

Dear friends,

We present you the Jubilee January issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Center (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 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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ORC / HCA ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY, 2016



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"Culture Fair" Project

ALF has supported, within the frame of "Intercultural action network", the project "Culture Fair" made by DIS Youth Theatre Banja Luka, with partners Association Enter Vitez, PRONI Brčko, Prosvjeta Višegrad and ORC Tuzla.

In accordance with the defined objectives, we have agreed on concrete steps and actions that were implemented during the first event held in Vitez in the period from November 19 to 22, with the participation of about 30 representatives of all project partners, representatives of several other members of ALF network, as well as NGOs that are not members of the network ALF, and which expressed their wish to participate in such an event. During those four days, thematic workshops were held, which aimed at strengthening of the youth capacity for intercultural competence, while emphasizing the importance of non-formal education in the acquisition of new knowledge. Theater performances were held among other educational programs, such as: **Masks** - Forum Theatre (bullying), **Lilika** - (alienation of youth and family breakdowns), **Portrait of cancer cells** - (problems of persons suffering from serious diseases), whose themes were coordinated with those presented in educational programs.



After the first event, project partners have been in contact for better coordination in preparing of the main event, planned for the end of March 2016 in Banja Luka. Therefore, a consultative meeting of project partners was held in Banja Luka, on weekend from January 16-17 2016. They analyzed the results of the activities held in Vitez. On that occasion, it was agreed that each of the project partners submits one of the topics for the final event, and that a final list of topics and workshops, as well as theater and film programs, will be agreed through bilateral and multilateral contacts of the project partners.

Gathering of more theater groups at this exact period had an extra value, and that is that the participants marked the European night of theater with their performances.

Presentation of “Europe for Citizens” program

A presentation of “Europe for Citizens” program has been held on January 26, 2016 in the Retirement home in Tuzla. The presentation was organized by Ministry of Justice of BiH and Consumers’ Association of Canton Tuzla.

The main presenter was Mr. Goran Kučera, Senior Adviser for Civil Society Development from Ministry of Justice BiH. Mr. Kučera has presented, in details, many possibilities offered to civil society organizations from BiH “Europe for Citizens” program path, which is composed of several parts: “European Remembrance” and “Democratic Engagement”, as well as projects of civil society.

Presentation has successfully explained what “Europe for Citizens” program is, what the procedures for applying are and which grants are provided for 2016. Project application was also presented, as well as the processes of project selection by European Commission. Presentation was attended by around 20 people and ORC Tuzla was represented by Merita Sokoli and Boško Vlajić.

OSCE Youth Conference

A youth conference, organized by Youth Counseling group of OSCE mission in BiH, was held on January 29, 2016.

The Conference was held in the premises of OSCE in Tuzla. The aim was networking of youth NGO’s from BiH.

The conference’s discussion was about concrete actions which every NGO can make available for other participants of the conference, such as: space, human resources, counseling services and support for writing project proposals.

One of the participants was Suad Murselović, member of Youth Group from Youth Resource Center Tuzla.



Youth Group from ORC Tuzla:

GROUP ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

Youth Group from ORC Tuzla has minimized the number of activities in January, as well as in past two years, because of holidays and students, who were studying hard for their final exams.

Within January, a group meeting was held, where members had a chance to be introduced with “Football for Everyone” project, financially supported by “Football V Homophobia” Foundation. Project implementation has been planned for February and March.

Video and online action within the “Football for Everyone” tournament has been planned for the next month.

► EUROACTIVE – ČOKA

“EuroACTIVE” project has been organized by Serbian NGO “Čokanski dobošari” and will be implemented in two phases (TC- Training Camp). First training camp was held from January 15 to 21, 2016. The second training camp will be held from May 21 to 28, 2016.

The first training camp was dedicated to the ways of assessing local society’s social problems, “mapping of conflicts”, communication and activation of youth, and learning of basic theater methods within youth work.



The second training will be dedicated to the Forum Theater (Theater of Suppressed), as an activation tool within working with youth, which will enable strengthening of youth on, local, regional, national and international level.

The participants will discuss problems chosen by the public opinion gathered at the end of the first project phase. That will enable us to deal with the real social problems that young people have in their local societies (discrimination on various grounds, lack of possibilities, lack of dialogue with decision makers, and other issues) – and all that by the method of Forum Theater.

The target groups are young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Portugal, Romania and Serbia. The representative of the ORC Youth Group was Suad Murselović.

✚ YOUTH INTRODUCTION!

We continue with introduction of youth activists and volunteers from BiH.

ADMIR ISANOVIĆ

ADMIR Isanović is a student of Faculty of Law and youth activist. He has been a member of OGORC since March, 2015.

He has participated actively with group in several projects and seminars and has given contribution to the development of Youth Group. He likes to read and watch films in his free time.



ZADA BEŠIĆ



ADI SELMAN



Zada Bešić is a fourth year student of Faculty of Physical Education and Sport in Tuzla. She is actively engaged in sports and has long time experience in NGO. Zada has participated in numerous camps, seminars and trainings. Her experience in ORC has enabled her to become initiator and coordinator on several projects. Zada's opinion is that, with OGORC, she succeeded to create a perfect match of activism and sport through "Live a Healthy Life" projects, which became traditional projects of our group.

Adi Selman is a student of Faculty of Health Sciences, department of Physiotherapy and occupational therapy. He has been a member of Youth Group for a year. Adi participated in numerous projects organized by ORC. Besides that, he is active in Karate. Adi is a coach and contestant of KBS Tuzla Sinbra.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF ORC AND HCA TUZLA:

During January, we worked on the maintenance and development of communication and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.omladina-bih.net). Within this, we have daily, to the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), and also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, distributed information of interest to young people and youth activism in BiH. We also corresponded with the organizations and individuals interested in activities of the network and replied to questions related to certain activities, education and other information related to youth activism in BiH. Along with that, our project team has continued with project applications for this year.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

- Implementation of regular activities of the Youth Network BiH.
- Continuation of activities within "Cross -Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans" (organization of the meeting with stakeholders);
- Active participation in international ALF Network, maintenance and logistic support to ALF Network BiH;
- Continuation of work on fundraising for 2016.

BIH YOUTH NETWORK MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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+ SOS VILLAGE

Members of LT Sarajevo visited SOS Children's Village and brought their donation as gift to the children of the village.

They were introduced with work and functioning of SOS Children's Village, and got information about the ways of contributing to development and improvement of the village with their volunteer work.



+ W PROJECT



Internews has begun with implementation of the project named "Limitation of restrictions on freedom of speech in BIH" or "W PROJECT", as a response to worsened situation in the domain of freedom of speech in BIH, especially after adoption of the Law on Public Order and Peace in Serb Republic.

The main goal of this project is to "raise the awareness of public, reactions for security of freedom of media and speech, as well as develop all encompassing campaign for human rights on the state level."

Within that, a workshop of digital advocacy was held. Faruk Gutić, member of UO, has also attended the workshop.

+ TEAM BUILDING AND EDUCATION

"TB&Ed" is a project implemented by High school Association's Local team Sarajevo, in coordination with Local team East Sarajevo from January 19 to 23, 2016.

To be more précised, it is about training where participants had a chance not only to learn about various topics such as lobbying, advocacy, communication, public speaking and etc, but also to be a part of motivational and team building workshops.

Twenty high school students from East Sarajevo and same number from Sarajevo have participated in the project. They have passed through all the activities together with training coaches. Students were accommodated in Hostel City Center Sarajevo. A number of activities were realized by High School Student's Association BIH.



WINTER MAGIC

Association's Local team Visoko of has organized, together with Association's Local team Ilijaš, a winter camp named "Winter Magic" from January 15-17, 2016, at Holliday Home "Zbilje" in Visoko.

High school students from BiH had the opportunity to attend a three-day camp, where various topics were covered, such as: discrimination and strategic communication, lobbying, fundraising, as well as participating in an interesting psychological workshop. The project goal is to incite youth from BiH to build themselves in the society, as well as progress in future work and devotion to their local society.



"WALK THIS WAY"

Thanks to the cooperation of local teams ASuBiH from Jablanica, Prozor-Rama and Gornji Vakuf - Uskoplje, a four-day winter camp at Jablanica Lake has been successfully completed. Participants had the opportunity at workshops to develop communication skills, conversate about the x factor for job finding, as well as participate in debates.

Twenty young people from Bihać, Busovača, Kiseljak, Modriča, Breza, Goražde, Mostar, Visoko, Sarajevo, Bugojno, Prozor, Gornji Vakuf i Jablanica gathered on camping in Ostrožac. January, which is vacation time or beginning of new year for high school students, has become the beginning of new friendships for participants of "Walk this Way" camp.



They were introduced with important historical moments, and they talked about the current situation of young people in Jablanica with members of the Youth Club "Pod Istim Suncem" (Under the Same Sun). And of course, above all, they enjoyed the snowy winter idyll next to a beautiful Jablanica Lake.

"WAKE UP"

LT Stolac held action under the name "Wake Up", with the aim of helping the Home Health and social care for people with disabilities and other persons. Action consisted of the purchase of food and hygiene products which were delivered to the residents of the Home.

Sponsors of this project were local cafes, shops and hairdressers. After they brought the donation, they have spent some time with people who charmed them with their humor and positivity. They had amazing time with them, and the workers at the Home have introduced them to the problems of those people, their needs and style of life.



They received a gift in gratitude from wonderful people – a drawing of 'stećak' (tomb), symbol of Stolac, drawn by a resident of the Home.



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YOUTH BECOMING IMPORTANT LINK IN BIH REFORMS

Bosnia and Herzegovina is facing difficult several years filled with challenges on the reformation path that is now more certain than ever. They are all included in the document of the Reformation Agenda for Bosnia and Herzegovina, proposed by the European Union. Taxes and excises increase, decrease in the number of employed in the public sector, structural reforms in the field of labor legislation, strengthening of the fiscal system, public management system, improvement of the business climate and competition are only some of the segments of this document. If all of them are fulfilled, they should bring prosperity to our country, especially to youth, who, as it appears, decided to take matters into their own hands.

At the end of the last year, the first Youth Council of FBiH was formed in Sarajevo which, according to its members, is an umbrella institution for youth in the Federation of BiH in representing the interests of all youth. The main obligation of the Federal Youth Council is to act on strengthening of youth inclusion in the social life of the community and informing. The Council will be directly involved in the youth strategy implementation processes aiming to contribute to adoption and implementation of youth policy and programs of activities for youth that correspond best to youth requirements and issues, claims Mate Lončar, the President of the Youth Council of FBiH.



Formation of the Youth Council was designated by the Youth Law of FBiH and until this very day, the Institute for Youth Development KULT has worked on establishing sustainable youth structures with partnership organizations. "Since 2011, we have helped to form 46 municipal and 6 cantonal youth councils. We provided them with necessary counseling and mentorship. Today, through these municipal and cantonal councils, over 2,000 young people from the Federation of BiH are directly included in the activities of the Youth Council of FBiH as evidence of its democratic disposition" – emphasized Abela Purivatra from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

In BiH, 67.1% of young people are unemployed and four out of five would leave their country immediately. Mate Lončar claims that the Council is aware that unemployment is one of the greatest youth issues and adds that the solution to this problem will be seriously managed.

The problem of unemployment is included in the Federal Youth Strategy, which draft should soon be presented to the Federal MPs. The Strategy is created by the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports, and through the decision of the Government of FBiH, the Institute for Youth Development KULT was appointed as the expert and advisory support in the process. The youth engagement in this year, if the determined goals are fulfilled, will demonstrate that young people can be an equal partner to the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that it is possible to resolve the issues of youth in the country.

YOUTH STRATEGY DEVELOP SOON IN SARAJEVO CANTON

The position of youth in Sarajevo Canton can and must be improved. Representatives of both governmental and the civil sector are aware of this fact. That is why a meeting was held in the premises of the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton. The meeting was attended by Mr. Elvir Kazazović, the Minister of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton, Sifet Kukuruz, the Minister's Advisor and Lejla Lihovac, the Expert Associate on Youth Issues at the Ministry, along with representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

They generally arranged a cooperation at the meeting on developing Youth Strategy in this canton that should be completed by the end of this year.

Katarina Vučković and Belma Gijo, representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, introduced the attendants with previous experiences and activities of the Institute, referring to the improvement of the position of youth. Several models of strategy development were suggested and a general cooperation was arranged also for other fields that will lead to the improvement of the youth position in Sarajevo Canton.



Elvir Kazazović, the Minister of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton emphasized that he is aware of the importance of a strategic approach to youth. He stated that the Ministry is prepared to cooperate with both the Institute and youth, in order to create a document that will include youth issues and offer solutions, but also, as he highlighted, be adopted as soon as possible.

YOUNG MPs IN SARAJEVO CANTON ASSEMBLY VISIT INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT KULT

The Institute for Youth Development KULT was visited today by Mario Vukasović and Neira Avdibegović, representatives at the Parliamentary Assembly of Sarajevo Canton. Within their visit to the Institute, they learned more about the initiatives of the Institute for resolving the issue of youth unemployment, the political participation of youth, training officials for youth issues and expert associates on youth work, as well as about other initiatives for improvement of the position of youth through enacting strategic solutions and cooperation with authorities at all levels.



During this working visit, there was a discussion about possibilities for cooperation in the processes currently active in the Canton, during which guests and representatives of the Institute exchanged ideas and emphasized the importance of MPs' activities referring to the "open door" principle, in order to listen to the citizens' requirements and introduce them better with their work.

They also discussed legislation of strategic and legal solutions for youth which lack in Sarajevo Canton, in order for all youth in BiH to have equal possibilities, and to specify the youth policy in this canton.

Mario Vukasović, the representative at the Parliamentary Assembly of Sarajevo Canton, shown great interest in the activities implemented by the Institute and underlined the importance of mutual action of governmental and non-governmental sectors in this area. *"The primary focus of my activities is the area of*

education and youth problems in our country, but I am also ready to work and cooperate on all other relevant issues of citizens of the Canton. I believe that the Institute has presented itself as a reliable partner to the executive and legislative authority in the processes of improving the youth position and I sincerely hope that we will establish cooperation through concrete activities.”

These youth representatives will visit the Educational-Leisure Center for Youth SPAJALICA soon, where they will talk with youth. Their requirements, as Vukasović and Avdibegović claim, will be included in the parliamentary questions that will soon be presented to other MPs at the Parliamentary Assembly of Sarajevo Canton.

ORANGE DAY MARKED IN NATIONAL THEATER SARAJEVO; PREMIERE OF KRLEŽA’S “CROATIAN RHAPSODY”

Every 25th of the month is commemorated as Orange Day – the day of fighting violence against women and girls. The Institute for Youth Development KULT, with the support of the American Embassy in BiH, marked the 25th of January at the Sarajevo National Theater, at the premiere of the “Croatian Rhapsody” play by Miroslav Krleža. This play, directed by Gradimir Gojer, essentially focuses on the numerous anomalies in a society. After the play, the activists of the Institute for Youth Development KULT discussed this issue with the attendants, shared cupcakes made at Mehira Crnica "Dream Cookies" workshop, and the attendants were also able to see the exhibition of the academic painter Emina Kujundžić.



Every fifth woman in Bosnia and Herzegovina has experienced some form of violence during her lifetime. According to the data of the Agency for Gender Equality, 52.8% of women experienced a form of violence by the age of 15. Besides physical and psychological violence, women in BiH are in an unfavorable position in other fields as well, claims Mirela Ajanović from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

There are nine safe houses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as SOS telephone lines that are free and confidential. By marking the Orange Day, we wish to encourage women not to stay silent about their problems and state to the BiH society that there is a problem and that it has to be discussed.

“Previous month, we marked the Orange Day on the streets of the city of Sarajevo, and we decided to commemorate this one at the Theater. Basically, we wish to reach all layers of BiH society. We want to encourage women to look for help. What provides a special strength to our initiative is the fact that, on the same day and in the same symbolical manner, the anti-violence campaign is implemented all over the world, thanks to the Global UNiTE youth network, of which the Institute is a member. The Institute for Youth Development KULT will discuss the problem of violence against women and girls on a daily basis. In the following months, on the Orange Day, we will make campaigns similar to this one because no woman should be a victim of violence” – concluded Mirela Ajanović.

The Secretary General of UN declared every 25th of the month as Orange Day, a day of reminding about the importance of preventing, stopping and punishing violence against women and girls.



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DAILY WORKSHOPS

Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) has continued with its daily activities in January (after the holidays). Participants are divided into two groups, age 4-7 on work days from 11am to 1pm, while age 8+ is from 2pm to 3:30pm.

This month, 4-7 age group has made a lava lamp using oil, effervescent tablets and food coloring, as well as dream catchers made of wire and colored wool, as well as drawings with a topic 'my city' using acrylic paint and water colors. Their works are presented in the main hall of the Youth centre as a part of the exhibition.

Participants of the daily workshops have made origami boats, heart-shaped baskets and gift boxes, as well as self-portraits using felt-tip pens and crayons.

Also, on Mondays, both groups would learn basics of English using worksheets for learning and recognition of emotions, body parts and introducing with various animals.

Older group learned differences of grammar tenses through games and everyday conversations.



Learning was made easier this month also through singing, mime and music. The goal of the workshops is for children to develop their imagination and express their creativity by using various materials, and also to develop motor skills and mutual respect, as well as adopt manners. 30 participants have attended morning creative workshops during the January.

The afternoon group follows a different schedule each day, during which they try to encompass as many topics and activities as possible (age 8+). On Mondays, they are scheduled with English language, alphabet, pronunciation, as well as flash cards for practicing their vocabulary and sentence constructions.

On Tuesdays, they attend creative workshops themed with winter and winter joys, picture frames and creative expression through drawing and painting using acrylic paint, felt-tip pens, crayons and collage paper. Music workshop On Wednesdays, participants have a chance to learn basics of playing trumpet, guitar or piano and develop the ability to communicate and discuss rhythm, musical notes and different musical directions.

Thursday is sports day, when various ball games, introduction to basics of rugby, karate as well as drama workshop are organized. The group is divided to two smaller groups and participants have the possibility to choose sport or drama. Friday is a day for learning basics of German language, as well as helping with the homework.

Workshops are held at the Youth centre of Brčko District. Workshop coordinator in January was Asja Subašić, with the assistance of local, Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteers Jonas Kiesner, Anne Bonitz and Johanna Weng from Germany, and Isambard Rayner from Great Britain. The number of the older group participants is 20.



LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

English and German courses have continued in January. At the moment, 35 students are attending these courses and they are divided into three groups (Beginner 1, Beginner 2 for children and adults and Intermediate 1 for children).

Each group has 2 classes (ninety minutes for each) per week, and they are held in the premises of Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) and Youth Center of Brčko District. Age of students varies from 8 to 35.

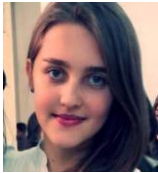
MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Samba Workshops

Participants have continued to play the compositions they practised, improvisation, as well as learning note values and reading of shorter musical notations.

All regular activities of Svitac (Firefly) are planned to be continued in February.





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+ YOUTH COUNCIL OF KLADANJ MUNICIPALITY - SEMINAR ABOUT YOUTH RIGHTS IN STUPARI

Youth Council of Kladanj Municipality held education for youth within "Seminar about Youth Rights" project, on December 28, 2015 in Elementary School Stupari.

Project is supported by Kladanj Municipality, by the Youth Strategy. Beside this project, there was a presentation about hate speech issue. Education on this topic was held by Ernada Avdibegović.



+ EXHIBITION: "RELIGIOUS OBJECTS OF KLADANJ ČARŠIJA (CENTER)"

Exhibition or better to say, witnesses of the rich history of our small center is the title of exhibit held on December 29, 2015 in the hall of House of Culture in Kladanj. It is a pleasure to attend every cultural event, especially when it is organized by our professors and students.

We are thankful to professors Rifet Rustemović i Beširović Nedžad, as well as grammar school students, Taindžić Azra, Selimbašić Amina, Karamuratović Dina and Salihović Ajdin.



Events like this, especially when led by young people give Kladanj hope for future. After all, the exhibition has shown that Kladanj always had modest people who made great deeds.

+ NO HATE – LOCAL TEAM KLADANJ

No hate section within Youth Circle Kladanj held the 17th activity on January 4, 2015, fighting against hate speech in society, especially between young people. The activity was focused on presentation "Online safety on the Internet" with specific turn on safety of women and girls. All praises go to Šerifa Buševac and Amina Mašić for excellent presentations. Activity coordinator was Ernada Avdibegović.

+ YOUTH COUNCIL OF KLADANJ MUNICIPALITY - ASSEMBLY

Youth council of the Kladanj municipality held a Seminar about rights of young people, as well as a regular Assembly where new leadership was elected.

New president was elected, Ismar Šahmanović, while the ex president Ernada Avdibegović held a lecture on Youth law, writing projects, and youth activism and she also gave participation certificates to the members of the Cultural association Mladost (Youth), Youth Circle Kladanj and Civitas.



HUMANITARIAN WORK



UAssociation Humanity at Work "Birra" Kladanj has, at its annual Assembly, published results of their work. The president Edita Ahmetspahić highlighted that, during the last four years, they have dispensed 23,000KM. The money was directed towards purchase of groceries, rent, school cards, help with the medical bills of the most vulnerable categories of the population.

Association is composed of 90 members and, by this occasion, we invite all citizens to join us and contribute to this humanitarian fund. We show our gratitude for transparent work. The point that the association still has no permanent premises was highlighted at the Assembly, as well as that they are working on the solution for the problem.



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EXPECTING HOLIDAYS

Citizen’s Association “Cool”, in cooperation with City Administration of Bijeljina and “Steko” Company, have decided to bring joy to children of Bijeljina by beautifying the city park. The activity of beautifying of the city for children consisted of production of billboards which were painted with their favourite animated characters.

On this occasion, we would like to thank the City Administration of Bijeljina, who has selflessly donated money for this activity to our children, company “Steko”, who donated materials, as well as our creative and talented youth from the Citizen’s association “Cool”, who have worked hard so our park could look better and more interesting during the holidays.



During this activity, a self-taught artist Danijel Vujanović has stood out and announced even more activities for the following holidays!



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+ H.O. “MERHAMET” DOBOJ ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY, 2016

- Representatives of the Youth council of Srebrenik municipality (project team), visited the H.O. “Merhamet” Doboj and the Youth Organization “Šesto čulo” (Sixth sense) Doboj on January 15, 2016. On this occasion, there was mentioning of implementation of common projects, accompanied by an unexpected, but excellent performance of Arijana Moranjić – head of the Dance school „Rebus“ Srebrenik.
- Distribution of bee-keeping equipment, as part of the Federal Ministry for Displaced Persons and Refugees of BiH. President of “Merhamet” Doboj, Avdić Faketa, has signed contracts with the users: Ismet Gredelj, Safeta Mahmutović, Edin Mahmutović and Suzana Ristić. The presentation was held for all users, where all intricacies of bee-keeping were colourfully explained.



- Distribution of humanitarian aid for members of “Merhamet” Doboj – January 23, 2016.
- President of „Merhamet” Doboj, Avdić Faketa, has attended the “Fair of success”, in organization of associations “Tolerance against differences” and “ToPeer” Doboj from January 28 to 30, at the grand hall of City Assembly Doboj.



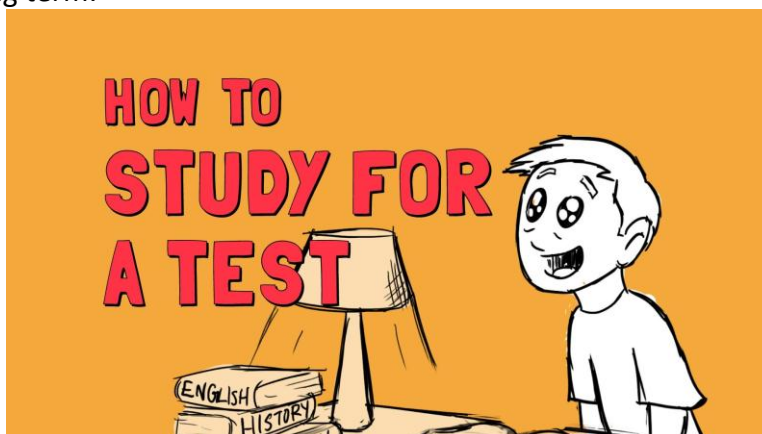
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EXAMANIA; HOW TO STUDY EFFICIENTLY - TIPS & TRICKS!

While we sing well known rhymes of Željko Samardžić's song "Zaustavite Januar" (Stop the January) and, as a real students, we become more and more aware of the horrible exams, followed by the holiday and new year's parties, countless reruns and hung-over exam attendances, here and there a desire awakens to pass an exam or two in the coming term.



In the ocean of the countless "tutorials" – *How to learn easily and effectively / Passing the exam with the best grade possible / Steps for Campaigners and similar* – we cannot read and not observe that, within all of these "tutorials", obligatory setting of deadlines are regularly set - a thing that a good student can and will never fulfil (because of various reasons, such as upcoming holiday parties, or "a new season of my favourite TV show is out" or "I'm up for another Lord of The Ring or Star Wars marathon"). Whatever the reason may be, it is easy to see that setting and respecting the deadline is a virtue that is practised at the elementary school, and definitely not during college years.



What should we do then to find another reason to get drunk in January? Even though the nearby student bar is always welcoming; no matter if we pass or fail the exam, we must acknowledge that a shot of brandy snifter on a student discount for 1KM (cca 60 RSD) is a lot sweeter when we pass the exam.

Now that we have solved the dilemma of real and good students, who in light of their obligations to themselves and the society, cannot learn on regular basis or worse - the night before the exam grab the "Guarana" from the fridge and mix it with Vodka (because it tastes much better than the "font size 8" of the student copy shop literature for the coming exam), only one solution remains:

size 8" of the student copy shop literature for the coming exam), only one solution remains:

A simple solution! Replace the cosmetics next to your toilet with the scripts that you have meticulously collected while drinking coffee, as well as on parties and festivities with your colleagues in early hours before midterms!

Statistically speaking, an average BiH student spends 15 minutes a day in a toilet and almost twice every day! This is more than enough time to read the scripts and to get acquainted with the material, instead of, for instance, learning of Romanian language on a packaging of the new hydration facial crème or puncturing holes in new packaging of toilet paper. – Yes, we do that, too.

Therefore, go to your senior colleagues and ask them to give you their lecture materials. A realistic price would be a pint of beer for a printed material, or I buy you a coffee when I see you if you get the materials via messenger or an e-mail. (Of course this coffee is student's myth and it is said that once someone had it in "Alta". Unfortunately, there were no witnesses and the one who drank it, went on master's degree in Sweden where they got married for a green card)

The next step is to clear all of unnecessary preparations which you used for learning the Finno-Ugric and Romanian languages, and then place all of your scripts in order, on a washing machine. A final step: when you go to the toilet, get comfortable and start reading your materials.

This method is successful only for students who do not use their tablets to watch their favourite TV show, because if that is the case – the 6th season of "Downton Abbey" is announced for January and you will probably have hard time choosing a script over a new episode.



INFORMATION / DONORS /CALLS

1. Robert Bosch Stiftung: financing for projects in fields of peace building and violence transformation

The number of internal conflicts and conflicts between nations has continued to increase in recent years. This trend is accompanied by a rising number of local, regional, and international conflict transformation initiatives. The need for targeted and timely support is therefore high.

Our aim is to support those projects that serve to facilitate conflict transformation in conflict (and post conflict) societies in different regions. As a result, projects are supported that focus on dealing with the past, including questions of transitional justice, mediation, human and minority rights, the unique role of digital technologies in conflict (and post conflict) societies, the way conflicts are reported on, and the role played by religion in conflicts.

We are particularly eager to support projects that make it possible to transfer good practice from one region or target group to another.

Grant applications looking to secure project funding of up to approximately €25,000 will be accepted throughout year.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/61514.asp>

2. Višegrad fond – Standard grants program

The standard grants program is used to support projects of medium duration (12 months), medium scale (minimum budget is 6,001 euro).

Each submitted project proposal, for which support will be granted, should connect persons or institutions from at least three countries of the Višegrad region (organizations from the countries of our region can also apply), and develop project activities in the field of culture, science and research, education, youth exchanges, CBC (possible are bi or trilateral projects) and the promotion of tourism.

The projects will receive funding in two tranches and the overall contribution of the Fund cannot exceed 80%. Within this fund, 2.2 million Euros are given every year with registration deadlines on March 15 and September 15.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1ZvIMrl>

Source:

http://www.civilnodrustvo.ba/vijesti/visegrad_fond_program_standardnih_grantova.html

3. Grant – National Endowment for Democracy NED

Each year, the National Endowment for Democracy supports hundreds of civil society organizations that work on improvement of democratic goals and strengthening of democratic institutions. In 2012, NED funded around 1,236 projects in 92 countries around the world. The amount of grants varies, depending on the size and scope of the project, and the average financial lasts about 12 months and is \$ 50,000.

NED finances only civil society organizations, including: organizations, associations, independent media, and other similar organizations.

NED encourages application of organizations working in different environments, including the newly created democratic systems, semi-authoritarian countries and countries in democratic transition.

NED does not give grants to individuals, government institutions, schools and universities.

Info: <http://bit.ly/1Qv3N4T>

Source:

http://www.civilnodrustvo.ba/vijesti/grant_nacionalna_zaklada_za_demokratiju_nedhtml

4. Public Call for support of cross-borders cooperation projects

The National Agency for Regional Development announces a public call for support of cross-border cooperation (CBC) projects, through financing of applicants/partners participations.

The goal of the program is to support institutions and organizations from Serbia in applying for cross-border cooperation and thus strengthening regional competitiveness through the implementation of mutual projects, as well as institutional sustainability in creation and implementation of projects.

The CBC programs are an instrument of the European Union for support of the cooperation of institutions and organizations in the border regions of neighboring countries.

Cross-border / territorial cooperation programs provide financial support to cooperation of mentioned areas which address issues of common interest. These programs have been implemented from the beginning of the 90s, but since 2004 the programs of territorial cooperation included countries that are not members of the EU, and this is the time when the Republic of Serbia was included. The current programs of cross-border and transnational cooperation are part of the 2014-2020 financial perspectives and they have multiple significance, because they help institutions in Serbia to meet and work in accordance with structural funds' rules that apply to EU Member States.

Bearing in mind the growing importance of cross-border / territorial cooperation on the one hand, and the growing interest of institutions and organizations from Serbia for inclusion in those programs on the other hand, the National Agency has prepared a program of support for cross-border cooperation projects in the form of co-financing of participation (contribution) of project partners from Serbia. It is six CBC programs from the financial period (perspective) 2014 - 2020, as follows:

- Hungary-Serbia;
- Romania-Serbia;
- Bulgaria-Serbia;
- Croatia-Serbia;
- Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Serbia-Montenegro.

Through the Support Program NARR, it is possible to apply for co-financing of projects that would be supported through the above mentioned programs, open at the time of publication of the call, as well as for those who will be open for the duration of the public invitation.

The individual amount of co-financing-participation NARR cannot exceed 10% of the investment in the project for each partner-applicant from Serbia.

Project should be directed to reaching specific goals:

- strengthening of the MSPP competitiveness;
- creation of new and preservation of existing working places;
- improvement of MSPP abilities for accessing various sources of funding;
- improvement of the labor force quality;
- Support to development of education for entrepreneurship;
- improvement of the efficiency of institutional business support and development of MSP and entrepreneurship;
- optimization and improvement of the utilization level of existing, and construction of new business infrastructures;
- strengthening innovation in MSPP;
- stimulation of business associations and the creation of value chains;
- internationalization of MSPP;
- support to women's entrepreneurship, youth entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship;
- support to balanced regional development;
- improvement and strengthening cooperation with institutions of neighboring countries, both at central and local levels;
- promotion of the importance of joining the EU for the development of competitiveness of MSPP;
- Improvement of cooperation between public and private sector projects.

Total amount of available funds: 45.000.000 RSD.

The public call is open until the funds are available, that is, until the end of calendar 2016.

For more information and documentation, visit: narr.gov.rs

Source: <http://socijalnoukljucivanje.gov.rs/rs/javni-poziv-za-podrsku-projektimaprekogranicne-saradnje-rok-31-12-2016/>

5. 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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Remark: Applications and questions should be written in English.

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