



Dear Friends,

We present you the December issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, at this moment, gathers **180** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** cities in BIH. Bulletin is published in Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian and English language

It contains information about the work of Youth Resource Centre (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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ORC/ hCa ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER, 2015

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



The “Cross - Border Citizen's Network for Peace, Reconciliation and 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 Centre Tuzla. The project is supported by the European Union.

During December, we have continued our work, together with the research team from PRONI Brčko, on the research “The aspect of human security of young people living in collective Centre, or 'alternative accommodations' in Bosnia and Herzegovina.” The results, which will be published by the end of January, are in preparation. There will also be a stakeholders meeting, where we will invite representatives of relevant ministries from FBiH, RS, Brčko District, representatives of municipal departments and institutions that work with displaced people and refugees. Read more information on this topic in our next issues and on our website.

✚ ORC TUZLA YOUTH GROUP

► NIGHT OF IDEAS

“Night of Ideas” is a unique event held in Tuzla, which gathers young minds for a debate on current social issues. The organizer of the event was Association “Multi”.

During two nights of debate (December 23 and 24, 2015), the event gathered 25 debate teams who discussed topics such as “Reform Agendas”, “Brain Drain”, “20 Years of the Dayton Agreement”, “Youth Unemployment” and “BIH on European Path”.

Zada Bešić, Adi Selman and Slobodan Blagovčanin were the representatives of Youth Resource Centre and they took the third place in the competition.



► STUDENTS' VISIT FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL “JALA”



ORC Tuzla had the pleasure to be a host to students from elementary school “Jala”, who are preparing “Abandoned Dogs” project in their school. The problem they want to solve by this project is the appearance of dogs that attack pupils in their schoolyard.

So far, they have collected signatures for petitions on placing a dog restriction sign at the schoolyard entry, which refers to the dog owners who walk their dogs in the yard. There is also a petition for collecting donations for the animal shelter in Tuzla.

► **THIRD INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC – PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Third International Scientific – Professional conference named “Vocational rehabilitation – condition, opportunities and perspectives” was held from December 10 to 13, 2015 in Tuzla. The aim of the conference was to make mutual contacts and to exchange knowledge and experience. Beside the main topic of the conference (Vocational rehabilitation), several other topics have been presented, mostly related to education, medication and rehabilitation.



This conference has gathered over 400 participants from BIH and the region. The organizers of the conference were Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation from University of Tuzla, Centre for Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Tuzla, International Forum of Solidarity “Emmaus” Doboj Istok (Doboj East) and Centre for Vocational rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities “d.o.o. Lotosice” Tuzla.

One of the participants of the conference was **Sokoli Merita**, a member of Youth Resource Centre Tuzla.

► **“HATE SPEECH ON INTERNET” CONFERENCE**

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a conference named **“Fight against Hate Speech on the Internet”**, in cooperation with Youth Development Centre PRONI from Brčko District. It was held on December 15, 2015 at the Parliamentary Assembly of BIH.

The Parliamentary Assembly of BIH gathered 80 young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of the speakers at the conference was Miralem Tursinović, the Director of ORC Tuzla.



The conference was also attended by members of our Youth Group – **Adi Selman i Slobodan Blagovčanin**.

► „NEW YEAR’S PARTY”

Youth Resource Centre Tuzla has organized the third New Year’s party for members of Youth Group. The party was held in the premises of ORC Tuzla and it gathered members of Youth Group who worked hard during the year.

To remind, Youth Group of ORC Tuzla gathers 30 university and high school students from Tuzla, who work hard as volunteers to make our city a better place for living and motivate youth for social activism. During 2015, the two most important activities that young volunteers implemented were projects “Date the state”, which aimed at introducing youth with political apparatus of BIH and the visit to the BIH Parliament, and “Live a healthy life Vol. 2”, where young people competed in beach volleyball and street basketball, donated blood and walked to Vršani.



Miralem Tursinović, the Director of ORC Tuzla, addressed the attendees during the party and promised help in maintenance and functioning of the group in the next year. The most active members of the Group have received appropriate gifts. As for the next year, the Group plans to continue with the project “Live a healthy life Vol. 3” and to encourage youth, through workshops and education, to social activism and volunteerism. On this occasion, we want all the best, including activist projects, many volunteer hours, seminars and trainings, to our readers in the next year! And as for those who are in search of a job, we want you to find your dream job!

Happy New Year and the upcoming holidays from ORC Tuzla family!

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR JANUARY, 2016

- Implementation of regular activities through Youth Network BIH;
- 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 and participation in partners’ meeting in January 23 and 24 in Istanbul, as well as the regional conference of sustainability on January 26 and 27 in Brussels;
- Preparation for the continuance of activities within “Cross -Border Citizen's Network for Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans” project, maintenance and logistic support of ALF Network in;
- Continuation of fundraising for 2016.

YOUTH NETWORK MEMBER ACTIVITIES



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FEDERAL YOUTH COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

The Federal Youth Council was established in mid December in Sarajevo. The statute was adopted along with the management. Mate Lončar was elected as the President of Youth Council and Mensur Seferović was appointed as the President of the Assembly. Mirela Geko was appointed as the Secretary of the Federal Youth Council.



Mate Lončar, newly elected President of the Federal Youth Council, said that he is very pleased that an umbrella youth body was finally established in this BIH entity. *“We will work in the best possible manner there is. We will try hard, and I am certain that our effort will not be purposeless. We want to cooperate with the governmental institutions, but also communicate with young people. We will work and the effort will be worth it.”*



The primary obligation of the Federal Youth Council will be action on strengthening of youth inclusion in the social life of the community and their informing. The Council will be directly included in the processes of implementing youth strategies with the aim of contributing to adoption and implementation of youth policy and youth action programmes that correspond to youth requirements and issues. The establishment of the Federal Youth Council, as the representative body of all youth, is provided by the Youth Law of FBiH that was adopted in 2010 on the initiative of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

Jasmin Bešić, the executive Director of Institute for Youth Development KULT, said that young people have shown that they can reach their goals by working hard.

The founding assembly was attended, among others, by Zora Dujmović, the Federal Minister of Culture and Sports. She thanked the youth for the invitation to, as she stated, the ceremony of establishing the Federal Youth Council, and congratulated on the establishment. *“It is a pleasure for me to be present here today. Thank you for the invitation. I would like to express my gratitude to all who contributed in reaching this goal. The Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports focuses on the youth issues and the fact is that we will do plenty in strengthening of the youth sector. We will work on the welfare of youth, meaning that our support will not fail for the part of particular importance for youth”* - said Zora Dujmović, the Federal Minister of Culture and Sports.

Vladimir Pandurević, from the EU Delegation in BIH, also addressed the attendees. He reflected on youth leaving Bosnia and Herzegovina and emphasized that everyone has to work together for the improvement of youth position in our country. *“There are many ways to improve the position of that population, and the European Union advocates the establishment of a system that will enable youth to reach their potentials”* - stated Pandurević.

✚ Second Generation of Youth Workers: YOUTH DESERVES MORE

Seventeen attendants of the training for Expert Associates on Youth Work were awarded with certificates for successfully completed training at the Institute for Youth Development KULT. Dejan Rađen from Brčko said that he is very motivated by the training. *“I wish to dedicate myself to youth and working with youth in Brčko. I am certain that this knowledge will help to my own progress in this sector. Thanks to activism, through this training, I have also been awarded with the title of volunteer of the year in my organization”* - added Rađen.

Expert Associates on Youth Work are people who help youth in the process of their development. On the initiative of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, the occupation of the Expert Associate on Youth Work was included in the classification of occupations of the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The training had 5 modules and 26 young people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the training.

The certificates on successfully completed training were awarded by Jasmin Bešić, the executive Director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT. *“I hope that the knowledge and skills you acquired here will indeed be useful in your future work. It is my pleasure to see motivated youth who strive to contribute to development of their organizations through continuous work”* - added Bešić.

The Training consisted of 5 modules, after which the attendants took their final exam. This Expert Associate on Youth Work training is the second in line organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, emphasized Katarina Vučković from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.



✚ PRESENTATION OF 2016 FBIH BUDGET PROPOSAL AND INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN BUDGET

Presentation of the Budget Proposal of FBIH for 2016 was organised in BIH, as a part of the project named Strengthening Governmental Institutions and Processes (SGIP). The presentation was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Academy of Sciences and Arts of BIH. The presentation was attended by representatives and delegates of the Parliament of BIH, representatives and delegates of the Parliamentary Assembly of BIH, representatives of the academic community, representatives of several departmental ministries of FBIH and representatives of several non-governmental organizations.

After the introductory speech of the Project Manager Christian Haupt, Dr. Merdža Handalić Plahonjić presented the most important items of the Budget Proposal of FBIH for 2016. This was followed by a presentation on allocations for youth from 2014 to 2016, presented by the representative of the Institute for Youth Development KULT Nejra Neimarlija Roić. Also, Professor Vjekoslav Domljan presented the modalities of increase in fiscal area required for a further implementation of the planned reforms in FBIH.

The transfer for financing and co-financing the first employment and self-employment for 2016 was planned in the amount of 50,000,000 BAM, while in the previous 2 years this amount was 20,000,000 BAM. Most of this amount will be allocated for the first youth employment and self-employment, and it will also be interesting to follow this programme in order to have detailed data on the expenditure of these funds and the efficiency of their expenditure.

The ministries which allocate certain funds for youth are the following: Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Federal Ministry of Displaced Persons and Refugees, the Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, the Federal Ministry of Justice, the Federal Ministry of Education and Science and the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

The total funds allocated for youth in 2014 were 2,660,690 BAM, while in 2016 they will be 2,156,500 BAM. This presents 0.1% of the FBiH budget being allocated for youth requirements.

The allocated funds refer to scholarships for different youth categories, transfers for youth organizations, strengthening youth policies, youth tourism, youth entrepreneurship, scholarships for trainings in old crafts, apprenticeships, development of rural tourism through youth employment, etc. The Institute is the partner in the SGIP project, financed by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

✚ SHOCKING STORY OF VIOLENCE VICTIM: WE NEVER DISCUSS IT AT HOME

“I told him one morning, when we were drinking coffee, that I do not see any reason to stay with him, but he did not accept it. He kept threatening me. He thought I was a coward, that I cannot do anything alone...”

The story you are about to read is no ordinary story. This is not a usual newspaper article about a woman who fought for her freedom. It is not a manifesto of woman power or a cry for help. It is a story about life. A story about the strength we all keep within ourselves. This story sends a message to women, victims of violence, that they do not have to suffer. It is told by Mehira Crnica, a single mother of four, who spent eight years suffering physical and psychological violence and who one morning, as she said, while having coffee, decided that she could not and would not keep quiet anymore.

Every morning, around 8 o'clock, the thirty-five-year-old Mahira Crnica opens a small shop in the Sarajevo settlement Dobrinja. She makes various cookies in her shop. She says she is happy. She works for herself and she does what she loves. “There were cookies always in our house. I was always good at making them, but I never considered it as a business. Seemingly, it all happened overnight and by itself” – she said. Mahira has been managing the small, but adorable, sweet boutique successfully for a year and a half. She says that business is doing well. She is a single mother of four. Her eldest daughter is twelve, her youngest twins are five.



The shop in which she makes and sells cookies is just a small part of a great shift and change that Mehira made. She was a victim of domestic violence for eight years. She was in a marriage that was, as she states, a burden and torture. *“I married when I was 22. It happened around the time I got on the Faculty of Economics here in Sarajevo. Now I believe I married for a caprice, that my marriage happened by chance. Back then I thought I would finish faculty after I got married, that we would live a normal life. However, it wasn't like that. Everything happened on the contrary”* – says Mehira Crnica. *She says with her eyes lowered: “I don't like remembering my marriage, although I talk about everything quite often.” She nevertheless continues. “I wanted to raise my children in peace, to have them playing freely, knowing that they are growing up in love. I wanted a normal life for them. I told my story, not wanting to offend anyone. By talking with representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, I realized that I wish to participate in commemorating the Orange Day – the day of fighting violence against women and girls. With my story, I tell to BIH women that they do not and should not have to suffer violence.”*

The Institute for Youth Development KULT will commemorate the Orange Day with a street action. The activists of the Institute will, in festive spirit, distribute Mehira's cookies made in the Dream Cookies workshop. A message against violence over women and girls will be written on every cookie. The Secretary General of the UN declared every 25th of the month as “Orange Day”, the day of remembering the importance of preventing, stopping and punishing violence over women and girls.



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✚ 5.12. INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

High school Students' Association BiH (ASuBiH) is non-governmental, non-party and non-political organization, whose aim is to improve the status of high school students in our country. ASuBiH gathers all youth from BiH high schools.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as other countries around the world, marks December 5th as International Volunteer Day. ASuBiH also took part in marking this day, as being one of the organizations in our country which gathers a large number of members-volunteers, together with local teams across the country.

32 local communities were marked by our activists, who volunteered in retirement homes, houses for children with special needs and orphanages, community kitchens, televisions, radio stations, schools, municipality and city administrations, etc.



✚ SECOND ASUBIH EDUCATION



II ASuBiH education was held from December 11 to 13 in Sarajevo and it gathered 20 participants from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Main topics of the education were improvement of local communities' communications, writing of project proposals, promotion, lobbying...

These topics were recognized as the most important things for unobstructed team work, and that is why they were discussed. The participants have learned and worked hard within those three days. They also discovered some of their hidden skills through participation in creative workshops, games and conversations. Those skills will certainly help them in cooperation with other members of their local teams. Participants were more than pleased and motivated after three days of productive work. They went home with a lot of newly discovered skills and knowledge, and, of course, nice memories from the gathering.

✚ FIRST EDUCATION "FRIENDS WITHOUT BORDERS"

First education for high school students "Friends without borders" was held from December 4 to 6, 2015.

It is a project that ASuBiH realized for the second time with the support of American and Austrian Embassy in BiH. This project has been implemented for the first time in 2013. It is an intercultural learning project based on 'home stay' exchanges – by the principle of local hosts.



The aim of the project was to introduce high school students with cultural and historical heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as to encourage the development of youth activism in their local communities. Local communities which were included in the project are: Banja Luka, Bileća, Gradačac, Gradiška, Istočno Sarajevo, Jajce, Mostar, Novi Travnik, Prozor – Rama, Sarajevo, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, Travnik, Trebinje i Tuzla.

The topic of the education was lobbying, which is necessary for high school students to raise awareness of the public about the importance of above mentioned goals. Likewise, participants had the opportunity to practice skills related to that term. The second education has been planned for March, and the exchanges will be made between April and August, 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' FORUM

High school students' Forum was held on December 21 and 22, 2015 in Gradiška. It is a mutual initiative of Gradiška organizations' representatives for definition of the youth problems in Gradiška, and dialogue with the representatives of local governments, schools and non-governmental organizations about the solution of youth problems.

The participants and organizers as well, were 100 young people from Gradiška. Problems and requirements of youth have been defined on this Forum, as well as the next steps of youth cooperation with local governments and schools.



Youth organization GROM Gradiška participated in organization and implementation as the holder of the project, and the other participants were: Youth Council of Serb Republic, Grammar, Technical and Vocational Schools' Student Councils and High school Students' Association BIH, whose representative was Faruk Gutić.

MAKE MOST OF YOUR YOUTH

The seminar was held on December 19 and 20 and the participants enjoyed various activities and workshops on the topic of team building, goal settings and realizations, organization and time control, business plans and team work.

The last activity – seminar for 18 high school students on the topic of youth activism development was held within the implementation of "Make the Most of Your Youth" project, which is organized by High school Students' Association BIH – Local team Zenica and financially supported by the city of Zenica.





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DAILY WORKSHOPS

During the December, youth organization Svitac (Firefly) has continued with its daily activities. Participants have been divided into two groups, age 4-7 every day from 11 am to 1 pm, while age 8+ from 2 to 3:30 pm. First weeks of December were dedicated to making of decorations for the New Year's party, which is organized every year by Svitac. Besides that, the group of age 4-7 has worked during December on a decorative banner made out of paper, leaves from nature and collage paper themed as autumn/winter, as well as origami figures. Each Monday they would learn basics of English language using worksheets to learn and recognize emotions, body parts and meet with various animal species. Learning process was made easier through music, singing and dancing. The aim of the workshop is to develop children's creativity, motor skills and respect towards others, as well as nice behaviour. There were 30 participants of the morning creative workshops in December.



New schedule of activities has been made for the afternoon group (age 8+). On Monday, they have English (alphabet, pronunciation, flash cards for practice of vocabulary and sentence building). On Tuesdays, they have creative expression which is themed as autumn/winter. They use acrylic paints, felt pens, crayons and collage papers. On Wednesdays, there is a music workshop where the participants have a chance to learn basics of playing trumpet, guitar or a piano, while developing the ability of communicating a dialogue about rhythm, notes and various musical directions. They also learned the "Hakuna Matata" song, which was performed during the New Year's party. On Thursdays, there is drama and sports day when different kinds of ball games and introduction to the basics of Karate are organized. Group is divided into two smaller groups where participants can choose sport or drama. Participants in the drama workshop have prepared a short play "Peter and a Wolf" for the New Year's party. Friday is the day for German language, as well as for helping with homework. Afternoon activities are attended by 20 participants.

Workshops are held in the Youth centre of Brčko District. Project coordinator is Asja Subašić, with the assistance of Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteers Jonas Kiesner, Anne Bonitz and Johanne Weng from Germany, as well as Isambard Ryner, Sarah Dyble-Kitchin and Georgia Allen from Great Britain.

LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

English and German courses were continued in December. There were 35 students who attended these courses, divided into three (Beginner 1, Beginner 2 for children and adults and Intermediate 1 for children).

Each group has two ninety minutes' classes per week, and the classes are held in the premises of Youth organization Svitac and the Youth Centre of Brčko District. Students' age varies from 8 to 35.



✚ MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Children's choir: Singing workshops for children have begun in December. The participants prepared themselves for the performance during New Year's Party.

Guitar Workshop: Participants of guitar workshop also prepared for their performance in the first part of December.

Samba Workshop: The participants continued with playing of trained compositions, improvisation, as well as with learning musical notes' values and reading short music notations.



✚ NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Youth Organization has organized New Year's party for the regular attendees of our daily activities, their parents and friends from Brčko District. Party was held on December 11, in the premises of the Youth Centre of Brčko District. Entertainment part was held at the night time for children age 8+, which was prepared for them by the coordinators of the Youth organization Svitac and the local and international volunteers from Great Britain and Germany.

Guests had a chance to watch five guitar performances from the music workshop, led by the coordinator Sanjin Vošanović. After that, the participants of morning activities (group 4-7) performed "Little Snowdrop" and „Head, shoulder, knees and toes”, prepared by the international EVS volunteer Sarah Dyble. Sam Rayner, international EVS volunteer from Great Britain, prepared the "Hakuna Matata" song with the afternoon group (age 8+). Anne Bonitz, EVS international volunteer from Germany, has prepared a play with Drama section called "Peter and the Wolf", accompanied by the music of Sergej Prokofjov.

Bingo was prepared during the second part of the party, and the winners who had their numbers drawn were awarded. Bingo was the symbolic and exciting part of the program, because every child received a present - reward. Food was left for the end of the party, where children and guests had a chance to try, among other snacks, specialties from Great Britain and Germany (potato gingerbread, apple and ginger pie) as well as to hear a cultural presentation prepared by Johanna Weng, Georgia Allen i Sarah Dyble.



The continuation of all regular workshops of Youth Organization Svitac is planned for January.



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✚ H.O. „MERHAMET” Doboj activities for December

- Faketa Avdić, president of “Merhamet” Doboj, has attended a round table called “Persons with disabilities during natural disasters”, organized by the Union of Muscular Dystrophy of RS on November 30, 2015, in the „Centre for Children and Youth with Disabilities” Doboj.
- Faketa Avdić, president of “Merhamet” Doboj, has attended the informative meeting of equality councils and women associations from Petrovo, Gračanica, Maglaj, Teslić, Tešanj and Doboj, which was held on December 2, 2015 at the Integra Hotel.



- Best volunteers and organizers in Serb Republic have received awards at the ceremony of commemorating “December 5th - International Volunteer day”, held at the Culture Centre Banski dvor, in Banja Luka. Republic award for the best volunteer was given to the volunteer of “Merhamet” Doboj, Mirnesa Bećirodobašić, and “Merhamet” Doboj received a certificate for the outstanding contribution of development of volunteerism in Serb Republic. Awards were distributed by the Minister of Family, Youth and Sport, Jasmina Davidović.





- President of “Merhamet” Doboј, Faketa Avdić, has attended the FOURTH ASSEMBLY OF ANTICORRUPTION NETWORK IN BIH “ACCOUNT”, which was held on December 08, 2015, in Sarajevo.
- President of “Merhamet” Doboј, Faketa Avdić, has attended a seminar on budgeting and budget monitoring from gender perspective in organization of Citizen’s Assembly “ToPeer” Doboј, on December, 12, 2015, at the auditorium of City Assembly of Doboј.
- 400 New Year's presents were given to children of members of “Merhamet” Doboј.



- Faketa Avdić, president of “Merhamet” Doboј, has attended the focus group related to the research about consequences of the flood, and citizen participation in decision-making processes in the time of and after the floods, made by Danijela Majstorović, professor at the Faculty of Philosophy Banja Luka, on December 24, 2015 in CA “ToPeer” Doboј., about consequences of the flood, and citizen participation in decision-making processes in the time of and after the floods.
- Distribution of Humanitarian Aid for members of “Merhamet” Doboј.
- Amra Mišić, volunteer of “Merhamet” Doboј, attended the conference “Informing and counselling of youth in BIH”, organized by Ministry of Civil Affairs of BIH and Commission for Coordination of Youth Issues BIH, in coordination with Youth Council of Serb Republic, on December 29, 2015, in Banja Luka.





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+ ROUND TABLE HELD

Round table is the final activity within the “Localization of the International convention “CEDAW” project, Convention for protection from discrimination of women. This project was supported by the government of Brčko District BIH. Round table was held on December 22, 2015.

Acquired data on cases of domestic violence, sexual violence, incest, family murders and neglecting or molestation of under aged children were presented at the round table. This data was collected from police, district-attorney’s office and basic Court of Brčko District BIH. All the data gathered from Centre for Mental Health and Centre for Social Work was presented at the round table by the representatives of these institutions.



Primaries Dr. Zlata Papić talked about the influence of domestic violence on mental health of violence victims and other family members. During this event, we received help from volunteers of Vukovar-Slavonia County.

Round table was attended by the representatives of institutions, gender mechanisms, OSCE and the associations of women from Brčko District BIH. This event was covered by the local media.

+ “LOCALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CEDAW CONFERENCE”

A workshop, focus group and a street action were held on December 10, 2015, as part of the project “Localization of the international CEDAW Conference” for which the association “GENDER” has acquired support by the government of Brčko District BIH. Radmila Žigić, representative of Lara foundation from Bijeljina, was the leader of the workshop. The topics were discrimination of women and Convention on protection from discrimination of women. Workshops were attended by representatives of local women associations. Women received hygiene packages, donation from Brčko District’s Red Cross.

Focus group’s discussion was about various forms of violence, women’s experiences with domestic violence, as well as the steps which can be done to bring the perpetrator of violence to justice.



During the street action on Youth Square in Brčko, citizens have received pamphlets about human trafficking and ways of protection from it. This action was supported by local media. It was made within Ring Network, who received one new member, GENDER Brčko.

“16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM”

GENDER Brčko has organized a round table about violence against women on December 1, 2015 at the Youth Centre of Brčko, as a part of the “16 days of Activism”, under the sponsorship and the support of OSCE, on December 1st 2015. at the Youth Centre in Brčko.

The discussion at the round table was about problems of domestic violence in Brčko District, cooperation and work of local associations dealing with those problems, institutions and institutionalized mechanisms. The situation is such that little can be done when it comes to prevention of violence against women, because a law on protection from violence does not exist, but even the existing laws are not fully enforced. Wider support is needed by the institutions, as well as the NGOs.



Round table was attended by representatives of local women associations, Parliamentary Commission for equality of the sexes and Work Group for gender equality of Brčko District government. Media sponsor was BUKA.

“I HAVE RIGHT TO BE HEALTHY” WORKSHOP

By implementing workshops of GENDER volunteer Jovanka Radovanović, within her mini project “ I have the right to be healthy”, we have begun our activities for 16 days of activism. High school students from Brčko have attended the workshop and there were sayings about the first visit to gynaecologist. There were two classes from Agricultural and Medical school.

Dr. Jelena Živanović, gynaecology and obstetrics specialist in Brčko Health Centre, held the lecture and responded to students’ questions.

The participants of the workshop received hygiene packages for women and girls, a donation from Brčko District’s Red Cross.

Workshop was held on November, 24, 2015.



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✚ INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY!

Youth Club “Dijamant” (Diamond) volunteers have organized a street action as a way of marking the International Anti-Corruption Day (December 08, 2015) and anti-corruption activism week in BIH. The street action was held in front of the House of Culture in Jajce, where the youth distributed informational leaflets about several ways of reporting different kinds of corruption.



The citizens of Jajce say that everyone talk about corruption, but that people do not have enough courage and citizen responsibility to react and report corruption.

We have to change awareness of citizens in BIH so everyone – men, women and children, realize that corruption is not normal, acceptable or necessary. Corruption concerns us all.





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+ DECEMBER FIFTH - VOLUNTEER DAY - MARKED IN BRČKO AND BIJEJLINA

During the Volunteer Day, we had realized activities in Brčko and Bijeljina, together with our volunteer services. There was also a meeting with youth workers from the Network of Youth clubs.

We have prepared a meeting with presidents of local communities in Brčko and activities for the adoption of Volunteer Law in Brčko District BIH. We gathered with volunteers and prepared surprises for our hard working volunteers. Dejan Rađen from Brčko was announced as the best volunteer.

At the same day, we gave the certificates to students of social networks' manager course. Of course, we did not forget our EVS volunteer in Germany.

We dedicated this December weekend to volunteers!
More soon, because the world is changing. Are you?

Your World is changing.
Are you?
Volunteer!

+ „FIGHT AGAINST HATE SPEECH ON INTERNET” CONFERENCE

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of BIH and Youth Coordination Commission in BIH, organized a conference “Fight Against Hate Speech on The Internet”, together with PRONI Youth Development Centre.

The Conference was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, in Sarajevo (Hall 1/1 of the Parliamentary Assembly of BIH), with the beginning at 9 am.

Over 70 young people participated in the Conference.



INFORMATION

+ BADMINTON SCHOOL SARAJEVO FOR HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIFE

Let us enable our children to build a happy and healthy lifestyle by replacing street, cell phones and computers with gatherings and sports. Let's train **badminton**.

It all started when our coach brought us from the street to the club for the training. We grew up with badminton, developed ourselves, travelled and won competitions. Today, we start our own club for children so we can spread our love towards this sport. When we started training, no one in Sarajevo even knew what badminton is, but today we have large groups of recreational players and many interested children.

Badminton is an Olympic sport since 1992. It is played by racket and it requires maximal condition, skills, agility, fast direction change, concentration, balance and speed. It is a perfect sport for the physical development of children and keeping in shape of recreational players, because it prevents heart diseases and helps proper development of spine and muscles. It develops children's concentration, motivation, self-confidence, sport's spirit and friendly behaviour.



Even though many people in our region think of badminton as *vacation* or *beach* sport because they are not familiar with it, it is, actually, a sport which is widely spread through competitions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia. However, because of the lack of coacher and interest, BIH falls behind the region and the whole world, which makes it a good opportunity for a young beginner player because he does not have to handle the harsh state competition to find oneself at the international badminton courses.

Join us in **JUOŠ „Mehmedalija Mak Dizdar“**, Žrtava fašizma street, no. 14, **on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30pm**. The training leader is a coach certificated by the Badminton World Federation i International Olympic Committee, Armin Stefanović.

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DONORS /CALLS

1. CALL FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS WITH INNOVATIVE PROJECT PROPOSALS IN THE FIELD OF “GREEN CHEMISTRY” FOR RESEARCH GRANTS UP TO 30.000 DOLLARS

Deadline: February 28, 2016

A call for young researchers with innovative project proposals in the field of green chemistry for research grants up to 30.000 dollars has been announced within the partnership between UNESCO, PhosAgro Russian Company and International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

All young researchers to the age of 35, leading research projects which can be implemented through one year, can apply for the grants.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.sobijeljina.org/index.php?idgrupa=149&sablon=0&naslov=Јавни+позиви%2C+конкурси%2C+огласи%2C+саопштења%2C+обавјештења...>

2. EUROPEAN YOUTH AWARD 2016: MOST CREATIVE DIGITAL PROJECTS AWARDS.

EYA finds and awards, for the fifth time, the most creative digital projects, including internet sites, applications, wearable devices, smart devices and digital installations. Projects can be applied in seven categories, which apply the EU strategy “Europe 2020”.

Project categories:

- Healthy Life (fitness; nutrition; health care; med tech)
- Smart Learning (education; e-skills; open science; infotainment)
- Connecting Cultures: (language; travelling; diversity; new communities)
- Go Green: (sustainable energy; mobility; smart cities; climate change)
- Active Citizenship: (citizen journalism; social cohesion; human rights; (wo)men empowerment)
- Money Matters: (financial literacy; employment; fundraising; fin tec)
- Open Innovation: (disruptive apps; games; crazy stuff; digital magic)

Deadline: July 15, 2016 15.

More information: [EYA-2016](#)

Source: <http://studomat.ba/european-youth-award-2016-nagrada-za-najkreativnije-digitalne-projekte/55668/>

3. SHL CALL FOR REFUGEE SUPPORT

For last days, weeks and months we have witnessed some incredible scenes at the borders and train stations of refugee routs in Southeast Europe.

German Foundation Schüler Helfen Leben (SHL) has been supporting non-governmental organizations in Southeast Europe, which are active on the field of social and youth work, for more than twenty years. Today, SHL announces a small financial support for emergency cases with the aim of supporting refugees in Western Balkan countries.

We would like to send a short description of your idea (1 page max), adequate budget and contact details. Any kind of help is more than welcomed for refugees who are in need, or better to say, buying and distribution of sleeping bags, raincoats or other things, housing support or workshops on the topic of raising awareness. Try not to go over 2.000 Euro budget to enable more various kinds of support to initiatives on various places.

There is no prescribed form for applications and no deadline. The selection of projects will be continuous, as long as there are available funds.

Please, share this information with other local non-governmental organizations and initiatives. If you need more information, you are free to contact our colleagues at the Berlin office:

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We look forward to your applications.

Remark: Applications and questions should be written in English.

4. REMINDER: ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT: HISTORY – LESSONS FOR TODAY

Anna Frank House, in cooperation with local partnership organizations from BIH (Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR) BIH and Humanity in Action foundation BIH), Croatia (Croatian educational and developing network for evolution in communication), Macedonia (Youth Educational Forum) and Serbia (Open Communication), invites all professor and teachers of elementary and high schools to apply on one of the three seminars, which will be held within the project named “History – Lessons for Today”, financed by European Union.

“History – Lessons for Today” project promotes innovative educational methodologies made by educational modules and approaches of Anna Frank House. There will be three seminars, held in Zagreb (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Belgrade (Serbia). All costs of transportation, accommodation and food will be covered by the organizer.

More information and application form can be found in the official call: [Official call and application form](#)

If you are interested, please fill out the application form and send it by January 10, 2016 by email to: kerim@yih.org.

The selection results will be announced by January 31, 2016.

Source: <http://yih.ba/poziv-za-ucisce-na-projektu-historijaistorija-povijest-lessons-for-today/>

5. STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR 2016/2017.

A public call has been announced for Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships for 2016/2017, within educational and cultural cooperation for the period 2014-2016 between Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH and Ministry of Human Resources of Hungary. More information about the call, scholarships and way of applying can be found at:

www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu and www.tka.hu.

The process of application can be done only online, from this year, with the link that will be published at www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu and which will be active from January 1, 2016.

Deadline for online applications: March 1, 2016
Final selection will be made by Hungarian side.

Source:

<http://www.hocu.ba/index.php/hocu.priliku/program-stipendija-stipendium-hungaricum-za-akademsku-20162017/>

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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