

Dear Friends,



We present you the March issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, at this moment, gathers **181** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** cities/municipalities/places 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.)

If you want to be on our mailing list for next issues of monthly informative bulletin, or if you have any questions or suggestions, contact us. The monthly issue can be found, together with former editions, on the webpage of Youth Network of BIH:

<http://www.omladina-bih.net>

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## ORC / HCA ACTIVITIES IN MARCH, 2016



# Anna Lindh Fondacija Bosanskohercegovačka mreža

### “Culture Fair” Project



The Anna Lindh Foundation has, within its public call for “Intercultural action network” in BIH, supported the project "Culture Fair" of Youth Theatre DIS Banja Luka, with partners: Association Enter Vitez, Proni Brčko, Prosvjeta Višegrad and ORC.

Within this project, "Cultural Fair" festival was held from March 31 to April 3, in Banja Luka. During the festival, there were four evening performances, festival films review (Tuzla Film Festival - Festival of South Slavic film), four performances of theater's young talents, exhibitions, workshops, exchange of cultural offerings, educational workshops, panel discussions, interviews with and without cause, colorful entertainment and

more... The entrance was free.

The festival gathered a large number of young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina and neighboring countries, which, during these four days, had the opportunity to show their theatre skills to the audience, but also to learn something during educational and theater workshops, to watch good films and - the most important - have fun.

### ✚ Cross-Border Citizen's Network For Peace, Reconciliation & Human Security in Balkans



## Claim!

CITIZEN'S NETWORK FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND HUMAN SECURITY

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, Center for Research, Documentation and Publication Kosovo, and Youth Resource Center Tuzla. The project is supported by the European Union.

During March, we worked on the preparation for publication of the research results which was conducted earlier. We also worked on the preparation of a consultative meeting of stakeholders, which will be held in Tuzla, on April 8 this year. The purpose of this consultative meeting is presentation of the project and research results, and consideration of assumptions and possibilities for future activities (2016-2017) in a possible joint action, which could contribute to increasing the safety of young people in collective centers and improving the situation of these young people's lives. The meeting is expected to gather about 20 participants - representatives of relevant ministries of FBiH, RS and Brčko District BIH, as well as representatives of municipal departments and representatives of institutions dealing with displaced people and refugees.

## Partnership Project– “Divided past – joint future”



The aim of the international partnership project is to strengthen regional cooperation and capacity in order to increase the credibility, political participation and effectiveness in advocating the prevention of radicalization, as well as facilitating inter-ethnic dialogue in the Western Balkans and Turkey, through the implementation of interacting approach which will encourage social reconstruction. The carrier of the project is Youth Communication Centre (OKK) Banja Luka, and partners are 17 NGO's from: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Austria, Macedonia, Turkey, Croatia, Netherlands, Kosovo, Slovenia and Albania. The project is funded by the European Union, and during the four years of the project, a number of activities will be organized.

Within this project, there was a preparatory meeting of partners, organized by OKC Banja Luka, from March 22 to 23, in Banja Luka. Contracts were signed at the meeting,

and guidelines for further work were also defined. Miralem Tursinović attended the meeting as a representative of ORC Tuzla. More information about activities in future can be found on our website: [www.omladina-bih.net](http://www.omladina-bih.net) and in newsletters and mailing lists.

## ORC Tuzla Youth Group

### FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuzla has proved once again the status of city with the lowest rate of discrimination, thanks to our hard-working youth who organized a football tournament for their fellow citizens under the name „Football for everyone“. This tournament gathered eight best university and high school student teams, which competed for the title of the best team of the tournament.



Well-deserved first place went to the team of the Tuzla Student's Union, which defeated Medical Faculty team in the finals. Another beautiful story and kind message were sent from our city to Bosnia and Herzegovina! Say no to discrimination, discrimination, because "Football is for everyone"!

Catholic School Centre "St. Francis" Tuzla was co-organizer of the event, and we would like to thank the management of the school on this occasion. The tournament was supported by "Football against homophobia" organization.

► **“POD LUPOM” (UNDER THE MAGNIFIER) COALITION**



Coalition "Pod Lupom" (Under the Magnifier) organized training for peer educators from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina from March 18 to 20 in Teslić, on the occasion of the elections, which will be held in October this year. Educators, who are now trained to work with youth on the topic of elections, will educate 15,000 young people through 672 interactive workshops during April throughout BIH. One of the participants of the training was the coordinator of our youth group, Slobodan Blagovčanin.

► **ECO PSYCHIATRY**

Significant youth action was organized on March 19 at the psychiatric clinic of University Clinical Centre Tuzla. The action gathered more than 100 students and young people from Tuzla, who began the ECO action by cleaning the area of Psychiatry, located in Tuzla settlement Solina.

The action was organized by the Department of Psychiatry of UCC Tuzla, in cooperation with youth NGOs from our city.

One of the organizers of the campaign was the Youth Resource Center Tuzla.



► **INFO DAY ABOUT EU ERASMUS+ YOUTH PROGRAM**

Info day about the European Union Erasmus + youth program was organized on March 29, 2016 at the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organizer of the info days was centre for youth development "PRONI" Brčko, in cooperation with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The event gathered more than 60 young people from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Youth Resource Center Tuzla was represented by Adi Selman and Slobodan Blagovčanin.



► FIRST STEPS CONFERENCE



First STEPS Conference was held on March 31, 2016, in the hall of Bosnian Cultural Centre Tuzla. The conference was organized by the citizens' association "Multi" Tuzla, in cooperation with the Faculty of Economics of University of Tuzla and Tuzla Community Foundation.

The conference was attended by about 300 young people, university and high school students. Representatives of the Youth Group from Youth Resource Centre were: Jasmina Begović, Adi Selman and Admir Isanović.

STEPS aimed at the positive stories of successful people from different spheres of life inspiring young people to develop their entrepreneurial spirit, and to become respectable members of society tomorrow as successful businessmen and entrepreneurs.

Speeches were held, among others, by: Safet Kozarević, Emir Bašić, Edin Mehić, Armin Talić, Alija Kamber, Tamara Efendić-Spahić, Omer Bakalović, Admir Čavalić, Jan-Zlatan Kulenović.

+ YOUTH INTRODUCTION!

**MUHAREM GAŠI**



*Muharem Gaši graduated from Faculty of Economics, Management Department - field of management of non-profit sector. He considers himself an objective, ambitious and responsible person with excellent communication and professional skills developed during education and selfless work in the NGO sector. He is one of the first members of the ORC Youth Group, he participated in numerous actions, campaigns, and other activities (trainings, education, seminars, etc.). He is a dedicated fan of Galatasaray and one of the most complaisant persons in the group.)*

**NEDIM OSMANOVIĆ**



*Nedim Osmanović is 18 years old, born and living in Tuzla. He has a strong passion for contribution to the society he lives in. He is a volunteer and member of numerous non-governmental organizations. His first volunteering experiences, trainings and seminars have started in the Youth Group of ORC Tuzla. Nedim has graduated from "Meša Selimović" Grammar school, but he has also done a successful vocational re-training, graduating from the Medical School in Tuzla. By working with Youth Group of Youth Resource Centre Tuzla, Nedim has successfully implemented many campaigns, seminars and trainings.*

#### **ORC AND HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES:**

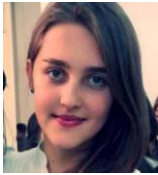
During March, as a part of our regular activities, we worked on the maintenance and development of communication and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina ([www.omladina-bih.net](http://www.omladina-bih.net)). Within this, we have daily, to the mailing list of the network ([posta@omladina-bih.net](mailto:posta@omladina-bih.net)), and also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, 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 applications for projects for this year.

## HCA/ORC PLANS FOR APRIL, 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” (continuation on research publishing; 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 NETWORK MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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### + POETRY EVENING ON "QUILL OF LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD"

On the occasion of 21 March, on Memorial Day Poetry, No Hate Lt Kladanj organized a poetry evening on March 21, World Poetry Day. Young people recited several poems written by domestic and international authors, and those with musical talent have played a few songs. Compliments go to Anes Hidić and Amina Mašić.



### + LOT HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES VISITED KLADANJ MUNICIPALITY



Representatives of the Turkish military mission, members of EUFOR's "LOT TEAM" stationed in Zavidovići, visited Kladanj municipality on March 17, where they held a meeting with the Municipal Mayor, Jusuf Čavkunović.

### + MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF DISABLED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

In March, a meeting was held with representatives of Disability Sports Alliance of Tuzla Canton and disabled sports and recreation NGO of Kladanj municipality. The meeting was held in the office of municipality mayor, Jusuf Čavkunović.

### + MR. DAMIR EF. BABAJIĆ: "MY VIEW OF LIFE FROM WHEELCHAIR" BOOK PROMOTION

Promotion of book "My view of life from wheelchair", written by Mr. Ef. Damir Babajić, was held on March 25, 2016, in the lobby of the House of Culture in Kladanj. Damir Babajić is a young man who, at one point of his life, lost the most valuable thing one can have - HEALTH. The book was welcomed with a great response from citizens, especially young people.

## + KLADANJ ENTERED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Municipality Kladanj has a great potential in the wood industry, and in the indigenous manufacture. The municipality has entered a program officially named **IFAD 6**, which aims to develop agriculture and rural areas of the municipality.

## + “THE ROLE OF WOMAN IN PEACE-BUILDING” – ROUND TABLE

“The role of woman in peace-building” was the topic of the round table held on March 10, 2016 in Kladanj, on the occasion of International Women's Day.

More than 30 participants of the round table brought to their families and work places some of the messages that have been addressed by introductory speakers Zlatiborka Popov Momčinović, professor of political science at the University of East Sarajevo, and interreligious project coordinator at the Center for Education and Research CEI Sarajevo, Azra Ibrahimović.

## + AWARDS FOR BEST ATHLETE OF 2015



Awards for the best athlete of Kladanj municipality in 2015 were held on Friday, March 11, 2016 in the hall of Culture House in Kladanj. The awards were organized by Athletics association of Kladanj municipality. The title of best female athlete for 2015 went to Ilma Čučak, and the best male athlete in 2015 was Adi Bajić.



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### + CEREMONIAL ACADEMY



Members of the local team Živinice held a ceremonial academy on March 18, 2016, in the Blue hall of Bosnian Cultural Centre in Živinice. Maida Nuhanović filed a suitable address; associates were given letters of thanks for their support, while the most active members of the local team Živinice got certain awards. Naida Nuhanović was the highlight of promotion of positive stories. She read a poignant story about the professor Alma Šahbegović, emphasizing her virtues as a specialist of teaching and a woman who understands young people. Professor replied and said that her stay among the students was the most beautiful thing in her life. Solo vocalists Džana Trumić and

Adnan Džekić participated in the entertaining program of the event.

### + HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FORUM BANJA LUKA



Usudi se, (pri)druži se!

Forum of high school students was held on March 27, 2016, in the amphitheater of the Youth Centre in Banja Luka. The Forum was organized by the Association of high school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASuBiH). The aim of the forum was to promote active young people in Banja Luka, who achieved considerable success with selfless efforts, and will thus motivate other young people around them to work and progress.



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Lokalni tim Banja Luka  
Asocijacija srednjoškolaca u BiH

### + GLOBAL MONEY WEEK

ASuBiH joined Global Money Week project as the only organization from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is being implemented fifth year in a row on the initiative of Child & Youth Finance International organization.

Global Money Week (GMW) is held from March 14 to 20, 2016. Various financial education workshops will be held around our beautiful planet (more than 100 countries) with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of financial education of youth. The GMW was attended by local teams: Breza, Brčko, Fojnica, East Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Prozor-Rama, Tuzla, Goražde and Ilijaš.



## + DISCRIMINATION WALL

This is the project which aims to draw attention to the seriousness of the discrimination issue in our society, but also to influence youth minds and their understanding of diversity, and the elimination of all forms of prejudices. The symbolic demolition of the "wall" written out by discrimination quotes under the slogan "Destroy the wall - build peace", was the central activity of the project which is being implemented in seven local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and which is organized by the German Youth Foundation "Schüler Helfen Leben".

On the wall of discrimination, participants wrote most common words of abuse and discrimination which can be heard in schools and on streets, too. This is just a symbolic act that certainly will not immediately change things and relationships between people, but will help people to consider the words that could be addressed to them and which could be excluded from our society for the purpose of mutual tolerance and community.



Local teams who participated in this project are: East Sarajevo and Gračanica, and informal groups of Novi Travnik, Mostar and Gradačac.

LOCAL TEAM - BANJA LUKA

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## + FROM IDEA TO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS



Members of Local teams Sarajevo and East Sarajevo attended the training "From idea to successful business" on March 13, 2016, organized by Burch University.

## + STRATEGIC MEETING

The second strategic meeting of the "Friends without borders 2" was held on March 4, 2016. The participants were gathered in the premises of the Faculty of Education in Travnik, where they gradually prepared plans for the exchange that will take place from May to August, 2016. The meeting was ended on March 6. Recapitulation of impressions has begun, as well as intensive work on organization of the exchanges.

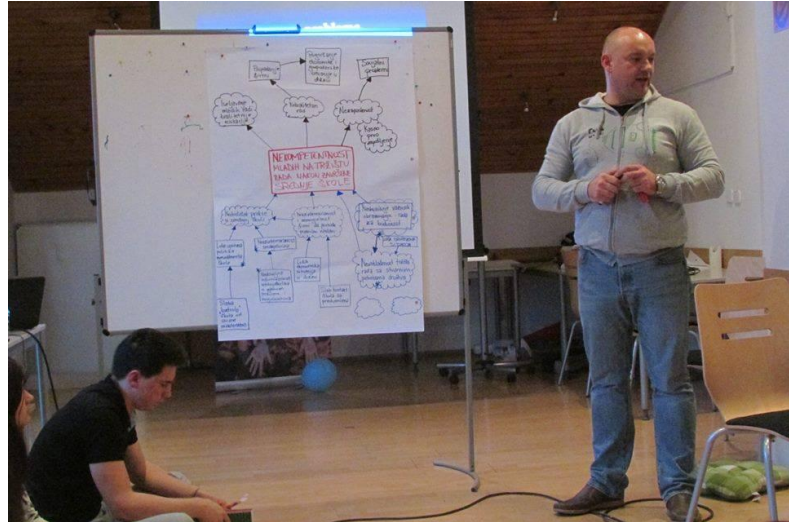
"Friends without borders" is a project that involves the exchange of high school students in 14 cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and it is based on a three-day exchange of "homestay" character. US Embassy is the main donor of the project and they will provide travel expenses, food and pocket money. Local



teams have a task to perform local fundraising not only from municipalities, but also from sole proprietors. This way, each local community should provide an additional 300BAM for this activity.

### ✚ POWER UP

Power Up Seminar was held from February 26 to 29 and it was organized by Schuler Helfen Leben BiH for 17 members of ASuBiH. The seminar covered topics of communication and presentation skills, proposal writing and project management. The seminar was held by Ilija Trninić. We believe that the skills and knowledge acquired by members will contribute to faster development of the Association of High school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina.





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### ✚ SECOND ASSEMBLY OF VIPK

II Assembly of the "Volunteers and friends of Konjic region" (VIPK) was held on March 1, in the main hall of House of Scouts. It was attended by members and friends of the association from Konjic. Prior to the host of regular annual meeting, on the occasion of March 1, Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina, members payed tribute to the martyrs and fallen soldiers of Konjic by placing flowers and a minute of silence. After the national anthem of Bosnia and Herzegovina, members discussed 13 agenda items. Delegates adopted the Annual Report for 2015, the financial report and work program for 2016, and elected Amina Sultanić, Muamer Lavić, Haris Sultić and Muamera Tabak for new members of the Assembly.



By submitting report to the Assembly, Chairman of the Board Adis Muhibić noted a great progress in work since the last meeting, which was held in February last year, and said that the assembly was joined by 23 young people, which is an evidence of the increased interest in civic activism and volunteer work for benefit of the community in Konjic. In the past year, progress is evident also in initiation of activities and provision of ideas for the work of the association. Thus, 20 members initiated 146 ideas, of which 72 were successfully implemented. Membership education was conducted through 35 different seminars, training and workshops throughout the country, with the participation of 25 members, of which 6 were certified.

We received letters of thanks for cooperation from Coalitions for Free and Fair Elections "Pod Lupom" (Under the Magnifier) and the Association of Civil Victims of War of Konjic municipality, and recognition for "Champions of volunteerism" from the US Embassy in Sarajevo.

Our activists gave statements to TV and radio stations last year, and 6 web portals wrote about our work, from which we would like to highlight the article written by Goran Sarić, entitled "VIPK - a recipe of success", published on the page of respectable organization PEN Center BiH.

While speaking about further activities VIPK, Vice President of the Board, Almedina Kašić emphasized that the activists of our association will always be reachable to vulnerable citizens in need who seek help at our address.

We will give our full contribution to the selection of a new NGO representative in Konjic, unlock process in the formation of the Youth Council of Konjic, and together with prof. Dubravko Lovrenović, start a mutual battle through the newly formed Foundation "Mahir and Aleksa" against peer bullying in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This year, we will mark a kind of jubilee, the first ten years of success by promoting a brochure, created by the editorial team of our Association.

At the end of the meeting, Elvira Ćosić, the President of the Assembly, acknowledged the valuable work and presented certificates of gratitude to our donors, friends and most successful members of the association.

On this occasion, certificates for generous financial, moral and friendly support in the work of the Association were given to: PD Igman Konjic, NGO Altruist "Svjetlo" (Light) Sarajevo, Elementary School Seonica Konjic, Sejad Hakalović, Kemal Bešić, Minela Lavić, Huso Čilić, Dževad Kadić, Slađana Milunović and Nermin Halilović. Gratitude for friendly support of the work on principles of humanism and solidarity was expressed to Suad Golubić, Mirsada Greda, Vahid Delalić and the Association "Zajedno za naš Grad" (Together for our town) from Mostar.

Also, we thanked for remarkable cooperation and contribution to Association to: Almedina Kašić, Samra Alebić, Irma Kurtić, Amina Sultanić, Azra Šehić, Mirsad Čukle, Nejla Karkelja, Endi Omeragić, Ramiza Tabak, Mustafa Kurtić, Zuhra Omerović, Sanela Muhibić and Elvira Ćosić,. The Assembly, by self-decision, awarded its president Adis Muhibić for ten years of successful leadership.

#### **+ LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR DIALYSIS PATIENTS OF KONJIC AND JABLANICA**



Dialysis patients Association Konjic-Jablanica marked World Kidney Day on March 9, with the help Hemodialysis Centre of General Hospital Konjic,volunteers and other friends. Key speakers were Smail Boloban, president of the Association, Dr. Indira Španja, Head of Hemodialysis Centre Konjic, Adis Muhibić, president of the Association "VIPK" (VIFR), as well as other members of the Association of dialysis patients and guests of the forum. Tomislav Žuljević, president of the Association of dialysis and transplant patients of FBiH, sent a letter of support to the Association. Three high school students Adna Hakalović, Selma Teletović, Seida Boloban and councilor of the Municipal Council Konjic, Amira Temin (SDP),

had poignant discussions, where they invited politicians, and society as a whole, for more understanding, solidarity and support to these patients. On this occasion, Ms. Temin, together with Laida Opančić, expressed her desire to sign a donor card, what was welcomed with applaud. On behalf of the Association of VIPK, one of the organizers of the forum, President Muhibić, among other things, said that VIPK, as civil society organization, is fighting for human rights and dignity in Konjic. "We are honored to be of help and benefit to those people, to help them in the process of re-registration, connection with the Federal Alliance and the inclusion in the municipal budget."

#### **+ VIPK COMMAND POST DRILL PARTICIPATION: FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

An interactive command post / simulation drill was held from March 1 to 3, 2016, at Jahorina. It was organized by the OSCE Mission in BiH in cooperation with the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the support of the US Embassy in Sarajevo. Almedina Kašić, member of the VIPK Team for fight against hatred "PeaceBuilding", has actively participated in the simulation drill to determine the modalities of how Bosnia and Herzegovina can meet the security challenges posed by violent extremism.

### + VIPK AT ROUND TABLE ABOUT EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

On March 3, 2016, a round table was held in Sarajevo, on the topic "Employment in public administration with particular reference to the application of legal principles", which was attended by a member of VIPK Mirsad Čukle from Konjic.

### + KONJIC: 500 CITIZENS SIGN PETITION FOR EXEMPTION OF HEALTH PARTICIPATION TO SOCIALLY VULNERABLE GROUPS



About 500 citizens of Konjic raised their voice on March 23 by signing the petition "Health is a right, not a privilege". They sought the legislative and executive authority of HNK to adjust cantonal legislation with the Federal Decision on Participation by signing the petitions online and 'offline'. Politicians in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton do not respect the decision of the Federal Parliament in 2009, at which fifteen social categories are exempted from payment of participation in health care, because they charge participation to children up to fifteen years, as well as the disabled people, postpartum women and pensioners who have over 65 years. Although legal provisions define categories of citizens who are exempted from participation for health care services, four cantons (HNK, TK, ZHK and SBK) by retaining costs of participation as obligatory, refuse to obey the law. This campaign is conducted throughout the FBiH, and activities in Konjic have been implemented by NGOs (members of health network), Partnership for Health, ICVA, Volunteers and Friends of Konjic region and the Association of dialysis patients Konjic.





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### ✚ “BE A MAN” CLUB ON MARCH 8

On the occasion of the International Woman’s Day, the members of “Be a Man” Club from Banja Luka, Sarajevo and Mostar handed small boxes with biographies of girls and women making positive changes in our country.

CARE International organized the action on International Woman’s Day, together with “Be a Man” clubs from Mostar, Banja Luka and Sarajevo and partner organizations: Youth Power, Institute for development of youth and community Perpetuum Mobile and the Association XY.

Girls and boys from three cities – Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar, have planned the action together with the aim of promotion of girls and women who are making positive changes in local communities, as well as in the whole country. Members of “Be a Man” clubs have made small boxes with congratulation messages of the International Women's day and they placed short biographies of 20 girls/women from BiH. Over 1000 boxes were handed out to the citizens of Banja Luka who were on Krajina Square.

Young people from these clubs were also a part of Osmomarš (Eighth march), which was organized in order to highlight numerous challenges and problems that women in our country face today.

A reminder: International Women's day (Women's day in short) is marked annually on March 8. On this day, we celebrate economical, political and social accomplishments of women. First Women's day was marked on February 28, 1909, in the USA, when the American Socialist Party adopted the declaration. Among other relevant historic events, it commemorates the fire in the Triangle Shirtwaist factory in New York in 1911, which killed over 140 women.

This activity is part of “Promotion of healthy lifestyle among BiH while challenging gender stereotypes” project. This project is supported by the Swiss government and the OAK Foundation, and it is implemented with the support of CARE International, Balkans.



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Youth Association New vision has realized numerous activities during March, among which the most interesting one was the marking of two years of Nova Vizija's educational workshops. Festive educational workshop "Exposure of youth to challenges of the modern age and how to recognize the risk" marked two years of workshops, which began on March 17, 2014, as a part of the project "Eco awakening of the city of Youth". There are numerous educational workshops behind our visionaries, ranging in fields of ecology, human rights, violence prevention, communication, etc. We will continue with these contents in the future.

During February, members of Nova Vizija have, with the support of young people from the city, realized a street performance of destruction of the discrimination wall, realized within a project "ZID" (WALL) in five cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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During March, members of Nova Vizija have, aside from workshops in Youth centre, realized educational workshops in the Mixed Secondary School of Novi Travnik. There were 22 workshops with first and second grade students, as a part of the project "Promotion of healthy lifestyle among BIH youth while challenging gender stereotypes", supported by Care International.

Numerous activities are planned for April, such as educational ecological field trip for youth, workshops, eco actions...



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### ✚ THROUGH CHANGES OF LAW ON VAT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the purpose of helping the economy by improvement of the existing business management systems, the Institute for Youth Development KULT, together with the members of the Network for creating a better business environment in BIH, advocated introduction of changes in the Law on Value Added Tax, according to which the taxpayers would pay the VAT after charging for the provided services and delivered goods, not after issuing the bill.

One of the first steps was the organization of the Round table on the topic "Supplements and amendments of Law on VAT – Introducing the system of charging VAT according to collected receivables", held on March 10 at the "Sarajevo" Hotel in Sarajevo.



The deadlines for paying VAT to the state have to be prolonged to the last day of the month, as concluded at the Round Table. An Economic Expert and Round Table panelist Svetlana Cenić added that the changes in the taxation system have to be approached strategically and at the level of changing the whole financial system in BIH. This primarily indicates, as she highlighted, to change the VAT system in distribution and the Law on Fiscal Liability. It is necessary, she added, to coordinate the fiscal system at state level and with tax and geodetic administrations.

According to the current Law on Value Added Tax, taxpayers are obliged to submit a return and pay the VAT from 1st to 10th of each month on completion of the tax period, regardless of whether or not they have charged their goods-and-services-based demands, which leaves many of the business subjects insolvent.

Strengthening of the economy is necessary for the economic prosperity of BIH and the development of small and medium companies represents precisely an opportunity for youth.

As Jasmin Bešić, the Executive Director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, emphasized, the Institute has so far been working very successfully on development and implementation of solutions that contribute to the improvement of the social position of youth. "Considering that economic issues are the source of most youth issues, the Institute wants to include professional and other public in dialogue related to creating a better business site in BIH, not just for youth, but also for all entrepreneurs" added Bešić.

By introducing changes in the Law on VAT, the development of small and medium entrepreneurship can be additionally motivated, along with the improvement of the investment climate.

The Round Table was attended by representatives of the Indirect Taxation Administration, members of BIH Parliament, economic representatives, academic and NGO sector representatives and representatives of other relevant organizations and institutions.

The Round Table was organized as a part of the "BH Business Site" initiative, managed by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which is a part of Civil Society Sustainability Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP),

realized by the Centers of Civil initiatives (CCI), Center for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCD) and supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

### ✚ **“YOU HAVE TO FIGHT!” - AIDA HADŽIALIĆ, EDUCATION MINISTER IN SWEDISH PARLIAMENT**



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Institute for Youth Development KULT organized a gathering for youth – Coffee Time with... Aida Hadžialić, one of the youngest Ministers in the history of Sweden and a row model for many young people today.

On this occasion, youth presented numerous challenges they are facing in Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Minister Hadžialić, who offered potential solutions to these problems by presenting examples from the Swedish system, mostly in the area of education.

As she emphasized during the gathering, the main strength is in youth. She also stated that

Sweden faced numerous crises, but that youth were the ones who helped in the overcome of the issues. As she said, they have done it through their education, retraining and active participation in social activities.

The Minister also discussed the model of education in Sweden and its possible implementation in the Balkans, and also the implementation of practicing more frequent meetings with youth representatives. According to her words, she meets with youth as a Minister once every two months.

On the question of whether the changes of the existing system in Bosnia and Herzegovina can generate successful youth, the Minister replied: “You must fight! You should be aware that you are responsible for your own life and that there are no excuses. You must find solutions and fight to succeed”.

Aida Hadžialić was born in 1987 in Foča, but moved to Sweden as a 5-year-old. She is a lawyer by profession, and engaged in politics when she was 16. She is also a member of the Social-Democratic Union, and had performed the function of Deputy Mayoress of Halmstad before she started performing the function of the state Minister of Education.

### ✚ **“IT IS HARD, BUT THE OBSTACLES CAN BE OVERCOME” – WOMEN ON WORLD DAY AGAINST VIOLENCE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Activists of the Institute for Youth Development KULT, with the support of the American Embassy in BIH, marked the Orange Day - Day of fighting against violence over women and girls by premiere projection of the film "S(HE)?" at "Cinema City" Multiplex in Sarajevo, representing women from our society as brave heroines of everyday life.



“We made this film to express our thanks to all women, the magnificent heroines. Thus we wish to prove to them that we absolutely appreciate what they are doing. We wish to emphasize the importance of their lives, because heroism is something that comes naturally to them. Finally, they brought us to this world, but we sadly take them for granted often. Let us give them what they truly deserve. Gratitude, respect and endless love” – stated Mirela Ajanović from the Institute for Youth Development KULT. The women whose life stories were the topic of the film “S(HE)?” attended the projection.

“We are happy that someone decided to provide an opportunity for women who are not public personae to tell their life stories, because we have something to say. We will continue to fight in order to take our corresponding position in the society” – stated the actors of the film.

An event was organized after the projection, for women from all spheres to exchange experiences and discuss the obstacles they encounter on daily basis.

According to the data of the Agency for Gender Equality, 52.8% of women suffered some form of violence. Even though there are certain statistical data, it is difficult to refer to concrete numbers.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT, with the support of the American Embassy in Sarajevo, organizes the "Orange voices for gender equality" project. One of the aims of the project is to mark Orange Day on every 25th of the month by promoting and lobbying for gender equality, commemorating and fighting violence over women and girls and raising public awareness of this problem.

The UN Secretary General declared the 25th of each month as “Orange Day”, the day of reminding of importance on preventing, stopping and punishing violence over women and girls.

### **UNA SANA CANTON WORKS ON CREATION OF YOUTH STRATEGY**

The training for the Una-Sana Canton Working Group, which is in charge of the process of developing the Youth Strategy in the Canton, was organized in Bihać.

It is commendable that the Working Group has managed to take several important steps since the beginning of December last year, when a cooperation agreement was signed in the process of developing the Strategy between the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Una-Sana Canton Government. The analyses of states in the youth sector in institutions have already been conducted, and potential strategic goals of the Youth Strategy were also discussed.

Along with the Working Group members, the training was attended by representatives of Una-Sana Canton Youth Council and the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which has been providing the expert and advisory support in the process.

The Strategy should be soon presented to the Government of FBiH. The purpose of enacting the Strategy is to improve the position of youth in the Una-Sana Canton through creating appropriate conditions for a better and more efficient dialogue and an even more functional coordination of actors responsible for youth issues in the Canton.

The Strategy is being implemented for the first time, for the period of 2016-2020. Members from 18 FBiH institutions were involved in the draft creation of the project.





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### ✚ DAILY WORKSHOPS



Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) has continued its daily activities in March. Participants are divided into two groups, age 4-7 (every day from 11am to 1pm, and age 8+ (from 2pm to 3:30pm). Younger group has made collages on topic of animals and fables (ladybug, mouse, elephant, rabbit) using water colours, coloured pencils and acrylic paint, as well as cotton wool, glue, cardboard and collage paper. Participants of the daily workshops have also made figurines out of dough using water colours, paper airplanes and flying balloons. On Thursdays, morning group has learned and repeated numbers from 1 to 6, using worksheets for colouring. They have started learning the text of the song "Children decorate the world", and they made greeting cards for their parents. The

goal of these activities was for children to develop their imagination, express their creativity by using different materials, also to develop their motor skills, respect towards other people and acquire nice behaviour. In February, around 25-30 participants have attended the morning creative workshops.

Afternoon group follows a different schedule for each day, trying to encompass as many themes and activities as possible. (Age 8+) Mondays we have scheduled English, alphabet, pronunciation and flash cards activities were on Mondays. Older group has learned about the differences of grammar tenses and passive and they practiced daily communication through games. On Tuesdays, we had creative expression on topic of 3D drawing, numerous figurines made of flour and creative expressions through drawing and painting using felt tip pens, coloured pencils and acrylic and collage paper. Wednesday was time for music workshop, where the participants have a chance to learn basics of theory of music and musical instruments (trumpet, guitar or a piano), to develop communication and dialogue skills on theme of rhythm, music notes and various musical directions. On Thursdays, we had sports day, where we organized various ball games, introduced the basics of rugby and karate. Participants of theatre workshop had fun with magic tricks and new sketch (Carius and Bacterius). The group is divided into two smaller groups and the participants have the option to choose between sports or theatre.

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. Slađana Bašić was the coordinator of the workshops during March, with the assistance of local, Welwaerts and EVS international volunteers Jonas Kiesner, Anne Bonitz and Johanna Weng from Germany, Vanessa Brumen from Austria, Evana Pearce from Canada and Monica Reeves from Great Britain. Older group has 15 participants at this moment.

### ✚ LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

English and German courses have been continued in March. There are 35 participants at the moment, and they are divided into three groups (Beginner 1, Beginner 2 for children and adults and intermediate 1 for children).

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

### ✚ MUSIC WORKSHOPS

At the beginning of this month, EVS volunteer Monica Reeves has started to work with the group of children (age 8-12) on composition of simple and short melodies.

### ✚ GUITAR WORKSHOPS

Guitar workshop participants continued with regular activities and workshop in March.

### ✚ SAMBA WORKSHOPS

Samba percussion workshops continued in March, and the participants have used instruments for playing variations of well-known compositions.



### ✚ MARCH 21, 2016 – “HAND IN HAND AGAINST RACISM”



On March 21, 2016, Youth Organization Svitac (Firefly) has organized three types of activities for children and youth from Brčko District, as a way of commemorating the International Day Against Racism. First workshop was held for children of age 4-6. The group was presented the story “Somehow different”, written by Kathryn Cave. It revolves around friendship and differences between people. In the second part of the workshop, participants have drawn one of the situations from the story and came to the conclusion that, despite differences in appearance and behaviour, people can still be friends.

During the second activity, participants have watched a presentation and listened to story of Rosa Parks, where various problems and discrimination against African Americans in the 60s were highlighted. This was an introduction to the discussion on racism. After the story, participants made a paper chain together, representing people holding hands, and a motto of the workshop: „Hand in hand against racism”.

Third activity was held in the evening: Movie night for youth, including discussion at the end. Participants of the workshop had a chance to watch three short films on the topic of racism. After the projection, they were divided into smaller groups, so they could present in front of everyone short thesis of more important aspects of the films and their eventual suggestions about greater tolerance, as well as the possible answers to the question of how to deal with prejudice and discrimination.

All regular workshops are planned to be continued in April.





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Members of “Tolerant and positive from Doboj”: The public speech titled: “My story – Let's choose peace together”, was held on March 2, in the great hall of the Doboj City, organized by “PRO-Budućnost” (PRO Future). Youth organization “Šesto Čulo” (Sixth sense) Doboj, CA “Topeer” Doboj, H.O. “Merhamet” Doboj and Bosniak cultural community “Preporod” (Rebirth) Doboj” participated in the event.



“Merhamet” volunteers have attended the “Fair of food, unique and handmade works” for women that come from various ethnic and religious groups. It is a part of the project “Unity in differences”, which was financed through four-year project of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) – PRO-Future – building the reconciliation and trust among the citizens of all ethnic groups in BIH. Fair was organized on March 2 by “Šesto Čulo” Doboj, in cooperation with the religious communities of Doboj (Catholic, Jewish and Islamic).



Semra Jašarević, volunteer of “Merhamet” Doboj, has participated in youth workshop “Learn to live together”, organized by the Youth organization “Šesto čulo” Doboj from March 18 to 20, 2016, as a part of the project “Unity in Differences”, financed by the “PRO-Future - USAID”.



Distribution of humanitarian aid for members of the "Merhamet" Doboj was organized on March 26, 2016.



Avdić Faketa, President of “Merhamet” Doboje, attended the regional meeting of the working group, focused on creating drafts for the plan of cohesive community and the coalition against hatred.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION / DONORS / CALLS

## 1. European Youth Award 2016: most creative digital projects

For five years straight, EYA finds and rewards the most creative digital projects such as websites, applications, digital installations and portable and smart devices. Projects can be registered within seven categories that reflect the EU strategy "Europe 2020".

Project categories:

- Healthy Life (fitness; nutrition; medical care; medical technology)
- Smart Learning (education; e-skills; open science; fun information)
- Connecting cultures (language; travel; diversity; new communities)
- Go Green (sustainable energy; mobility; smart cities; climate change)
- Active Citizenship (free journalism; social connectivity; human rights; empowerment of women and men)
- Money matters (financial literacy; employment; donation collection; financial technologies)
- Open innovation (problematic applications; games; crazy things; digital magic)

**Deadline for applications: July 15, 2016.**

Additional information: [EYA-2016](#)

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

## UNESCO - Seventh call for applications for funding projects from the International Fund for Cultural Diversity open

UNESCO has opened the seventh call for applications for funding projects from the International Fund for cultural diversity (from here on "IFCD").

IFCD supports projects in developing countries, which lead towards structural changes through introduction and / or development of policies and strategies which have a direct effect on creation, manufacture, distribution and access to diversity of cultural expressions, as well as strengthening of institutional infrastructures, supporting sustainable local and regional cultural industries, as it was established by the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in 2005.

Projects supported by the IFCD cover a wide spectre of activities – from development of capacities to analysis and policy development, support of the entrepreneurship and consolidation of cultural industry, which are in according with the objectives of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. More information about previous projects financed by the IFCD can be found at: <http://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd/discover-projects/database-funded-projects>

Public authorities, institutions and non-governmental organizations from developing countries which are members of the Convention, as well as international NGOs, can apply for funding.

The maximum amount of funds that may be requested for the implementation of projects under this fund is US \$ 100,000, and the duration of project can be from 12 to 24 months.

The sole method of submitting project applications is the online application platform.

Online application platform can be found in English and French languages:

<https://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd/apply> (English)

i <https://fr.unesco.org/creativity/fidc/soumettre-demande> (French).

Deadline for applications is: **April 15, 2016 until midnight.**

Source: <http://unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/konkursi/?id=14720>

## 2. UNESCO award for education of girls and women

**Deadline: April 15, 2016**

UNESCO has published call for submission of nominations for the first edition of the awards for contribution in the field of education for girls and women, which is funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China. Goal of this call is to award activities of individuals, groups, organizations and centres which promote women and girls' education, in accordance with the UNESCO policies and goals in this area. Award is comprised of certificate and US\$ 50.000 for each of the two winners. Nominated candidates have to be persons who have distinguished themselves through activities that contributed to the promotion of education for girls and women.

For more information about the call, visit: <https://en.unesco.org/themes/women-and-girls-education>.

Nomination form can be found [here](#).

Nomination form and accompanying documents need to be delivered in English, along with the translation to one of the official languages of BiH. Form needs to be delivered to the State Commission for Cooperation of BiH and UNESCO by mail until April 15, 2016, on the following address:

Ministarstvo civilnih poslova BiH (Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH)  
Državna komisija BiH za UNESCO (BiH State Commission for UNESCO)  
Trg BiH br. 1, 71000 Sarajevo (BiH Square)  
Source: <http://unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/konkursi/?id=14747>

## 3. Skill Improvement on Excellence Academy BiH

As a chance for students to express their talents and their full potential, the Excellence Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held from May 6 to 8, 2016 in Sarajevo.

Academy will help students to do what they do best, to do what they love and to do the thing which can provide basic needs for them and contribute as an example to the progress of the community, which is the Academy's primary goal.

International Olympic project has recognized the Academy as a valuable international project within the new events - Youth Olympic Games (YOG), which focuses on education of youth through values of sport.

Academy is designed according to the needs of the Youth of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It gathers the best and the most motivated students from the cities around BiH, who will gain new life abilities through intensive education with the best lecturers. After that, they will be able to use their talents through individual and organized activities of the Academy and encourage their social environment to change in a great manner.

Three main topics of the Academy are: **transcendence of ethnic divisions through sport and education, awareness of addiction issues and changes of society through expression of talents and abilities.** In accordance with these topics, three Academy programs, including various activities, were constructed.

Namely, the activities of the Academy, whose motto was "To inspire, motivate and do", included discussion and education with the best instructors and successful individuals; learning about the plural society of BiH as an international paradigm of plurality; understanding the impact of sports on the society and identity development; education via tools 'life and skills of development' for direction and usage of personal talents, experience of speaking in front of audience and cameras; team building activities; round table on needed future steps and making of these first steps, spreading positive change with young people in BiH; business environment with the established code of conduct; lectures about historical landmarks and leading state and regional educational institutions; hotel accommodation, food, travel expenses, as well as certificates of the Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Applications for the participation are open to second and third year students from Bosnia and Herzegovina with a minimum grade point average of 8.5.**

**15 students from BiH will be accepted, with maximum of two students per city.**

Applicants must send complete application form with a cover letter, notarized certificate of the average score from university, a certificate of residence, and CV (optionally) with maximum of two pages. The above should be sent to an e-mail address [info@excellenceacademy.ba](mailto:info@excellenceacademy.ba) until April 20..

Application form, as well as other information, can be found on the official page of the Academy: <http://www.excellenceacademy.ba>.

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 Center (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, you may contact us on one of the below mentioned addresses.

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