-day gathering was held in Tuzla, from the 12th to 13th September, 2015. There were 35 young participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia. The host of this gathering was the Youth Group of ORC Tuzla.

The main goal of the "Friendship Bridge" project is education and socialization of young people from different countries, and the training enabled them to learn how to participate in building peace in their communities.

Participants of the training had the opportunity to learn about new habits and traditions, meet new friends and upgrade their knowledge.

Within this event, they had a chance to visit the office of ORC and learn more about the work of the organization, and also to see the sights of the city of Tuzla. Some of the participants were also guests of the basketball tournament, organized by ORC Tuzla, within the project named "Live a healthy life".

### ► MEETING CENTER

The "Meeting Center" project, which was hosted by the informal group "Market researchers", was held on the Faculty of Economics, University of Tuzla, on 22nd September, 2015.

At the opening of the project, promotional stands, where young people could display their business plans, were set in the faculty hall and in front of the amphitheater.



After the introduction, the central part of the project was held in the amphitheater, where the participants could hear the speeches of various professors and young activists on the topic of entrepreneurship and youth activism.

The participants received information about starting their own companies, the bases of its management and the reasons for doing entrepreneurship.

One of the speakers of the project was also a member of our group, Adnan Mujanović, who, among other things, introduced the Youth Group of Youth Resource Centre and its current activities.

### ► "DIALOGUE FOR THE FUTURE" SECOND CONFERENCE

The second conference of "Dialogue for the Future" was held under the sponsorship of the United Nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNDP BiH, UNICEF and the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The conference lasted for two days, 21st and 22nd September, and was held in Mostar (Mostar Hotel).

Lejla Zonić, a member of the Youth Group of ORC Tuzla, was invited to participate as a panelist on the topic "Political participation", where she was able to talk with young people on a number of issues related to this topic.

There will be a lot of work on better communication in future period, where young people will have the opportunity to be a direct decision makers.



## ► PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF OGORC FOR OCTOBER

As part of the activities of Youth Group, there will be a finale of the project "Live a healthy life 2", which will be completed through activities "Campaign to Vršani", street action and the final event, where all the participants, who have gone through the project, will appear.

### ✚ 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](http://www.omladina-bih.net)).

As a part of that, we have distributed information interesting for young people and youth activism in B&H (calls for workshops, seminars, conferences, calls for project applications, jobs, scholarships, and other activities) to the mailing list of the network ([posta@omladina-bih.net](mailto:posta@omladina-bih.net)), and also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. We maintained and regularly filled in information on our website [www.omladina-bih.net](http://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 OCTOBER, 2015

- Implementation of the regular activities of the Youth Network;
- Continuation of activities within the project "Cross -Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans" (research work - organization of meetings with stakeholders);
- Coordination with ALF Network BIH, continuation and further development of collaboration with the Secretary of Alexandria and the rest of ALF's national networks;
- Support to the work of ORC Youth Group;

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## YOUTH NETWORK BIH MEMBER ACTIVITIES



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### ✚ 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAN-EUROPEAN UNION IN BIH: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Conference: Bosnia and Herzegovina between Dayton and Brussels: From Dayton Agreement to the Stabilization and Association Agreement was held in Mostar, from the 11th to 13th September, 2015.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Vanja Gavran, the President of the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Msgr. Prof. Dr. Franjo Topić, honorary President of the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alain Terrenoise, President of the International Pan-European Union, and Radmila Komadina, Chief Counsel of the city of Mostar. Federal Minister of Education and Science Dr. Sc. Elvira Dilberović was also present, among other guests.

The second day of the conference was spent in detailed panels, where the representatives of the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria, held their speeches together with the representatives of the European Parliament, BIH Parliamentary Assembly and other senior officials in BIH.

The Vice-President of the Federation of BIH, MSc. Dr. Melika Mahmutbegović also attended the conference. The Declaration was adopted at the end of the second day.

Among the other participants of the conference, there were the representatives of the Center "Fortis" and the Royal Norwegian Embassy.



For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/PaneuropaBiH?fref=ts> i <https://www.facebook.com/Medunarodni-centar-za-djecu-i-omladinu-Fortis-309463309105828/timeline/>

### ✚ SIGNED AGREEMENT BETWEEN „FORTIS“ CENTER AND ŠOMO AVDO SMAJLOVIĆ



A cooperation agreement has been signed between "Fortis" Center and ŠOMO Avdo Smajlović in Jablanica, on 7th September, 2015.

Signatories have agreed that they will, in the period of one year, cooperate in all activities aimed at closer cooperation in the exchange of experience and implementation of cultural policies, as well as strengthening the capacities of the youth organizations that are members of the Youth Council.



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### **INSTITUTE'S REPRESENTATIVES MEETING WITH MR. AMIR ZUKIĆ, FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND CRAFTS**

The representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT had a meeting with Mr. Amir Zukić, Federal Minister of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, as a part of the "BH Business Site" initiative.

Representatives of the Institute introduced the Minister with the activities from the field of youth entrepreneurship, together with objectives and results that the initiative accomplished so far. They briefly presented the results of a recently completed Economic Analysis of Budget Incentives to BiH, as well as research findings about the shortcomings of current programs for the entrepreneurship development in BiH. Also, the Minister was introduced with the conclusions about the improvement of the incentives system in the economy of Una-Sana Canton, which are based on the Analysis findings, adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of Una-Sana Canton in July, on the proposal of MP Kenan Keserović (DNZ).



The Minister discussed the current events within the field of entrepreneurship in FBiH, activities and further steps of the Government of FBiH: a study on the effects of incentives prepared by the UNDP team, under construction regulation on exemptions for new employees, planned legal solutions for the next year, new funds from foreign partners which will be planned with the upcoming amending budget, changes in this year's program for the development of entrepreneurship in the FBiH with regard to the previous one.

It has been agreed that the team of the "BH Business Site" will submit a detailed proposal for cooperation between the Institute and the Ministry in the field of development of youth entrepreneurship, financial incentives for economy, promotion of public calls for entrepreneurs, organization of public events important for entrepreneurship, legal regulations for youth in FBiH, and cooperation through the participation in the working bodies during creation of the new legal resolutions and programs for next year and others.

Jasmin Bešić, executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, Rusmir Pobrić, project manager of "BH Business Site" and Lejla Brutus, coordinator of the project, attended the meeting with Minister Zukić.

### **BH BUSINESS SITE: ROUND TABLE „BUDGET INCENTIVES AND PERSPECTIVE BRANCHES OF ECONOMY IN BIH“**

The research of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, conducted as a part of the initiative "BH Business Site", has shown a decrease in allocations for economic incentives in 2014, compared to 2013. In the previous year, 63,369,530 BAM less was allocated from the budget for economy in comparison to 2013. On this occasion, a round table discussion on "Budget Incentives and Perspective Branches of Economy in BiH" was held in Sarajevo.

It was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT and attended by representatives of business associations, relevant government institutions and NGOs.

Rusmir Pobrić, Project Manager of "BH Business Site" presented the results of the research on economy incentive grant. *"Following the data that was presented to the public in June of this year, and that demonstrated a significant decrease of allocations for economy, a research was also conducted among the economists and representatives of the profession, which demonstrated anticoincidence in the manner of granting incentives and strategic commitments of the state towards the perspective branches of economy. Namely, the perspective branches of economy such as the wood industry, the IT sector and tourism were deprived of budget incentives while, at the same time, the branches that receive most do not record any significant results."* - said Pobrić from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.



BiH economy, from the aspect of granting incentives, as it was concluded today by the participants of the round table, primarily requires a strategic approach and investments in the perspective branches of economy that would result in opening of new workplaces. The participants agreed that long-term work on transparency in granting incentives is required, with determining liability, as of those who use incentives, so of the institutions that grant them. It was emphasized that it is necessary, besides transparency, to introduce an efficient promotion of public calls for granting incentives.

#### **✚ ORANGE VOICES: INSTITUTE AND S.A.R.S. SAY STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN!**

Institute for Youth Development KULT launched an initiative named "Orange Voices" in order to raise awareness in Bosnia and Herzegovina on gender inequality. Every 25th in the month, on "Orange Day", we will organize various events in order to draw attention to these issues.

The first Orange Day, as part of this initiative, was marked by posting a music video named " Practical Woman" of the band S.A.R.S., for which the Institute has received approval to use in the campaign. The campaign is active on social networks. Secretary - General of the United Nations has proclaimed the 25th of each month as "Orange Day", a day of raising awareness and action to stop violence against women and girls. Institute for Youth Development KULT, together with its partners, as part of the initiative "Orange voices" funded by the US Embassy in BiH, will organize events in five cities in BiH over the next seven months to draw attention to this problem.

#### **✚ TRAINING OF SECOND GENERATION OF ASSOCIATE EXPERTS ON YOUTH WORK STARTED**

Elma Čutura from Ilijaš is one of 26 people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina selected to pass the Training of Associate Experts on Youth Work conducted by the Institute for Youth Development KULT. Elma Čutura works at the youth organization "Seize the Day - Carpe Diem". She believes that the training will certainly be useful for her future work. *"Young people in Ilijaš, from where I come, are very pessimistic and in need of help. They require assistance, guiding, or better to say, a driving force. That is precisely why I believe that this training will significantly help me, my organization and our local community."*



During the first training module, young people have learned, among other things, about the mechanisms of youth work and investigation of issues and needs of young people, with the guidance of lecturers Katarina Vučković and Amila Dedić from the Institute for Youth Development KULT. This segment exactly was the most important to some of the participants. *"I can already see that this training is very thorough and extensive, and I like it. I come from Lara Foundation, Bijeljina. I work with children ages 12-15, and I think I will have many opportunities with them to apply the*

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*knowledge that I acquired here.*"- says Dragana Petrić from Bijeljina.

Beside that, participants learned about human rights and communications in the second training module. They addressed the issues of when and how do young people violate the rights and when are their rights violated. They talked about their own stereotypes and prejudices, as well as those they face while working with young people.

Within the second module of the training, a coffee with Mladen Obrenović, Al Jazeera portal journalist, was held in Educational-Leisure Center for youth SPAJALICA. He talked with the participants about communication with media, ways to approach the youth work to the media and "to be interesting." Mladen Obrenović held a presentation on cooperation with the local media, but he also spoke about the ways of cooperating with public services and major media companies.

This is the second training for associate experts on youth work organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT. The goal is to create personnel able to work professionally with young people to whom society does not pay enough attention. By the end of the training, participants will be familiar not only with the legal solutions which regulate this field, but also with basic things that every local community should fulfill in order to prove that it takes care of young people.

*"Problems of young people in local communities are immense. However, they can be solved and we are here to show trainees how. The first generation of associate experts on youth work is behind us and is very successful. It is our task now to provide the second generation with the basic knowledge and skills they can implement in their local communities. We chose 26 participants from 143 applications from all around BiH and we are confident that they will all be successful"* - said Katarina Vučković from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

#### **+ FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL-LEISURE CENTER FOR YOUTH „SPAJALICA“ AND SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP RAISED**

A record number of 1,460 participants from 32 countries attended the event traditionally organized by the Association "Marathon" Sarajevo.

Hungarian Tamas Nagy has won the 9th Coca-Cola Sarajevo Half-Marathon with the record time of 1:06:38, while Olivera Jevtić, from Serbia, defended her winner title in women category from last year with the time of 1:14:30.

By running for various projects and activities, an amount just under 20,000 BAM was collected, which is a record. Some runners have chosen the method of kilometers sale, others have chosen a direct donation, but in both cases the result was not absent and a variety of organizations and projects were supported.

Institute for Youth Development KULT has cooperated with the Association "Marathon" this year in humanitarian part, where they directly gathered funds for youth projects of Educational-Leisure Center for youth SPAJALICA and the School of Friendship within their project "Run For a Cause, Towards a Cause!"





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### CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Youth organisation „Svitac“ (Firefly) has continued with their daily activities during September. Participants have been split into two groups: One group age 4-7, every day from 11am to 1pm, while the group of age 8+ from 2pm to 03:30pm.

Younger group made a large poster, on which participants have drawn a big tree and glued letters from the English alphabet to it, native American head bands, family photo frame, drawings of dinosaur, pizza made of dough, spaghetti and wool, crowns made of collage paper and cardboard, as well as rockets. They also took part in mini Olympic games. Kids attended the reading of Aesop's fables and cartoon screenings every Friday. Game of "Treasure hunt" was held in the Youth centre yard.

The afternoon group, age 8+ had an opportunity to meet the culture of ancient Greece and Rome.

Workshops were held in the Youth centre of Brčko District. Coordinator of the workshop was Asja Subašić, with the assistance of Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteers Jonas Keisner from Germany, Isambard Ryner and Catrione O'Sullivan from Great Britain. Number of participants varied between 25 and 30.



### „FUN DAY“ WORKSHOP

September activities were held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30am to 12am in the Youth Centre of Brčko District. The target groups were the age 8-12 and the goal was for the participants to have fun and socialize during various interactive games. Workshop coordinator was EVS volunteer from Great Britain, Catrione O'Sullivan.

### MUSIC WORKSHOPS

► **Guitar Workshop:** The participants of guitar workshop have continued their work on etudes, miniatures and duets chosen for them in accordance to their possibilities and instrument knowledge. Most of the etudes are from the period of Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romanticism, but there are also etudes with more modern character.

► **Samba Workshops:** Music workshops of samba for children, age 7-12, are held on Wednesdays in the Youth Centre.

### LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

English and German language courses are being held again from September. A number of 35 students attend these courses and they are divided into three groups. Each group has two lectures per week,

hour and a half each. Classes are held in the premises of the Youth Organization “Svitac” (Firefly) and the Youth centre of Brčko District. Student age varies from 8 to 35.

### ► English Language Workshop „I love English”

Participants had the chance to attend English language workshops during September, where they continued practicing their conversational skills. Coordinators of September workshops were EVS volunteers from Great Britain Isambard Rayner and Catrione O'Sullivan. Workshops are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8pm in Youth center of Brčko District. There are six participants at the moment, age 15+.

## SUMMER CAMPS 2015

Youth organization „Svitac” (Firefly), realized a project “Summer camps 2015”, in the last week of August. As part of this project, creative, music and language camps were held for the youth of Brčko District. All of the activities were held in the Youth center of Brčko District from 10 to 12am. Camp took place from 24th to 28th August, with it's finale “Children day” on 29th August, 2015. An intercultural evening was also held at the Youth center, as a part of the summer camps, where the international volunteers from Great Britain, Germany and Lybanon prepared the presentations and snacks characteristic for the countries of their origin.



### ► Creative Camp

The topic of the creative camp was ecology and protection of the environment. Participants had, primarily, a chance to learn more about ecology through socialization and games, and which materials are recycable, as well as how to use water as energy and design a model of a city in which environment protection selfawareness is growing. They also learned how to use waist to make „high-fashion” clothing and accessories. Materials that were used: plastic bottles and canisters, cardboards, cans, plactic bags, paper, as well as clay and playdough. Sudents were age 8+. Coordinator of the creative camp was Edina Vošanović, and the assistants were international volunteers from Great Britain: Kate Roberts i Catrione O' Sullivan. Local volunteers who helped during the camp were Maja Tomić, Aida Zahirović i Saira Čandić.



### ► Music Camp 2015

During five days of Music camp, participants have, using musical instruments boomwhackers, worked on the composition of Johann Sebastian Bach BWV 147, which they performed in front of the audience during the opening of „Children day” on 29th August, 2015. Workshop participants were children and teenagers age from 10 to 15. Workshops were held with the help of two EVS international and one local volunteer. Beside work on this composition, workshop consisted from carefully chosen and rhythm-centered games. Coordinator of the music camp was Sanjin Vošanović. All of the activities of the music camp were held in the Youth centre



of Brčko District from 10 to 12am.

### ► Language Camp

Workshops were held each day, from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August, 2015, from 10 to 12am in the Youth Center. Workshops were participated by children age 9-13. Workshops were held with the help of two international volunteers (EVS) and three local volunteers under the leadership of the camp coordinator Kristina Varcaković. Participants had the opportunity, while playing games and having fun, to assimilate basic grammar and skills for written and spoken communication in English, French and German language.

### ✚ “CHILDREN’S DAY”

Last day of the camp was a reason to organize a final activity for all of the participants of the camp. Participants had the opportunity to invite their friends and family, so they could show them skills they acquired during their stay in the camp. Preparations have begun at 10am, while the program began at noon.

Participants of the music camp were successful with the presentation to the audience and the participants of other camps of everything they learned and what they worked on in the last five days, and they showed their fashion designs from creative camp. A mini-fashion show was held, as well as an exhibit of drawings and other works, along with various competitive games and Bingo.

As expected, guests came in great number. Camp participants, as well as their friends, took part in various interactive games organized by local and international volunteers. At the beginning of the program, everyone would get a number for the game of "Bingo", so they could win nice and useful prizes for the beginning of the new school year. Refreshments for the participants were set in front of the Youth centre, where all of the attendees had a chance to try out „face painting“ and enjoy socializing and the sun. All of the activities lasted until 3pm.

„Children's Day“ program started at 12am, parents and friends of the participants were invited. They presented what they learned during the musical, creative and language camp.

### ✚ FUTURESHORTS – NIGHT OF THE SHORT FILM



As a part of the **FutureShorts** Film Festival, eight short films of different genres from all around the world were shown on Friday, 28th August at 8pm in Youth Center of Brčko District.

Movie night was enabled by Youth Organization “Svitac” (Firefly), with the support of Firefly International. This is the tenth movie night, in the two last years, held in Brčko.

Audience chose a Holland movie “De Smet” as a winner.

***The continuation of all regular workshops of Youth Organization Svitac (Firefly) has been planned for October.***



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### ✚ PUBLIC CALL „SOCIAL NETWORK MANAGER TRAINING”

PRONI Center for Youth Development PRONI announces a public call for application for the training of 20 people, within the project “Adult Education Support”, which is implemented by GIZ on the behalf of German Government. All interested who are age over 18 (preferably unemployed) are invited to apply for the free training. **More information on p. 20.**

### ✚ PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN DIGITAL WORLD

During the period from 14th to 17th September, 2015, a symposium "Participation of Youth in Digital World" was held in Budapest, as well as the meeting of correspondents of EKCYP (The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy). During both of the events, PRONI Center was represented by its General Manager, Jasmin Jašarević. The goal of the symposium was to try to provide answers on youth participation in the new times of growing political and social extremism, and to offer guidance on how youth work can contribute to the improvement of the general situation through the use of digital tools and platforms. Correspondents meeting for EKCYP is a regular annual event at which the plans for further work have been presented. Also, a program of the EU for information on youth policy named Youth Wiki has been announced.

### ✚ YOUNG ACTIVISTS FROM PRONI CENTER ON ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE IN ROGOZNICA

The volunteers of center for youth development PRONI attended the youth exchange within Erasmus+ program, under the project named "Don't dream it - be it", which took place in Rogoznica, from 17th to 26th August, 2015. This is a continuation of the last year's successful cooperation between the Croatian Red Cross - City Branch Županja with organizations YMCA Serbia from Bački Petrovac, and the center for youth development PRONI Brčko.

There was a total of 36 young people, 12 from each country (10 participants and 2 leaders). Croatia was host, while Serbia and BiH actively participated, as guests, in various activities that were held during the exchange. The main topic was healthy lifestyle of young people. The main objective of the project is to increase the quality of young people's lives. During ten days, they discussed topics such as non-violent communication, healthy nutrition, addictions, emotions, reproductive health, volunteering and similar. Young people had the opportunity to lead some of the activities, and thus develop their skills of workshop leadership. Of course, there was plenty of time for socializing and swimming in the Adriatic Sea.

All participants received gifts from the host. One of the gifts was a T-shirt with the name of the project and an inspiring picture whose designer is a volunteer from Youth Club "Omerbegovača" Brčko, and thus the project network of youth clubs was highlighted once again. All leaders and participants gained invaluable friendships, memories, knowledge and skills during the exchange. This is the basic motive for establishing the cooperation and continuing friendships through new projects and new exchanges.





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**✚ H.O. „MERHAMET“ DOBOJ ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER**

- Distribution of humanitarian aid for the members of „Merhamet“ Doboj.
- President of „Merhamet“ Doboj, Avdić Faketa, attended the First internal coordination meeting of members of the Network „ACCOUNT“, held in Hollywood Hotel Sarajevo on 10th September, 2015.
- President of „Merhamet“ Doboj, Avdić Faketa, attended the lecture held by prof. Robert Greenberg on topic: Act on Prohibition of Discrimination against People with Disabilities, which was held at the Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities Doboj on 16th September, 2015.



On the occasion of "21st September - International Day of Peace", H. O. "Merhamet" Doboj organized a round table on the topic: "Coexistence and tolerance" in the Majlis of the Islamic community Doboj.

Round table participants had the opportunity to attend the following agenda:

- Welcoming speech: Professor of Islamic religious teaching, Lamija Vatreš Mehmedić
- Introduction - goals of the round table: President of "Merhamet" Doboj, Avdić Faketa
- Lecture on the topic: "Peace and Health" - Dr. Zijad Bešliagić
- Presentation of the Coalition "TPD" activities - coordinator Suzana Ristić
- Presentation of activities of the Interreligious Council of Doboj, Chairman of "MRV" Doboj - Dario Atijas
- Presentation of literary works on the topic of peace: Merima Hadžikadunić, Ermin Hadžikadunić, Sanja Blagojević, Željka Božanović, Anela Jašarević
- The presentation of art works by children and young people on the topic of peace from the art workshops held in the city park in Doboj on 19th September, 2015





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**✚ „CHANGE CONCIOUSNESS“ TOGETHER**

The Fifth Film Festival about people with disabilities was held in the Multimedial center in Jewish Cultural Centre "Arie Levine" in Banja Luka from 16th to 18th September 2015. This year, Festival lasted three days, more precisely, three nights.

The Fifth Film Festival about people with disabilities was opened by the deputy assistant for culture, Milica Kotur. *"The films presented at the festival are representing disabled people in the way they deserve to be shown. Through the movies we see their fears, weaknesses, obstacles that they face on daily basis, also their struggles, ambitions, plans and desires. The Festival does not only possess artistic value, but also the human one, as it conveys the message that we are all equal and twe deserve equal opportunities to achieve our potentials"*said Koturova.



Ognjen Ranisavić, Director of the Festival, M.Sc Tanja Mandić Đokić, president of the jury, and Sanja Jokić, co-author of "Life After Life" have spoken at the press conference held before the official opening of the Festival. Ognjen Ranisavić said that the Festival is non-competitive. "The motto of the festival is "Change the consciousness" and that is our main goal - to show people with disabilities in an affirmative way."



The motto "Change the consciousness" is aimed to not only "change awareness" of society towards people with disabilities, but also of people with disabilities themselves, because there are still people with who are not confident, who are ashamed of their disability and cannot accept it as a part of themselves...

"We have selected 24 films that we think change consciousness, which is the motto of this year's festival. The festival is non-competitive, because all films dealing with the subject of people with disabilities and raising awareness deserve equal attention,"said Tanja Mandić Đokić.

The documentary "Life After Life" of co-authors Sanja Jokić and Dušica Lipovac, opened the first night of film projections. This film was created as a result of the project "PUNCH International" (Omnibus five short engaged documentaries), which is implemented in cooperation with International Film Festival Kratkofil Plus and Flimmer Norrkoping Film Festival from Sweden. Film "Life After Life" is the story of one moment changing the whole life.



In life, an accident or illness can cause a disability that could lead to wheelchair. After that, life changes radically.

Special guest of the second night of the Festival was the only "Sit Down" comedian in BiH, Jasmin Džemiđić. Every performance of his is full of anecdotes and laughter. It has the power to draw the attention of public to the situation of people with disabilities and he does that in the best way. He says, "Go ahead and laugh, even when you have the least reason to, because laughter heals the psyche and the soul." During film projections, Milan Popović, author of the film "Rope", was also present.

The third night of the Festival featured six films, and was followed by a one-hour concert of Vanja Mišić, accompanied by Sanja Čolić Zelić on the piano. The organization of this year's Festival was supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Serb Republic and Treshold from Finland, while the main media sponsor was RTRS. Beside that, the cooperation was established with Zipa photo agency, whose photographer photographed the events of the Festival during all three evenings.



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**+ SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS FAIR EXCHANGE IN TOMISLAVGRAD**

Another fair exchange of school textbooks for primary and secondary schools was held on Thursday, 10th September, 2015. It was organized by the Youth Council of Tomislavgrad and the Association of veterans of the War of Independence.



The fair was held, as in previous years, on the market area in Tomislavgrad. It began at 12am and ended at 3pm. During that time, books that were used in previous years but in the curriculum for this year too, could be exchanged, sold, bought or donated. The interest of children and parents for more affordable purchasing of school textbooks was expectedly higher than in previous years.

This action was well accepted by children and their parents, especially those who were at the fair for the first time. One part of the textbooks for elementary school was sent by department of Cantonal Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.

Such occasions are welcomed by everyone, and the exchange of used textbooks proved to be a success.

**+ YOUTH COUNCIL GUESTED JOURNALIST ŠUŠNJAR, DIRECTOR KAPETANOVIĆ AND ARTIST STOJČIĆ**

The Youth Council of Tomislavgrad and Warehouse Cabaret organized a workshop titled "Children of Peace" in Tomislavgrad on Saturday, 12th September, 2015. The team has done an interview with Ivan Šušnjar, who was host in Tomislavgrad, on the one hand, next to the monument "Duvanjskom

Gastarbajteru" (To the Gastarbeiter of Duvno). After that, he participated in the workshop as a guest lecturer. Besides Ivan Šušnjar, moderators of the workshop were visual artist Bojan Stojčić and director Emir Kapetanović.

The workshop began at 12am in the Town Hall of OV in the Municipality building. Workshop with youth was held in two parts, with a total of five hours.

In the first part of the workshop, the workshop leader Emir Kapetanović and visiting educators talked about ways in which they, through their work, treat and struggle with the problems of social norms and how they see themselves, their city and state in the future. In the second part of the workshop young people, depending on which speakers and area they do, split into two groups. One group worked with Šušnjar on writing a newspaper article, while the second group worked with the director Kapetanović and visual artist Stojčić on creating a free topic written work. The aim was for each participant of the workshop to present in a different way his/her views on the present and the future selves and their environment.



Young people presented their work separately to the rest of the group, and the decision of the winner was based on the votes of the entire group and lecturers. The winner will take part in a big performance which will be held in Sarajevo, and it will also have a premiere in Mostar. Young Nikola Ivančić won with his short newspaper article about a certain Ivana and her iPhone 6. At the end, an interview was recorded with the winner of the workshop in front of the monument "Poginulim Braniteljima i Kralju Tomislavu" (To the Fallen Soldiers and the King Tomislav) on Mijat Tomić street. Bojan Stojčić gave the performance on the topic which he pulled from the written work of a young workshop participant at the bus station in Tomislavgrad. The impressions of the lecturers at the end of the workshop were very positive.

Emir Kapetanović said how we, after the workshop, got the first winner. It was very difficult to choose a winner and the audience will be able to see the whole workshop in a documentary that follows.

Ivan Šušnjar said that it was very interesting for him. He noticed a few things about the participants at the workshop. The first is a critical dose that is very strong, considering their age. They are less aggressive in appearance of their views than previous generations. There is a dose of concern for the future among them, and that concern is positive, because it means they are socially aware. They are aware of the world around them and of the happenings. There is also a strong hope among participants. Faith in tomorrow, faith in the struggle and faith that society will be better. The attitude towards the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina has completely changed. They speak about the capital with a dose of positive emotions.



Bojan Stojčić said that he was leaving Tomislavgrad happy, because he met a great group of young people. They surprised him with their way of thinking and their mature attitude for their age. The workshop touched a little bit of each topic, from politics, religion, to marriage and etc.

Participants have very human thinking coming from their hearts and heads ..

#### **ROUND TABLE ORGANIZED BY RADIO "STUDIO N"**

The second round table discussion on topic: "Young people with Chosen Officials", was held in PTC Forum Hall Livno on Wednesday, 23rd September, 2015. Round table discussion was open for public

and the youth councils of West Herzegovina, youth associations, student councils and other NGOs which gather young people were all invited to the discussion. Draško Dalić, President of HBŽ Government and Petar Galić, Minister of Science, Education, Culture and Sport, attended the round table discussion, as well.

Radio “Studio N” from Livno continued with the realization of their 18-months project “From Promised Democracy to Responsible Government”, after the procedure of the election results and forming of executive and legislative power in West Herzegovina. Within this project, round tables have been organized (a total of 4) on various topics. Round tables/discussions have been imagined as a way to ensure the dialogue between the representative of the government and citizens, so the representatives could be introduced with the citizens' problems, demands, better to say expectations, and vice versa. The broadcast lasted for an hour and 20 minutes, and the introductory part of the broadcast was hosted by Željka Mihaljević, journalist at Radio “Studio N” and Federal Television.



Draško Dalić, the President of the Government, was the first who addressed those who were present, and mentioned the Government work emphasizing how the Government, in the upcoming period, will focus on the policies of youth employment in real sector, mentioning also the need for incentives that are essential to the Canton. Minister Petar Galić has highlighted the importance of youth as a significant population within the society, focusing on the functioning of education segment.

In a direct communication with the officials, those who were present have precised their demands and initiatives, and they also asked about the approximate deadlines for realization of the solutions the both sides agreed on. In that manner, Youth Council members of Tomislavgrad have put an accent on the implementation of Youth Law FBiH. First of all, they insisted on the initial meeting for creation of sector Youth strategy of West Herzegovina, implementation of youth budget entry into the Budget of West Herzegovina, as well as announcement of Public call for allocation of grants to the youth associations. They have also opened a discussion related to the space intended for young people.

At the end, an approximate deadline for initial meeting for the creation of Youth Strategy of West Herzegovina has been arranged. There was also talk about the functioning of student councils, state of sports, as well as the activities of the humanitarian character of associations that include young people.

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### + DAILY CENTER FOR CHILDREN „GNIJEZDO“ (NEST)

Daily center for children "Gnijeздо" started with work in September, 2015 and will last until September, 2016. The center is located in the local community of Solun, 8 kilometers from the centre of Olovo and is situated along river Krivaja. Solun is about 60 km from Sarajevo. There is equipped school playground and grassy area near the object. Rooms of the daily center are within the school building, which belongs to the elementary school "Hasan Kikić" Solun. It has three connected rooms; living room, kitchen and a quiet room for studying.



The equipment included: a digital camera for taking pictures, accessories for decoration of the space, kitchen accessories, musical instrument - guitar, books, eight balls for adults, set for badminton, children's sports equipment (paddles for table tennis, darts, balls for kids, social games etc.). Three sofas, four shelves, two cupboards, kitchen cabinet, stove, two convector heaters, a table and one computer were also bought for the Center.



The main objective of the project is to improve the quality of life and provide support for children from Solun to grow up into healthy and responsible people who will become active members in their communities. The goal is to create a sustainable daily center in Solun which will provide focused support of high quality for children who come from families with multiple problems.

The project includes 30 children, age 5 to 16, 30 parents of children who will, through various activities of the Center, receive support and help in education of children and personal empowerment. It also includes 10 volunteers who will improve their skills and gain experience in working with children.

Three people are engaged on the project by employment contract (full-time job), and three others by piecework agreement. We have also created a Facebook page through which we inform the public about the objectives and results of the project. We will also inform the community about special activities via posters.





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#### ✚ EID GATHERING WITH CHILDREN FROM "DOM I PORODICA" (HOME AND FAMILY)

On the occasion of Eid, Members of INPUT organized gathering for children from JU "Dom i Porodica" Zenica. With Eid feast, prepared by members of INPUT, and appropriate Eid program, this gathering with children was more than emotional - lots of children's smiles and joy. There was a conversation with children about the significance of Eid/Haji Bayram and the event that preceded its origination, while listening and joined performing of Ilahis.



unique way.

For those who showed, among others, a great knowledge of the historical facts of Islam, members of INPUT donated appropriate books which will serve them to learn more about Islam. This is just one in a great number of activities that members of INPUT conduct for children from JU "Dom i Porodica" Zenica. Today's visit to the children is an evidence that only honest and good will is needed to make children happy; to enjoy the visit and to know that someone cares about them, which INPUT shows in a

#### ✚ SPORTS DAY FOR CHILDREN FROM JU "DOM PORODICA" (HOME AND FAMILY) ZENICA

INPUT Association has organized an event called "Sports Day" with the participation of children and young people from JU "Dom i Porodica" (Home and Family) along with members of INPUT. Sport games have marked Saturday and the event began at 11am. Sports day was well visited and successfully completed. Through years of work with children from the institution mentioned, members of INPUT have also enjoyed in this day. Children and young people were enthusiastic about the program, which included different types of games, such as sack races, relay games, and also few football games for the older ones.



Even though they are all winners, the best ones were announced for each sport discipline and they received a letter of thanks, together with appropriate gifts.

#### ✚ #LIKEFORPEACE

Volunteers from Association INPUT organized a promotional campaign "Like for Peace" in order to encourage citizens of Zenica to promote culture of peace, non-violence, tolerance, the importance of the community, the spread and living of peace and non-violence. Under the influence of the refugee crisis and the events which we have witnessed in recent days - and that are happening in our community, it is

necessary, more than ever, for each individual to take responsibility for peace building - in yourself, your family, your local community and the global community to which we all belong. Today, the citizens of Zenica have marked the International Day of Peace with a simple gesture of solidarity with people who are looking for peace and security for themselves and their loved ones, so they gave their Like for Peace.

More pictures of the event can be found here:

[www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.952747514781111.1073741829.951558754899987&type=3](http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.952747514781111.1073741829.951558754899987&type=3)

### **INPUT ORGANIZED A SEMINAR ABOUT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

A seminar on employment and self-employment project was held in the premises of the Youth Center INPUT, which was organized in cooperation with Austofon Ltd. Attendees were able to learn more about the possibilities of managing services for customers from the EU through a model of self-employment in the fields of administration, direct translation to accountancy.

Those who dare to build their career and develop on their own efforts and abilities by working for the foreign market, will receive the necessary training and assistance from the professional team of Austofon which is free to all who are interested. Also, the seminar discussed the opportunities of employment in Austofon-in, from business tasks to the tasks of leading education and presentations.



Since the Association INPUT addresses the issues of youth unemployment, additional education and training for the labor market, a memorandum of cooperation on the project for employment and self-employment has been signed. The staff of the Association INPUT and Austofon are available for further information and instructions to all who are searching for a job or additional income.

### **YOUTH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP – MBI INPUT**

The Association INPUT is actively working on the project MBI (SBI) and presentation of youth entrepreneurship to the public these days, as part of the "Small Business Incubator" project, which aims to develop youth entrepreneurship through the training of young people from different areas, and to sustain in the longer period of time.

With this project, the management of INPUT wants to encourage creative industries and social economy, which have an important role in local economic development for the improvement of the social status and economic situation of young people.

*"We want to involve as many young creative people as we can within the MBI INPUT project, help them develop and improve their talents, so that, with our mentoring assistance, education on legal and economic regulations for starting a business and work in MBI INPUT, they dare to run their own small business in the future. Creating conditions for youth employment is an example of good practice in our city and should be an example to other organizations that work with young people and have creative ideas. Our goal is that a mechanism of youth business established in this way (Education + Training = economic benefits) receives institutional support, as well as the support of donors and potential customers of our services,"* said Almedina Bejtić, PR of the Association INPUT.

All young, creative people who want to engage in MBI INPUT, in order to develop their talent, work in MBI INPUT and earn money for education and allowance, can come into the premises of Youth Center INPUT, Mokušnice No.10, Zenica.

A [facebook page MBI INPUT](#) is available for everyone interested, where they can learn more about the project and support youth entrepreneurship through ordering and buying products.

### **FIRST YOUTH CENTER INPUT IN ZENICA**

The Association INPUT from Zenica, which focuses on education and affirmation of youth, has officially opened the Youth Center INPUT. The opening ceremony was attended by invited guests and members of the association, and with a ribbon cutting Mayor Husein Smajlović officially opened the center and wished a happy work.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Chief of the Zenica-Doboj Canton Assembly Draženka Subašić, as well as directors of public institutions and many representatives of non-governmental associations. On this occasion, the current work of the association was presented, along with numerous implemented projects, workshops, as well as the future plans. It was highlighted that everything in the premises of the center was made exclusively by volunteer work of the association members.

The center is intended for all young people who are interested in additional education, social engagement and volunteer experience and practice.

Center gathers all stakeholders and encourages them to mutual work. By using this center, young people will have a chance to earn their first experience, not only through non-formal education, but also participation in creative workshops and making their own creations through voluntary work, all with the need to build moral and socially responsible people.



The Association has recognized the problems which young people face today, and it is actively working, together with the association members, on finding a solution, implementation of ideas and improvement of the youth status.

Youth Center INPUT is under leadership of young, educated people with expertise in various fields, and the center uses internal and external expertise to build a team who will work on the fulfillment of the strategic guidance of the organization's visions, missions and values that are a common goal of all members of the association.

Creativity, motivation and ability to work with young people are characteristics of all association members, who, on this occasion, invite and welcome all future members to whom the doors of the center will always be open.

**On this occasion, we wish happy and successful work to the Youth Center INPUT Zenica.**

All the activities and work can be found on the webpage:

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### PROGRAMS „YOUNG WOMEN, ECOLOGY, ETHNO FOLKLORE AND SPORTS“

#### ✚ „FROM TRADITION TO CRAFTING – FROM WEAVING AND EMBROIDERY TO MONEY“

Youth club "Dijamant" (Diamond) organized a training in manual weaving, embroidery and making souvenirs with traditional and modern methods for unemployed women and young girls.

Project activities have lasted for four (4) months.

The overall objective of the project was to "Contribute to the improvement of rural tourism development and the life standards of young unemployed women and girls, as well as the preservation of cultural heritage of Jajce."

Objective: Technically equip workshop of cottage industry and strengthen the skills of unemployed young and middle-aged women.



Also, economically empower life of 20 families of unemployed young women, and preserve the traditional skills work through cottage industry workshops.

By engaging in the project, young girls and women from rural areas have been provided with the opportunity to acquire new skills which they can use for daily needs of their families and their households, and also the conditions for self-employment. With a small amount of money, a bit of imagination and a good idea, they will be able to make clothing or practical thing for their family and thus contribute to improving the household budget.

The success of the project at this level is reflected in the number of women and young people who participated in making of the traditional items and achieving permanent or occasional incomes from the sale of those items.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION /DONORS /CALLS**

### **1. PUBLIC CALL “Social Network Manager Training”**

Center for Youth Development PRONI announces a public call for applications for the training of 20 people, within the "Support to Adult Education" project, which is implemented by GIZ, on behalf of the German Government. All interested over 18 (preferably unemployed) are invited to apply for free training.

The goal of the "Manager of social networks" training is for participants to learn communication skills and ways to make an effective use of personal communication skills towards self-employment and employment in the field of communication on social networks.

The training will last for eight modules of lectures (32 hours) during one month ( 4 hours on Saturdays and Sundays), while the second month of the training includes practice under the mentorship and support of the responsible person from PRONI Centre and it includes additional 24 working hours. The training will be conducted under the principles of non-formal education and lifelong learning, where the needs of participants are recognized and the previous knowledge and experience of the same is valued. Interactive group work will be used during the training, together with lectures using multimedia content.

Topics covered by the training are:

MODULE I: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS

MODULE II: FACEBOOK AND I (INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK AND BUSINESS)

MODULE III: YES, THIS IS YOUR JOB

MODULE IV: FACEBOOK AND BUSINESS

MODULE V: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

MODULE VI: TWITTER

MODULE VII: LINKEDIN

MODULE VIII: YOUTUBE AND SAFETY ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

Training will take place at the premises of the PRONI Centre at Mehmedagić 24 street in Brčko, with the beginning on 10th September, 2015 at 14h. You can contact us for more information on email: [pronibrc@teol.net](mailto:pronibrc@teol.net) or phone: 049/217-695. Contact person: Jasmin Jašarević.

### **2. MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – FROM IDEA TO ACTION- WHO HOLDS THE KEYS?**

**International conference under the name “From Idea to Action – Who Holds the Keys?”, about the position of people with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will be held in Bosna Hotel in Banja Luka on 7th September, 2015, beginning at 10am.**

The conference is organized by the Association "Life Aid" Tuzla in partnership with HO "Partner" Banja Luka.

The Conference will be attended by representatives of organizations and institutions from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as experts from the EU, which will be an opportunity for them to exchange experience and practices.

Activists-experts in the field of disability from both entities will address the attendees at the beginning of the Conference, as well as the representatives of local communities from the Serb Republic and Brčko District and representatives of institutions whose activities are related to disability issues.

Following the plenary presentations, the selected facilitators will lead the workshops, together with participants, according to the Future Workshop method in order to define future steps, responsibilities and actions of improving the situation of people with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the UN Convention.

**Please, do contact us for more detailed information by phone: 065 622 626 ili or by email: [tanja.mandic.djokic@gmail.com](mailto:tanja.mandic.djokic@gmail.com).**

**Contact person and PR of the Conference is M.Sc. Tanja Mandić Đokić.**

### 3. UNDEF PROJECT GRANTS

The United Nations Democracy Fund invites civil society organizations to apply for funding for projects to advance and support democracy during the annual proposal window, which is open only from 15th November to 31st December. Only on-line proposals during this period, in either English or French, will be accepted.

UNDEF projects are two years long, project grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000, and fall under one or more of seven main focus areas:

Community Activism, Rule of Law and Human Rights, Tools for Knowledge, Women's Empowerment, Youth Engagement, Media and Freedom of Information and Strengthening Interaction with Government.

The stages of the process are:

#### **1. Online Project Proposal System**

The on-line project proposal system can be accessed at the UNDEF website:

[www.un.org/democracyfund](http://www.un.org/democracyfund),

during the annual window. Please read an example of an application form, project proposal guidelines, lessons learned for applicants and frequently asked questions. Project proposals submitted by e-mail, regular post, facsimile, hand or courier delivery or any other channel will not be considered. The official languages for proposals are English and French.

#### **2. Long list**

Proposals are subjected to a process of selection. An initial examination by a team of independent assessors is conducted, a process in which all applications are judged on their inherent quality and scored according to the following criteria:

The project promotes the objectives of UNDEF; The project draws on the United Nations comparative advantage; The project will have a significant impact; The project will encourage inclusiveness; The project will enhance gender equality; The project has strong prospects for successful implementation; The applicant organization has a strong track record; The project is technically correct; The project represents good value for the invested money; The project has strong prospects of sustainability after the end of the project.

The UNDEF team then narrows down the list to 200-300 of the highest scoring projects., where, regional projects will be considered separately from national projects.

### **3. Short list**

The long list produced by the team of independent assessors is then examined by the Fund's Programme Consultative Group: the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Development Programme, the UN Development Fund for Women and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime -- in consultation with UN Resident Coordinators on the field.

### **4. UNDEF Board**

The Programme Consultative Group makes a short list of proposals, which is reviewed by the UNDEF Advisory Board including Governments, civil society and individuals.

### **5. UN Secretary-General**

Final short list is then submitted to the UN Secretary-General for approval.

### **6. Project documentation**

Once the short list is approved by the Secretary-General, the proposals go into the final stage of selection: the negotiation about project documentation, which is, actually, the contract between UNDEF and the grantee. In this stage, the applicant is asked to provide more detailed presentation of his/her project, and it involves detailed input from both UNDEF and the applicant. After this stage ends successfully and gets its approval by the United Nations Controller, the project proposal will formally be approved. This can be expected to happen in September.

More information at: <http://www.un.org/democracyfund/apply-funding>

## **4. GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN**

Global Fund for Women invests in women's groups that advance the human rights of women. We strengthen women organizations based outside the United States by providing grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year for operating and project expenses. Initiative grant awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$13,000 per year. We value local expertise and believe that women themselves know best how to determine their needs and propose solutions for lasting change. To maximize our influence in defending and expanding hard won gains in women's rights, Global Fund for Women will focus on three critical areas:

- Zero Violence
- Economic and Political Empowerment
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

### **Application criteria**

In order to be eligible for a grant, your organization or group must meet the following criteria: It needs to be based outside US, we do not finance organizations from US. Primary focus of the organization is on the advancement of human rights and equality, with these goals clearly defined in their activities. Groups or organizations which aim at making profit or doing humanitarian work are not eligible for our grants. Applications are accepted only from groups and organizations, not from individuals. It is led by women. Women must fill all leadership roles of the organization.

### **Priorities**

Global Fund for Women receives over 2,500 proposals each year and is able to award about 500 grants annually. Unfortunately, we do not have resources to provide funding to all the groups that meet our criteria. We do, however, give priority to women's groups that might particularly benefit from our support. Please review a full list of our priorities before applying for a grant.

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/information-for-applicants>

## 5. Promoting Innovative Approaches to Peacebuilding: Call for Proposals

**Deadline for proposals: 2nd November, 2015**

Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs are joining efforts to promote innovative approaches in the field of Peacebuilding. This joint public-private partnership on Peacebuilding (Px4 Initiative) will provide support for one to three consortia that will involving partners from US, Norway, and at least one Southern partner.

Grants can be up to USD 1 million. There should be substantial involvement by all three consortia partners, with special emphasis on the partner coming from South.

**Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of following terms:**

- How the project deals with the challenges for the next decade and finds an innovative way to include new approaches to these challenges
- Mapping of research into policies
- Establishing of global and inclusive research and political dialogue
- Cooperation of North - South, in order to ensure balance in terms of intellectual contribution, allocation of resources and comparative advantages.

All applications must be sent in PDF format to the addresses provided on the website.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.carnegie.org/news/articles/promoting-innovative-approaches-peacebuilding/>

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