

Dear Friends,

We present you the April issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (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 Centre (ORC) Tuzla, monthly activities of youth organizations, non-formal groups and individuals – members of Youth Network of BIH, their plans for future period and other useful information intended for young people and NGO sector (donor calls for projects, conferences, seminars, scholarships and etc.).

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



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ORC / HCA ACTIVITIES IN MARCH, 2016



✚ “Culture Fair” Project

The final event of the project "Culture Fair" was held from March 31 to April 4 in Banja Luka, within the International action of ALF BiH network. Beside the organizers - DIS Youth Theatre Banja Luka, and partners: Association Enter Vitez, Proni Brčko, “Magic Factory” Tuzla, Prosvjeta Višegrad and ORC, there were 13 groups from 4 countries, who participated in this event: “Theatre Levo” Belgrade, Serbia; Theatre “Maske” Kostajnica, BiH; Youth Theatre “Korifej” Nova Bila, BiH; Theatre “Scena” Novi Grad, BiH; Serbian National Theatre from Temišvar, Romania; Mostar Youth Theatre 1974 Mostar, BiH; Prosvjeta Prnjavor, BiH; Murata Giovanni and Indiana Teatrum Venezia, Italy; Youth Theatre Zvornik, BiH; Youth Theatre Vitez, BiH; as well as Library for blind and visually impaired persons of RS Banja Luka and the Academy of Arts Banja Luka.

During five days of "Culture Fair", a series of educational workshops and cultural forums were held in the premises of the Youth Centre in Banja luka, along with festival films review (Tuzla Film Festival - Festival of South Slavic film), exhibition and book promotion, exchange of cultural offerings and plays. More than 110 young people, cultural enthusiasts from almost 20 different groups took part in these activities. Projections and performances were attended by more than thousand people, beside the participants. The reactions of the participants, gathered during the Culture Fair, say that they were all very pleased with the reception in Banja Luka and content of the event. Praise and positive reactions have continued after the end of the event and it can be concluded that this was another very well organized cultural event within the ALF network of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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

► Research Results



During April, we have published the results of research: **The Aspect of human security of young people living in collective Centre, or 'alternative accommodations' in Bosnia and Herzegovina**”. Results can be found on our page: www.omladina-bih.net.

The research was conducted with the help of our colleagues from PRONI Brčko, and was done in collective centres: Tuzla (Mihatovići, collective centre) FBiH; Bratunac (people who lived in collective centre Kravica) Serb Republic, and Brčko District (Prutače, collective Centre). The study will serve as a starting material for lobbying the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it is related to the improvement of the situation and solution of the accumulated problems of young people, who are accommodated in collective centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

► Consultative meeting Tuzla, April 8

The purpose of this consultative meeting was the presentation of the project and research results, as well as consideration of assumptions and possibilities for possible future joint activities (2016-2017), which could contribute to the increase of safety of young people in collective centres and improvement of the situation in which those young people live. The meeting was attended by twenty representatives of institutions and non-governmental organizations, which have been identified through initial research as key actors who have the interest and bear a part of the responsibility for the safety aspect of young people living in three “collective / alternative” centres in Mihatovići, Bratunac and Brčko District of BIH.



Those who were present at the meeting expressed their concern and understanding for the situation of the young people who have been living at the absolute margins of social events for years, and who confront the security challenges that are unique to this category of BIH population, and are very different from the security challenges of young people who do not live in "collective / alternative" centres. Some of the highlighted security challenges are **economic insecurity, lack of protection and lack of understanding** from relevant institutions, as well as cultural differences created among young people living in "collective / alternative" centres and people living in the surrounding communities.

Participants presented following proposals, which were adopted in the form of conclusions:

- Opening or reopening of existing facilities which were intended for work with young people in their spare time;
- Requesting from the relevant institutions, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, to include NGOs from BIH in programs implemented by this Ministry;
- Increase cooperation between the police and other institutions with youth through the establishment of mechanisms for communication and cooperation;
- More active NGO work with young people from refugee centres.

ORC Tuzla Youth Group

► "Friendship Bridge" Forum

"Friendship Bridge" Forum, whose aim is to expand the network of organizations and individuals who contribute to the development of friendship and understanding among people, continues to broaden its activities into four new cities. Pančevo was the first stop of the Caravan of youth friendship. In the period from April 16 to 17, young people from Macedonia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina had the opportunity to learn about the history of Pančevo. The event gathered around 30 young people, high school and university students, who had the opportunity to exchange cultural attitudes and ideas interactively, and to recognize that diversity is actually



connection between them. The purpose of the activity "Let's meet to make our lives more beautiful" is to spread ideas of friendship, solidarity and trust among people, as foundation of natural system of values. Representatives of ORC in this activity were Jasmina Begović, Marta Brendić and Mirela Husičić.

► *FEM CAMP “Young women – agents of positive change”*

This year, FEM Camp was held from April 1 to 3 in Sarajevo. This event is organized every year by CURE Foundation. The topic of this year's FEM camp was: “Young women - agents of positive change”. There was an opportunity to meet, in an interesting way, with topics related to activism, basic theories of feminism, women's rights, cyber bullying, gender-based violence, as well as how to work on prevention of gender-based violence, and thus encourage a new generation to get actively involved in positive social changes. The first day of the camp passed in introduction of the participants, and then education about the basic terms related to feminism



and women's human rights, legal framework in BIH and etc. The second day was quite productive and active, with several presentations on the above mentioned topics. There were also several workshops, with a task to explore the important personages of feminism and feminism development stages, where the participants were supposed to emphasize the importance of particular phase in a creative way. Participants also had the opportunity to watch several documentaries.

► *Tree for Angelina*



Members of the ORC Tuzla Youth Group participated in the tree planting campaign, which was organized in Tuzla and several nearby municipalities. The campaign was conducted in memory of a great activist and philanthropist Angelina Hodžić.

The campaign was organized by the Tuzla Community Foundation on April 9, 2016.

✚ Youth Introduction!

LEJLA MUJKIĆ



Lejla Mujkić is 19 years old and lives in Tuzla. She has been a member of ORC for two years.

She likes to say that ORC Tuzla Youth Group changed her a lot and gave her many great experiences, friendships and non-formal education.

Lejla graduated from the Combined High School in Tuzla as a veterinary technician. In the future, beside activism, she wants to enrol in the Faculty of Medicine. Lejla is also actively engaged in folklore for 13 years.

HUSEIN ŠLJIVIĆ



Husein Šljivić is the fourth year student of Mechanical High School Tuzla, Department of computer design. He is a member of the Youth Resource Centre Tuzla. He participated in various seminars, exchanges and trainings within the NGO sector. Besides that, in free time he enjoys hiking, reading and music.

✚ ORC AND HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

During April, 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). 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 applications for projects for this year.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR MAY, 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" (publications - policy brief), participation in the NGOs Forum in Sofia "The assessment of new risks, HS network expansion". The Forum will take place from May 11 to 13.
- 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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VISIT TO MUSIĆ FAMILY

A group of students from the Faculty of Civil Engineering from France visited Musić family on April 19, 2016. Musić family lives in difficult conditions. Thanks to Secours Populaire Français (SPF) and the Municipality of Kladanj, a campaign for building the home for Musić family was launched. ■



BAHRUDIN TRBALIĆ FROM KLADANJ BECOMES THE ONLY SCHOLAR OF PRESTIGIOUS MIT

Bahrudin Trbalić from Kladanj became the only Bosnian who succeeded to enrol in prestigious school - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - popular MIT. ■



TARIK GURDA FROM KLADANJ WON FIRST PLACE AT CANTONAL COMPETITION IN INFORMATICS

Cantonal competition in informatics was held on April 23, 2016 at the Electro technical School in Tuzla. It was organized by Pedagogical Institute of Tuzla Canton and Electro technical School Tuzla. This competition was attended by around fifty students from all the cities of Tuzla Canton, and the first place went to Tarik Gurda from Kladanj. ■

MAKTAB COMPETITION AT THE LEVEL OF MAJLIS

The Hadim Ali Pasha's Mosque in Kladanj was the host of maktab competition at the level of Majlis on April 10, 2016. The participants were students of maktab teaching in our Islamic communities, and they competed in the following categories: general knowledge of Ilmihala test, the Holy Qur'an recitation, younger and older categories.

General knowledge of Ilmihala test:

1. Omerović Mirha (Kuršumljija),
2. Hurić Ismail (Kuršumljija),
3. Musić Ajla (Nočajevići)

Qira'at, Qur'an recitation– younger category:

1. Avdić Lejla (Tarevo),
2. Hodžić Enes (Kuršumljija),
3. Krekić Alma (Brateljevići)

Qira'at, Qur'an recitation– older category:

1. Spahić Lamija (Kuršumljija),
2. Imamović Lejla (Tarevo),
3. Taranović Ermina (Nočajevići)

CAMPAIGN OF GREEN AREAS CLEANING COMPLETED

School yards, town centre and parks were cleaned on the territory of Kladanj municipality, within general campaign “April - month of cleanness”.



The campaign was supported by the primary schools Kladanj and Stupari, high school “Musa Ćazim Ćatić”, kindergarten “Edina Čamdžić”, forest estate “Konjuh” Kladanj and IKC “Kladanj”. The campaign was organized by the Municipality of Kladanj, whose aim is to clean the environment and raise awareness about ecology. ■



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Daily Workshops

Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) in continued with daily activities in April. Participants were divided into two groups, age 4-7, every day from 11am to 1pm, and age 8+ from 2pm to 3:30pm. Younger group made decorations on topic of spring, such as various types of flowers and ribbons and paper birds using water colours, coloured pencils and acrylic paint, as well as cotton, glue, cardboard, soft wire and paper collage. Participants of daily workshops also made plasticine figures, and various collages. Morning group learned and repeated numbers from 1 to 8 every Thursday, using colouring worksheets for shapes and colours in English. The group practised hard the text and melody of the song "Children are ornaments of the world", performed at the "Spring Festival" in April. The goal of these activities is to develop children's imagination and creativity by using a variety of materials, as well as to develop motor skills and respect for others and adopt good behaviour. In April, 20-25 participants attended morning creative workshops every day.



The afternoon group (age 8+) follows a schedule that is different for each day, trying to cover as many different themes and activities as possible.

Monday is scheduled for English language, communication, articulation, flash cards for repetition of vocabulary and construction of sentences, and Monopoly game with practice of asking questions in English. The group also solved grammatical tasks and practised sentences in the passive voice this month. Tuesday is for creative expression; this month, the topic was 3D. Besides that, they worked on creation of flowers from crape paper and soft wire, flying balloons with baskets of coloured cardboard, various figures made from dough, and creative expression through drawing and painting using acrylic paint, felt-tip pens, crayons and paper collages. On Wednesdays, they had music workshops, where participants have the opportunity to learn basics of music theory and tonal system, and to develop the skills of communication and dialogue on the topic of rhythm. The group worked on the text and the melody of the song "Let It Be", performed at the "Spring Festival" in April. Thursday was sports day, where they organized various types of games with ball, learned basics of karate, and magic tricks and drama workshops with sketch (Karius and Bakterius) for fun. The group is divided into two smaller groups and participants have the opportunity to choose sport or drama.

Friday was the day for learning basics of the German language, as well as for assistance in homework.

The workshops are held in the Youth Centre of Brčko District. Slađana Bašić was the coordinator of the workshops in April, assisted by local and international Weltwaerts and EVS volunteers Jonas Kiesnera, Anne Bonitz and Johanna Weng from Germany, Vanessa Brumen and Therese Bittman from Austria, and Monica Reeves from the UK. The number of older group participants is between 15 and 20. ■

Language Workshops

English and German courses continued in April. There were 35 students enrolled in these courses, and they are divided into three groups (beginners 1, beginners 2 for children and adults and Intermediate 1 for children).

Each group has two 90 minute classes per week, and they are held in the premises of Youth organization Svitac and Youth Centre of Brčko District. Age of students varies from 8-35.

“Let's talk German” German communication workshops with native speakers

German language workshops are held every Thursday at the premises of the Youth Centre of Brčko District from 5:30pm to 8pm. Due to the great interest and different levels of vocabulary and grammar knowledge, participants were divided into two groups, beginners group (new-A1) and advanced (A2, B1, B2). Communication workshops in German are for all people who want to learn basics of grammar, but also improve existing skills and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Project coordinators are international volunteers from Germany Anne Bonitz and Johanna Weng. In April, workshops were attended by 25 participants (both groups).



“I love English” – English communication workshops with native speakers

English language workshops are held every Wednesday at the premises of Youth centre of Brčko District from 7pm to 8pm. Communication workshops in English are for all people who want to learn basics of grammar, but also improve existing skills and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Great Britain, Monica Reeves. In April, workshops were attended by 7 participants. ■

Drama Workshops

The “Drama workshop” project for young people is held every Tuesday in the premises of Youth centre of Brčko District from 7:30 pm to 9pm. The group is currently working on the comedy “It does not always have to be Shakespeare.” Warm-up exercises which last for 10 to 20 minutes are of great help to relax before the actual realization of the workshop. The aim of this project is to help young people who love theatre and acting to

acquire new skills, and gain new experiences and acquaintances. Anne Bonitz, international volunteer from Germany, is the project coordinator. In April, drama workshops were attended by 10 participants, ages 16+. ■

“Freeletics” – sports workshops

Sports workshops "Freeletics" are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 pm in the Youth Centre of Brčko District. The workshops are intended for young people who want to improve their motor skills, stamina and physical strength, and to gain new skills and friendships. Miloš Popić is the project coordinator. In April, workshops were attended by 9 participants. ■

Music Workshops

In April, the EVS volunteer, Monica Reeves, prepared a series of music workshops of different content, with the help of local volunteers. Workshop participants broadened their knowledge of tonality, rehearsed the song "Let It Be" (Beatles) and had rhythmic games and exercises in order to develop motor skills.

Guitar Workshops

Participants of guitar workshops continued with regular activities in April.

Among the pieces they practice, there are:

- “Recuredos de la Alhambra”, “Gran Vals” and “CaprichoArabe” - Francisco Tarrega,
 - “Prima vera-Spring time” and “Sogno” - Carlo Domeniconi,
 - Duets “Libertango” - Astor Piazzolla, “Gymnopedie” (Erik Satie);
- and many etudes from various musical eras and styles, as well as famous songs from Balkans and abroad for children and adults.



Samba Workshops

In April, the samba percussion workshops were regularly attended by a large number of international volunteers. In this way, workshop provides an opportunity for local / international volunteers, and participants of the activities to get to know other cultures and exchange experiences in a relaxed and safe environment, through music and active work. The group has worked on famous compositions. One part of time was dedicated to improvisation. ■

SPRING FESTIVAL 2016

Youth organization Svitac organized "Spring Festival" - evening of socialization and fun on April 22, at 6pm, in the Youth Centre of Brčko District.

An interesting program, prepared by international and local volunteers, was intended for family and friends of the participants, as well as for children and youth from Brčko. The audience had the opportunity to hear the performance of members of the guitar section, which is coordinated by Sanjin Vošanović, and who prepared duet compositions of Francesca Tarega and Andrew Forest. During the program, participants of daily activities (Age 4-6), performed two songs: "Children are the ornaments of the world" and "I love the flowers" in English, which they prepared together with international volunteer Monica Reevez from Scotland, coordinator of daily activities, Slađana Bašić, and other local and international volunteers. Members of the afternoon daily activities performed three vocal songs, and the audience had the opportunity to hear the classic piece "Tanec" on flute.



Participants of daily activities, age 7+, performed the song "Let It Be" from Beatles, which they prepared together with international volunteer Monica Reevez from Scotland.

International volunteer Anne Bonitz from Germany prepared, together with drama group, short educational sketch "Karius and Bakterius", with the message that teeth must be regularly brushed.

After the program, guests had an opportunity to see the exhibition of works from creative workshops at the great hall of the Youth Centre Brčko, as well as refresh themselves with drinks, snacks and home-made cakes, prepared by the international volunteers. Spring Festival was attended by around 100 guests. ■

OPEN CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM BIH

1. Duration: **1 month**

When: **July 22 to August 21, 2016**

Where: **Don Bosco: Amsterdam and Rijswijk, Netherlands**

Positions: 2 volunteers (age 18-30)

Title of EVS project: Celebrating 50 years of volunteering (Vakantiebos)

Application deadline: until positions are filled

2. Duration: **12 months**

When: **August 16, 2016 to August 15, 2017**

Where: **Brizu krasto muziejus Sela (museum), Lithuania**

Positions: 1 volunteer (age 18-30)

Title of EVS project: "Second wave"

Application deadline: until positions are filled

For more information about volunteering and how to apply, contact Miloš Popić by email: svitac.evs@gmail.com

Continuation of all regular workshops of Youth organization Svitac is planned for May. ■



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Avdić Faketa, President of "Merhamet" Dobož, attended the regional meeting of the working group, focused on creating drafts for the plan of cohesive community and the coalition against hatred. The meeting was held on March 30, at Integra Hotel in Dobož.



There was a round table on topic "The fight against alcoholism" at the healthcare Centre, organized by the Department of Mental Health. Faketa Avdić, President of H. O. "Merhamet", attended the round table.



President of "Merhamet", Avdić Faketa, attended the meeting of the coalition "tolerantno i pozitivno" (tolerant and positive) from Dobož.



President of the "Merhamet" Dobož attended the opening of the exhibition in the synagogue, on the occasion of the suffering of Jewish people in Zemun area.



President of H.O "Merhamet" Dobož attended the Union Assembly for sustainable reconciliation and integration in Tešanj.



Volunteers of "Merhamet" Dobož, Melisa Mujanović and Damir Školjić also participated in the activities of "Wall of Peace" within "unity in diversity" project, which is implemented by youth organization "Šesto čulo" (The Sixth Sense) Dobož.



President of the "Merhamet" Dobož, Avdić Faketa, attended the opening of the Lavirint (Labyrinth) agency.



The meeting of the "Merhamet" Regional Committee in Banja Luka



"Mlin Rebronja" (Rebronja Mill) from Doboj East donated "Merhamet" Doboj a ton of flour! We thank them sincerely!



Avdić Faketa participated in the training of CSPC ORG on topic "Sustainability as the greatest challenge of civil society organizations".



Activity on the occasion of implemented apiculture project - donation of Federal Ministry





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Businessmen want changes in Law on VAT - letter of support signed by more than 20,000 entrepreneurs in only five days

In order to intensify the process of changing the Law on VAT, the Institute for Youth Development KULT started the initiative of signing a letter of support, in April, for the process of introducing changes in the Law on VAT in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The letter of support is primarily intended for entrepreneurs. It was signed in first five days by more than 20,000 entrepreneurs, gathered around chambers of economy and crafts, and by associations which focus on aiding the economy. The Initiative was also supported by Association of Entrepreneurs of FBiH, which has 25,000 members and more than 100,000 unemployed people.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT advocates for introducing changes in the Law on Value added Tax, according to which the taxpayers should pay the VAT after they charge their claims, and not by the 10th of the month, as the current Law orders.

Changes are necessary, because current legal provisions are creating a business environment in which small and medium firms are often obliged to terminate their business.

The Institute will continue to gather letters of support in May, and advocate for changes in the Law on VAT with governmental representatives.

The letter of support is available on the following link: www.podrzy.poslovniprostorbh.org.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT has been successfully working, in the last 15 years, on development and implementation of legal solutions that contribute to the improvement of the social position of youth and citizens, in general. Taking into account that the economic issues are the source of most youth problems, the Institute vehemently advocates for the activities and initiatives related to creating a better business environment in BiH, not just for youth, but for all entrepreneurs.

Advocacy of the changes in the Law on VAT is conducted as a part of the "BH Business Site" initiative, managed by the Institute for Youth Development KULT. The initiative is a part of Civil Society Sustainability Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP), conducted by Centres of Civil initiatives (CCI) and the Centre for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCS), and supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID). ■

Open Day - Over 100 Elementary School Students Visited Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA

The "Open Day" was organized at the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA Ilidža on Friday, April 22, 2016. During the two-hour program, the activities and offerings of SPAJALICA were presented, and the Centre was visited by more than 100 elementary school students. Elementary school students participated in workshops dedicated to April 22 – Earth Day, through different thematic quizzes and numerous interactive games.



Sports games for elementary school students were also organized in front of the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA. The students participated in various contests and intelligence games, under the supervision of teachers and volunteers.



“SPAJALICA” is one of the rare Centres of this type in BIH, and we are glad to say that, for the past 8 years, we have been helping youth in their upbringing and development. The professional staffs of the centre dedicates its time every day, through different workshops, courses and other activities, to work with school age children and help them in spending their leisure time with a purpose. That is the ultimate vision of the Centre – to help in development of a society which offers youth a surrounding in which they can become satisfied and socially reliable citizens” – said Vesna Filipović, the Manager of the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA.

The organization of the “Open Day in SPAJALICA” was supported by the Municipality of Ilidža, whose representatives visited the Centre. ■

Study Visit to Sweden: First Trip, New Knowledge and Unforgettable Experience

Expert associates on youth work participated in a study visit to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Three young people, who had previously completed the youth work training, were given the opportunity to introduce themselves with the forms of youth work and solution of youth issues in this country.

During the 5-day visit to Stockholm, the attendants from “Čisto srce” (Pure Heart) Association Prijedor, “Carpe Diem” youth organization from Ilijaš and “SOS Dječija sela BiH” (SOS Kinderdorf BiH) had the opportunity to introduce themselves with numerous aspects of youth work in Sweden. During visits to different organizations, they encountered youth workers working with youth on a daily basis in Sweden. They were introduced with the staff of art galleries with youth-intended programs. They visited the open-air museum that organizes a cooperation program with schools and youth centres, and other volunteer organizations. They also visited Frysushet, one of the biggest youth centres in the world, and participated in a workshop organized by the APU Network – an organization gathering the BIH diaspora in Sweden. During the meeting with the representative of the Frysushet Centre, youth from BIH was introduced with the positive practice of the Centre, which works with tens of thousands of youth. Even though the standard of the Kingdom of Sweden is significantly higher than the standard of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and taking to consideration the fact that Sweden holds a long tradition of youth work, there are still practices which are applicable to BIH. One of them is the individualized approach to youth, with a particular accent to development of knowledge and skills from personal interest to youth and their passions. Thus, the Frysushet gathers youth who are otherwise excluded from the society, and therefore participates in development of active citizens.

“I learned a lot of what we can also transfer or adapt to our conditions. We were introduced with the manner of work of great organizations, which inspired me to continue pursuing this occupation and work with youth more actively. It is especially important that we had the opportunity to talk to youth, to whom we refer to as the “diaspora”, exchange experience with them and also discuss the models of mutual work that finally leads to improvement of youth and bringing the diaspora closer to BIH” – said Tijana Grujičić, a study visit participant.

During the meeting with the APU Network representatives, the study visit participants have met with the young immigrants from BIH, second and third generations, and discussed the position of youth from BIH in both Sweden and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Youth reflected on the goals, differences among them and the possibilities of cooperation and realization of common projects, through the mutual workshops. The success of BIH youth is highly appreciated, and it is estimated that there are around 100,000 BIH citizens living in Sweden at the moment, and they represent the best example of integration of BIH citizens.



BIH youth’s attention was drawn by the Cyclope organization, which was completely voluntarily established with the effort of youth and their peer citizens. The community contributed through funding, but the development was performed exclusively by youth. The work of this organization continues to reflect in complete voluntary engagement of all employees.

The study visit to the Kingdom of Sweden was the first journey abroad for some of the participants, so it had both educational and intercultural exchange character.

“Sometimes people believe that they are not ready for the next step and stay in one place, thinking in the frame of one box and feeling insecure outside its walls. I do not judge, I used to feel the same myself. Believe in yourselves and step outside, step forward bravely. You will see the world through different eyes and create a better, more productive and happier life for yourself” – stated Elma Čutura, a study visit participant.

The visit was hosted by Kommunal Stockholm (Trade Union of the City of Stockholm) that, beside its regular activities, also has a separate sector reserved for youth workers. Through its work, this sector of Kommunal works with youth on presenting their labour rights and opportunities to improve and progress. The visit, dedicated to youth work and exchange of experiences with BIH youth, is only one of the forms in which the Kommunal includes youth in its work. The cooperation of the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Kommunal in the area of youth work will continue in the following period.

The study visit is a part of Expert Associates on Youth Work Training that has been implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT for two years with the support of the Olof Palme Centre and the sponsorship of the Kommunal Stockholm. ■



YOUTH COUNCIL OF TOMISLAVGRAD MUNICIPALITY

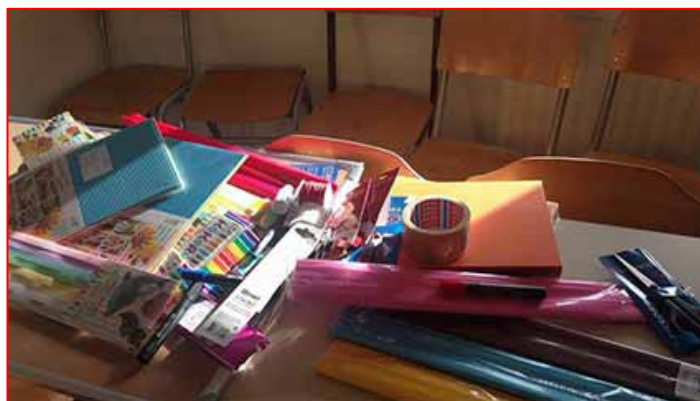
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Youth Council of Tomislavgrad donated office materials to creative/art section of Vocational School in Tomislavgrad

Creative/ art section of Vocational school Tomislavgrad is enriched by the Youth council's donation of office supplies for their working needs. On this occasion, an art workshop was held, which was organized by professors, also section leaders, who motivated students' curiosity for the discovery of new things by respecting the individualism, creative freedom, freedom and the personality of the artistic expression.



Art section in the Vocational school of Tomislavgrad is attended by a certain number of students. Students are voluntarily attending the section, expressing interest and special tendency towards fine art. Art section's work plan is adjusted in accordance with the needs, interests and students' abilities. Its work is based on needs of students and school curriculum, as well as on the syllabus of different subjects.



The activities conducted by the section in school:

- Preparations and organization of wall papers in school
- Preparations and organization of fine art exhibitions
- Assistance and cooperation with all school sections
- Assistance and cooperation with Students' council
- Participation in art competitions

- Promotion of the skills and knowledge in the field of art education
- Participation in fairs where it promotes its work
- Participation in the activities of arranging the school and the school environment
- Participation in ecological activities and promotion of importance and the role of healthy environment
- Contribution to the preservation and protection of ethnographic, cultural and historical heritage.



Program content of art section class is based on:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Graphics
- Modelling and construction
- Application of art and design

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Study visit of youth from Tomislavgrad to Derventa

Youth Council of Tomislavgrad municipality has organized a study visit for youth group to the municipality of Derventa last weekend.

The visit was organized as a part of the exchange project between the Centres for youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, named: "Peaceful life and Cooperation 20 years later" and the carrier of the project is the Institute Perpetuum mobile from Banja Luka. The goal of the project itself is to increase the trust level of intercultural interaction among the communities and male and female workers, who are engaged in activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This project is endorsed by the US Embassy in Sarajevo.



Young activists, from the Youth Centre “Derbent” from Derventa , welcomed the youth from Tomislavgrad and were good hosts, as well as tour guides. During the visit to Derventa, volunteers and activists of “Derbent” have, along with guests, attended a meeting in the City hall of Derventa municipality, where they were greeted by the representatives of the Municipality, journalists, as well as the representatives of youth from this municipality. On this occasion, there was discussion on conditions and ways of youth work in these two municipalities, possibilities and potentials of future cooperation, differences and similarities in modalities of work with youth and their potentials. Both municipalities have expressed concern regarding the outflow of young people from these municipalities, even though both have indicated the positive aspects of economical success and potentials which should, in time, become reasons for the return of the same youth to their municipalities. After a successful and interesting meeting, the hosts have taken guests on a tour around the city. They went to the museum, library, tourist organization, as well as other interesting locations in Derventa.

A workshop was also held in the premises of the Youth Centre “Derbent” named: “Volunteerism, activism and youth mobility”. The goal of this workshop was to exchange the experiences and work with youth in these organizations, as well as problems and solutions which are characteristically linked to this topic, and possible cooperation in near future. Activists and volunteers of the Centre for youth "Derbenta" have expressed interest towards the project of cooperation with youth organizations from Tomislavgrad during the summer projects, which are conducted by this centre. The youth from Tomislavgrad liked the idea of cooperation on projects similar to these. After the workshop, volunteers have, along with the guests, visited the locations of archaeological site of Ambarin, and saw other natural beauties of Derventa.

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I volunteer – I activate workshop

Representatives of the Centre for youth development PRONI and Damar from Visoko have organized a workshop named: I Volunteer – I Activate, on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The workshop was organized as part of an exchange project between youth centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina, under the name “Peaceful life and Cooperation 20 years later” of Perpetuum mobile Institute, whose goal is to increase the trust level of intercultural interaction between communities and youth workers (male and female) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



The workshop was attended by young workers, male and female, from local communities of Vučilovac, Omerbegovača and Brčko.

Youth club Omerbegovača was the host of the event. ■

Youth training “Activate Yourself”

Representatives of centre for youth development PRONI and Local Volunteer Service of Bijeljina organized training for the youth named “Activate Yourself” on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, in the premises of civic association “Otaharin” from Bijeljina. It is conducted by the Perpetuum mobile Institute, and the project is supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Sarajevo. The goal of the project is to improve the capacity and possibilities for youth to affect the Parliamentary processes which deal with specific youth issues.



The training consisted of workshops named “Recognition of a problem”, “Advocacy and Lobbying”, “Active voting rights” and “Communication Skills”.

This training was passed by 42 high school students from the territory of Bijeljina municipality. Later in the project, all high school students are expected to visit the Parliament of the Serb Republic in Banja Luka and the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo. ■



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REGIONAL EDUCATIONS

With the goal of identifying problems of high school students in local communities, ASuBIH is organizing educations for all of the representatives of our local teams this year. The aim is to train our members to recognize the current status of the high school students. Our vision is to collect data from 58 cities, by the end of the year, which we will present during our General assembly, where we will select problems we can act upon in the near future. Aside from the identification of problems, we will discuss the situation of our local teams, communication of local communities with ASuBIH, and display how to present their work in the best light. We are also organizing our educations in Zenica, Tuzla, Banja Luka and Mostar, as a way to get closer to our teams, so they themselves could feel the atmosphere of local community, in which ASuBIH operates. ■



PRESS FREEDOM DAY

A preparation meeting was held on April 15 at Hotel Grand, for the campaign named "May 3, Press Freedom Day", which will be held in organization of Press council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, ONAuBIH and Association of high school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Members are currently in the process of constitution of Codex for printed and online media in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

TRAINING OF TRAINERS

Association of high school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina, along with the European high school organization (OBESSU), organized a "Training of Trainers- ToT" during the period from April 1 to 4, 2016.

European high school organization (OBESSU) will implement a Work Plan during 2016, financed by the European Youth Foundation (EYF). The main goal of this Work Plan is to emphasize the importance of high school students' participation in the society. ■



The objective of the first stage of this project is to generate a network of trainers, as a part of the OBESU "Pool of Trainers", who will prepare and implement trainings on the youth participation and democratic citizenship. Fifteen young people from 9 countries, all around the Europe, will participate in ToT. Some of those are: Germany, Spain, Czech Republic, Kosovo, Finland, United Kingdom, Austria, Serbia and, of course, Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is a host of the event "Pool of Trainers". ■



WHO DOES YOUTH WORK



Twenty young people gathered in the heart of Belgrade to take part in the second WDW seminar. Idea of the training is to motivate local community into participation, where the participants have gained an exclusive chance to work with Vukašin Grozdanović and meet people from 6 different youth organizations.

Valerija Blagojević, Ivana Filipović and Merisa Ćemo were the representatives of AsuBIH. There are two more seminars, following this one, in Podgorica and Berlin. ■

FORUM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Association of high school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a forum at the Youth centre, where five young people discussed the efforts and achieved success in various fields.

When Anđelka Živojinović, one of the organizers, was asked about why the success of people, which show our city in a better light, was neglected, she answered: "Some negative topics take supremacy and prevent us from shifting our focus to more positive things, such as youth accomplishments." ■



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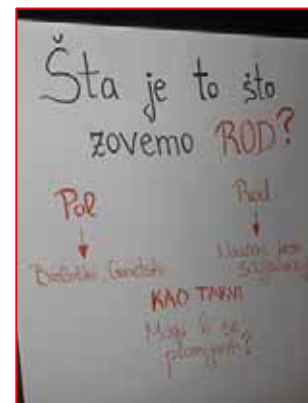


“BE THE CHANGE” PROJECT

Representatives of the Youth club “Dijamant” (Diamond) Jajce have organized a workshop on April 15, 2016, at the premises of the Association of pensioners in Jajce, on the topic of “Gender and Sex”. The workshop was organized as a part of the exchange project between youth centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina named “Peaceful life and Cooperation 20 years later”, by the

Perpetuum mobile Institute, whose goal is to increase the trust level of intercultural interaction between the communities and youth, and (male and female) workers in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The workshop was led by the activists of the Youth centre “Cezar” (Caesar) Ana Ćirić and Vanja Adamović from Srbac, Banja Luka.

The project is supported by the US Embassy in Sarajevo.



“Thank you for saving the environment” Project

This project was implemented by the Youth club “Dijamant” (Diamond) Jajce, co-financed by the Ministry of spatial planning, construction, environmental protection, return and housing of SBK / KSB.

The project is educational and it promotes ecological awareness of young ecologists and citizens. The goal is to contribute and significantly improve their level of awareness, as well as the importance of environment protection, household waste management and improvement of the eco-environmental conditions.

Our objectives were: 1. Strengthen the awareness of the citizen and the student population about management of environment protection through education and public campaign in printed and electronic public media, 2. Improve existing relationship of citizens with the needs of environmental protection, and 3. Arrange the school yard of “Bert Kučera” in Kruščica with volunteers.

The youth had a chance to show the level of their awareness on the importance of environmental protection, through educational, promotional and practical activities. We have to acknowledge that the citizen awareness is not on a satisfactory level, and therefore we have to do more to change that, and in doing so, protect our environment and improve hygienic conditions of our communities. The communities should allocate more resources to such activities.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION / DONORS / CALLS

1. US State Department public call for submission of project applications for support of sustainable return of refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina

United States Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) announces a call for submission of applications under Julia Taft Refugee Fund. Julia Taft Fund for Refugees is specifically designed to support the return of refugees and displaced persons. Project applications should relate to the development and implementation of programs in the field of protection and support for refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 2015, supported projects were related to creation of income sources for the returnees, support drinking water in remote communities, provision of agricultural centres and associations with equipments and etc.

Requested grant amount cannot be higher than 25.000 USD for projects up to 12 month.

All interested organizations can send the complete applications until Thursday, May 12, 2016 at midnight , via email: zahtjevi@ppmg.ba

For more information, please visit: <http://ppmg.ba/url/taft>

2. Second call for submission of project proposals for MAB program in 2016

Schüler Helfen Leben Foundation Sarajevo has opened a second call for project proposals for “Movements Across Borders – MAB” project in 2016. Project is focused on refreshing and strengthening, connecting and joint engagement of young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.

Information about Movements Across Borders (MAB) program

The objective of “MAB” is to strengthen cooperation and mutual trust between the youth of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, through preparation and realization of joint activities in the field of youth engagement, which contain a component of grass-roots reproach. Target group of the program are young people, age 14-28, who are active in some informal groups or youth organizations.

General Program objectives:

- Establishment, or further development, of common social engagement between young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia age 14-28;
- Promotion of activism of youth through common grass-root activities which contribute to the solidarity, multiculturalism, multi-ethnicity and tolerance among young people;
- Establishment of social cohesion and cultural exchange among young people, which enables young people to show their creativity and innovation;
- Creating space for young people, in which they will be able to implement their activities;
- Activism and voluntarism of young people;
- Development of local community, through the grass-root approach.

What kind of project ideas is supported by the SHL Foundation through the MAB program?

SHL Foundation will support the project ideas of young people which contain following points:

- Project activities, consistent with the objectives of the “MAB” program;

- The project proposal was jointly created by young people from BIH and Serbia;
- The project proposal contains grass-root activities;
- The project activities are implemented in two phases, one phase being held in BIH, and the second phase of the project in Serbia;
- Organizations/applicants will use the model of “local host” (a group from BIH will reside in the homes of their peers in Serbia during the implementation of activities, and vice versa);
- All of the project activities are implemented on a voluntary basis;
- Project coordinators are within the age 14 - 28;
- Implementation of the project takes maximum 8 months;
- The budget of the project proposal may not exceed more than 5,000 BAM;
- The project proposal is submitted in the official application form of the MAB program.

Who can submit project proposal

MAB Program is created for youth organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, as well as for informal groups (which can submit their project proposals through registered citizens' associations), if they apply in partnership. If you do not have a partner organization, you can fill out an informational form which can be downloaded in the following link, and the SHL Foundation will try to find a potential partner, with whom you can apply to the MAB program.

Submission of Application

Application for the MAB program can be downloaded [here](#), and when completed, it can be submitted via email: mab@shl.ba. Fourth call for submission of project proposals to MAB program is open until **May 12, 2016**. All applicants will be informed of the status of their submission.

Source: <http://www.hocu.ba/index.php/hocu.priliku/ii-poziv-u-2016-godini-za-dostavljanje-projektnih-prijedloga-na-mab-program/>

3. EIDHR Call for Proposals: Support to Civil Society and Human Rights Defenders in BiH

European Union is seeking proposals from organisations for a country based support scheme (CBSS) with an aim to support civil society and human rights defenders in third countries in working on human rights (political, civil, economic, social and cultural), and democratization.

The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) new action plan aims to reinforce the implementation of the EU's human rights and democracy policy with a special emphasis on strengthening ownership by local institutions, mechanisms and civil society actors, and to invigorate support to human rights defenders and democracy activists.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME AND PRIORITY ISSUES

The global objective of this call for proposals will aim to implement the objectives 1, 2 and 3 set out in the annex of the EIDHR Regulation 2014-2020 and will target local civil society.

Objective 1 supports human rights and human rights defenders in situations where they are most at risk. Objective 2 supports other EU human rights priorities, and objective 3 supports democracy.

FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 1.800.000. The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award all available funds. Any grant requested under this call for proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- Minimum amount: 150.000 euros;
- Maximum amount: 350.000 euros.

SECTORS OR THEMES

- pursue common agendas for human rights and democratic reform;
- build consensus on disputed or controversial areas of policy;
- enhance political representation and participation;
- enhance the inclusiveness and pluralism of civil society;
- increase safety structures for human rights defenders and democracy activists;
- counter the worrying trends of shrinking space for civil society;
- support activities aimed at promoting the issues covered by EU Human Rights guidelines and in the EUs Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy;
- enhance the fight against torture, ill-treatment, enforced disappearances and extra-judicial executions as priority focus areas;
- enhance the rule of law and good governance.

LOCATIONS

Activities must be conducted in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

DURATION

The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 18 months nor exceed 36 months.

HOW TO APPLY

- The application procedure consists of two phases: concept notes and full application.
- In the first instance, only concept notes must be submitted for evaluation. Thereafter, lead applicants who have been pre-selected will be invited to submit a full application.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of proposals is **May 10, 2016 at 17:00**.

More information on: <http://europa.ba/?p=41430>

4. The Forum Theatre announces a CALL

Literary event of 15th International Poetry Festival for children and Youth **“Poetry book for Petar Kočić”** will be held from December 13-16, 2016 in East Sarajevo

1. Competition is on the topic of “Ideš li, rode” epilogue from the story “Blizzard” written by Petar Kočić.
Terms of Participation: students of primary, secondary schools and members of literary clubs can participate in the competition. Three poems should be submitted with each author’s name, school name, contact phone and e-mail address.

All poems are sent via e-mail to: lut.fest@teol.net

BEST POEMS IN THREE CATEGORIES (1st category, 1-5 class, 2nd category, 6-9 class Elementary school and 3 category, high school students)

Award-winning contenders will participate in the program of the event.

2. Competition for young poets, age 18-30, for the best three poems is thematic, inspired by the short story “MPГУДА” by Petar Kočić.

- Authors – young poets are required to send three poems to the address of the Forum Theatre.
- Submitted work is to be signed with a code, and the solution to the code, along with the contact information, should be delivered along with the poems in a separate, sealed envelope.

Plaque “ПЈЕСНИЧКО УЗДАРЈЕ РАДОСЛАВНИЦА” will be received by the best author, who will also open and attend the award ceremony.

ALL OF THE AWARDED WORK WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FESTIVAL EDITION.

Competition will last from April 23 to October 1, 2016.

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