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Dear Friends,

We present you the May 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.).

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:

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ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN MAY, 2016

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



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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.

NGO's Forum named "**The assessment of new risks, HS network expansion**" was held within this project from May 11 to 13, in Sofia, Bulgaria. The host of the Forum was the Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) - partner from Bulgaria. Forum gathered representatives of civil society organizations, research institutes and public institutions from *Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey*. The forum was also supported by the *Open Society Institute in Sofia*.



Sessions held during the forum dealt with the specific challenges of human security in countries of the region, where network partners and other experts conducted research on: youth violence, radicalization, displacement, forced voting, the crisis of confidence in the public sector and refugee issues.

The event in Sofia had another important task: joint declaration of cooperation on issues of human security in the Balkans and Turkey was adopted by attending organizations and individuals. This opened the gate for expansion of CN4HS network in the region, which would make the agenda of human security more visible to decision-makers and institutions at national and EU level, and which could respond to the current challenges of human security in the region.

New collaborators (organizations and individuals) from *Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo and Turkey* joined the network partners during the Forum in Sofia. Extended CN4HS network will endeavor to meet at least once a year in the Balkans, Turkey and Brussels.

This event also served as an opportunity for partners to assess more than 70 applications for small grants related to the Human security. Grants are awarded to organizations and individuals from the Balkans.

Participants from BiH were: *Vehid Šehić – Forum of Tuzla Citizens, Aleksandar Žolja – hCa Banja Luka, Jasmin Jašarević – PRONI Brčko and Miralem Tursinović – ORC Tuzla*

Partnership project – „Divided past – joint future“



DIVIDED PAST JOINT FUTURE

Youth Resource Center Tuzla conducts a research about perception and behavior of different actors in the process of building peace and reconciliation in the Western Balkans, as part of the IPA project **"Divided Past Joint Future"**. The purpose of this project is to build the infrastructure for an effective process of reconciliation in the Western Balkans and Turkey. The research part of the project requires participation of citizens, private, civil society and public sectors in a series of focus groups, in which they can offer their views, experiences and opinions on the process of reconciliation in (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as well as in the region.

During May, We have organized focus groups to discuss various issues related to the reconciliation process - from significance of reconciliation for society, assessment of various social sectors' roles in the process, to the ways in which reconciliation can be strengthened. Focus groups were organized in Brčko District BIH and Sarajevo. During the next month, we expect the conclusion of focus groups' work and creation of transcript, which will serve for the final study.



More information about activities in the coming period on our website: www.omladina-bih.net, bulletins and mailing lists.

ORC Tuzla Youth Group

SOCCER ON SAND TOURNAMENT "SOCCER AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA"

Soccer on sand tournament named **"Soccer without prejudice"** was held on May 29, 2016, at the beautiful complex of Pannonian lakes. The tournament was organized by PUC Panonnica and Youth Resource Center Tuzla and attended by 16 teams.

The tournament was played in an interesting format, where each team had to have at least one male or female members out of three. This way, the



organizers, together with the participants, wanted to send a message that soccer, as a game, knows no prejudice and is played by everyone, regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or nationality.

The title of the best out of 16 teams in the tournament went to the team "Taumata" (Amir Karamović, Leonardo Lukić and Arnela Kitić), who won the final match by penalty shootouts after an interesting fight in regular time against team "Vlasenica 92" (Aldin Džambić, Alen Zlatić and Envera Hasić).

PUC Panonnica provided a week of free entrance to the complex of Pannonian lakes for the best team, and prizes for best female player (Arnela Kitić), best male player (Aldin Džambić), Fair Play (Envera Hasić) and top scorer (Ismar Avdić), Youth Resource Center Tuzla.



The tournament is supported by international organization "Soccer against homophobia", whose work is accompanied by great world clubs, such as: Manchester City, Wigan and others.

Cooperation between ORC and PUC Panonnica, which has lasted for three years through the organization of the tournament in beach volleyball, will continue in June!

TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY: JAVORJE, 2016

Coordinators of the Youth Group decided, at the initiative of new and old member, to organize trip, also teambuilding activity, on Javor (Konjuh mountain). On May 14, members went to Stupare by bus, and then they climbed afoot through beautiful nature to the Mountain lodge "Javorje", located at 1,002 meters above sea level.



Along with the game, gathering and barbecue, our young people spent the weekend in countryside in the best way possible. Group guide through the forest at Konjuh was *Šljivić Husein*, one of our youngest members!

After a day filled with play, socialization and exchange of ideas for new activities for youth of our city, members returned to Tuzla filled with beautiful impressions.

“EUROACTIVE 2016“

In the period from May 21 to 28, 2016, the second activity of the project "EuroACTIVE" was held in a multi-ethnic town Kikinda. The topic of this training was Forum theatre, as a tool for youth work to support and empower young people at local, regional, national and international level.



Their task was to determine the problems which young people from Kikinda face, and to draw attention to problems and possible solutions to citizens through Forum theatre. Young people were introduced to the concepts of citizenship, activism and Forum theatre through various workshops. In addition, participants had the opportunity to visit and the Provincial Government of Novi Sad, and talk with the official representatives of these institutions.

This project gathered about 30 activists and young people from: **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Croatia, Bulgaria, Albania, Serbia and Portugal**. Representatives of the Youth Group ORC were *Jasmina Begović and Suad Murselović*.

REPRESENTING YOUTH!

MIRNA ANĐELIĆ



Mirna Anđelić is a student of Faculty of Technology in Tuzla, Department of Agronomy. It can be said that she is 20 years old, was born and lives in Tuzla, and she is also a young entrepreneur. She is fond of society in which she is, and she considers herself a responsible person and a good leader. Mirna is member of the Youth Group of ORC from 2015.

MEDIHA DELIĆ



Mediha Delić is 20 years old, born in Tuzla, but lives in Srebrenik. This young and perspective girl was active in her high school days and has been working on contribution to the society where she lives. She is a volunteer for numerous organizations. At the moment, she is attending the second year of Faculty of economics in Tuzla. With big investment in work and efforts, she manages to harmonize all of her obligations. As relatively new in our group, she has attended several seminars. The Experience she acquired in her volunteering is successfully used while working with the youth group of the Youth resource centre Tuzla.



PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH GROUP IN JUNE

CPI Foundation and Youth Resource Centre will host the team of "Comedy afoot" (Peđa Bajović, Filip Andronik and Hazim Mujčinović) through the "Civil Graduation" event on June 7, at 6PM in the National Theatre Tuzla. It will discuss the position of youth in their society, opportunities they have and issue of brain drain in an interesting way.



CPI Foundation will realize a gathering symbolically named "Civil graduation", in 6 cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mostar, Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Zenica, Doboj and Tuzla), with the cooperation of local organizations of civil society. Gathering in Tuzla will be held on June 7, 2016, with the cooperation of Youth resource centre (ORC) Tuzla, as a local partner.

The two-hour gathering will be filled with music, conversation about political situation, significance of the budgetary process, and what is available to them, and ways to use the Base of public finances through the stand-up comedy show.

ORC AND HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

During May, 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 JUNE, 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);
- Active participation in international ALF Network, maintenance and logistic support to ALF Network BiH;
- Continuation of focus groups organizations, as part of the joint project: "Divided past – joint future";
- Continuation of work on fundraising for 2016.

BIH NETWORK MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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Let's go to Museum!

Bosniack Institute – Foundation Adil Zulfikarpašić has started a project named **Let's go to the Museum**. The project was accepted, and financed by the Municipality of Stari Grad (Old Town) Sarajevo, as a part of the public call to the civil society organizations in Sarajevo. The project was initiated in order to connect young people, students in high schools of Stari grad, and introduce further with the museums and galleries, as well as their activities and exhibits, with which these institutions promote Bosnia and Herzegovina's heritage, which they do for several decades.

Previous experience has shown that pupils and students rarely visit museums. There are usually school programs with teachers, when most pupils first meet some museums and galleries. It is very rare opportunity for them to come with their parents, and even more rarely, or almost no such cases, when students come independently and voluntarily to museums and galleries.



The plan within the project "Let's go to the museum!" is to connect young people with museums and galleries, so that they could build a relationship with culture and cultural institutions, and a habit to spend their free time in the best possible way. Currently, there are more betting places and cafes in our environment than gyms, libraries, museums and galleries together, which marginalizes culture and characterizes it as the least important factor in

relation to the general commercialization of society and high unemployment. **Let's go to the museum!** is one way of enabling space for young people to express their creativity and motivation for exploiting the potentials of their local community.

Seven educational and creative workshops for students are planned to be organized within the project, in the period from May to December 2016, which would consist of study and educational visits to museums and galleries, and creative group work with leaders of workshops and comic draftsman. Each visit to the workshop will be accompanied by one comic story. Cultural, educational and tourist routes of Stari Grad Sarajevo are planned during visits to museums and galleries.

Workshop topics and visits are devoted to different aspects of cultural and historical heritage: Archaeological discoveries - Bijela tabija (White bastion); Sevdah: heritage and musical direction - House of Sevdah; The history and heritage of Sarajevo and Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo Museum, Brusa Bezistan; Contemporary art of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Art Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina; The culture of living and residential architecture - Museum of Sarajevo, Svrza House; Life and customs of the Jews in Sarajevo at the Museum of Sarajevo - the Jewish Museum; and the protection and preservation of cultural and historical heritage - Bosnian Institute.

Exhibition of artifacts from the museum is planned at the end of the project, which will students choose during visits to museums, and exhibition of comic stories, cultural routes and students' comments and works.

Let's go to the museum! will include about 100 students and high school students from the Municipality of Stari Grad Sarajevo, Gazi Husrev-Beg Madrasa, First Bosniak High School, Musical High School, High School for textile, leather and design, High School of agriculture, food, veterinary and services and hospitality and tourism high school.

This is the second project which Bosniak Institute implements at the invitation of the Municipality of Stari grad. The first project of the Youth heritage, the legacy for young people, was implemented last year and involved more than **170** pupils of high schools of Stari grad. During the project, young people had the opportunity to learn about the cultural and historical heritage of the local community through eight educational and creative workshops on 'vakuf and vakif', Bosniak publications of the 19th century (newspapers, magazines and calendars), architectural heritage and etc. ■





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Study visit of youth from Tomislavgrad to Banja Luka

The visit was organized as part of the youth exchange with the working title: **"Affirmation of youth in the local community"**. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of young people for active participation in the local community and promote social activism of youth. The project is focused at young participants from the area of Tomislavgrad, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Banja Luka, Serb Republic. The project is supported by the US Embassy in Sarajevo.

Young Activists from Banja Luka hosted youth from Tomislavgrad

Through the project activity - dialogue between young people and representatives of local authorities, guests from Tomislavgrad attended the meeting in the building of the City of Banja Luka, where they met representatives of the institution. Throughout the interview, young people addressed representatives of local community with questions about problems and the situation of young people in Banja Luka. This was an ideal opportunity to approach the needs and problems of young people to authorities in both local communities, and to propose active involvement of young people in decision-making at the local level for youth. During the meeting, the emphasis was on the establishment of mechanisms stipulated by "the Youth Law of FBiH" and "Law on Youth Organization of RS".



On this occasion, there was discussion about conditions and ways of working with young people in Banja Luka and Tomislavgrad, possibilities and potentials for future cooperation, differences and similarities in the modalities of work with young people and their potentials. Both local communities show concern for problems of young people in different way, but they also pointed to positive indicators in the economic successes and potentials that should eventually be reasons why young people should have a perspective.

In addition to meeting with representatives of local authorities, there was a workshop on promotional video making in the premises of Serb Republic's Alliance of National Minorities.



Workshop of promotional video making was about creating a video on the topic of youth activism in Tomislavgrad and Banja Luka. Participants of the workshop prepared the final stage of video - short documentary film. The topic of the video is youth activism in the area of Tomislavgrad and the City of Banja Luka, with an emphasis on the establishment of mechanisms adopted by the Entity Laws, Law on Youth FBiH and the Law on Youth Organization of Serb Republic. The idea came from the participants themselves at the educational workshops, during the visit of young people from Banja Luka to Tomislavgrad. The script for a short film was prepared by the participants themselves. Participants will be involved as writers, journalists, cameramen and editors. Everyone had their role in the team. Shooting was done at the "Kastel" fortress, in the center of Banja Luka.



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Memorial football tournament "Hemed-Feho"

Sports events were provided within the program of marking the "Days of Kladanj Municipality 2016", in addition to cultural events. Therefore, VIII traditional memorial football tournament "Hemed Feho" was held on May 7, 2016, at the school compound in Tarevo. Ten teams took participation in this event. The tournament was declared open by Mayor of Kladanj, *Jusuf Čavkunović*. ■

"Musa Ćazim Ćatić" Kladanj High School Graduates Parade

Kladanj youth also gave a special contribution to the marking of "Days of Kladanj Municipality 2016", by graduates parade from "Musa Ćazim Ćatić" High school in Kladanj. ■



Program on occasion of Municipality Day in performance of high school students

Ceremonial program was organized by students of "Musa Ćazim Ćatić" High school on the occasion of the Day of Kladanj Municipality, in which they presented the results achieved at cantonal and national competitions. They also performed rich cultural and entertainment program. ■



Students of Primary schools Kladanj and Stupari present school activities

As a part of the celebration of "Days of Kladanj Municipality 2016", cultural and entertainment program, organized by primary schools Kladanj and Stupari was held on May 10, 2016, in front of the House of Culture.

On this occasion, students have set up stands, where they presented school contents and activities, as well as the successes that have been achieved through section work. ■



Celebration of Elementary student's graduation in Kladanj

On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, students of primary school "Kladanj", from Kladanj, celebrated the elementary school prom.



Competition for best art work

The three most successful works, which arrived on the occasion of "Competition for the best art work" and Day of mosques, have been selected on May 26, 2016, in the premises of the Majlis Kladanj.

The commission was composed of imams, *Džemal ef. Hatamleh*, *Enis ef. Hodžić* and *Almedin ef. Omerović*.

In the previous period, a great number of our children's works had been received. After reviewing, committee unanimously brought a decision, and the title of the most successful went to:

1. place: *Sabina Habibović*, fourth grade elementary school student from Crijevčici,
2. place: *Lamija Buševac*, fifth grade elementary school student from Kladanj,
3. place: *Hodžić Hadis*, Tarevo.

International Competition Results

Student's newspaper **MIRROR** from Belgrade opened the international competition for categories of: painting, photography, short story, essay and poem. In the competition with 59 schools in the region, our fellow citizens *Amina Mašić* and *Namir Mašić*, students of "Musa Ćazim Ćatić" High school, Kladanj, entered the narrowest selection of best 15 works. Their work will be published in the **MIRROR**.



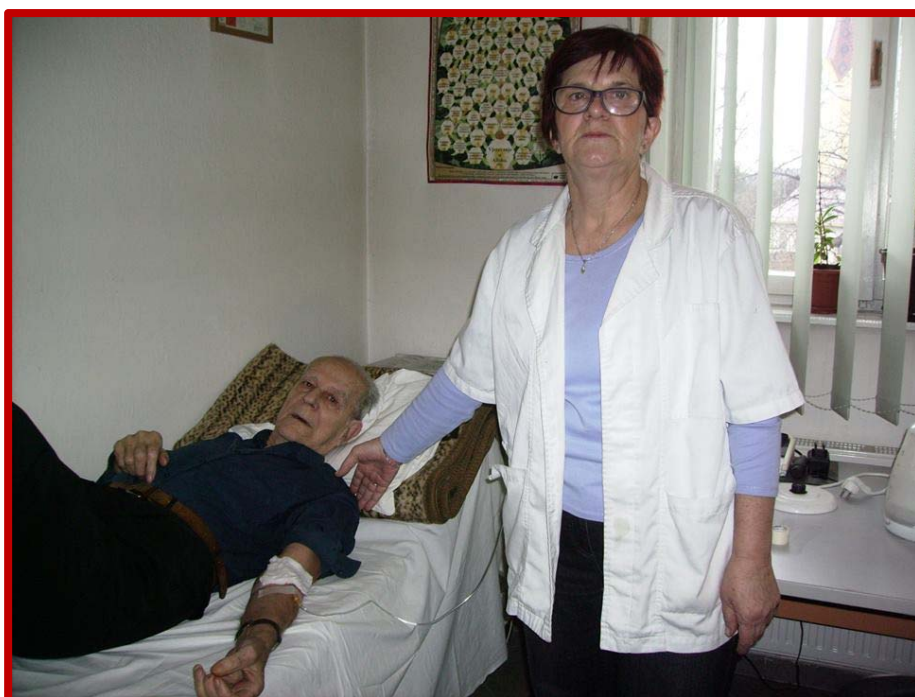
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President of "Merhamet" Doboј and a nurse visited old and ill members and gave suitable gifts. ■



As a part of the May 6, International day of Asthma, the medical staff of "Merhamet" visited this population. ■



Activists of "Merhamet" Doboj attended the event "Europe Day 2016, Doboj - city of young entrepreneurs and artists."



Lecture on disease prevention was held by *prof. dr. Zijad Bešliagić*.



Participants of maktab class have finished this year successfully, thanks to the distinguished *Adil ef. Rudanović*, who gives his maximum effort so the children would learn everything they need about their religion. President of "Merhamet" Doboj gave symbolic packages and continued with socializing and refreshments. ■



On the occasion of Family day, May 15, – 400 families received humanitarian aid. ■



Volunteers of "Merhamet" Dobož, *Semra Jašarević* and *Melisa Mujanović*, have participated in the workshop at ToPeer, called "Reconciliation between the youth".



Activists of the "Merhamet" Dobož have attended a "Book promotion" organized by the Bosnian cultural community – Preprod.



Coalition meeting, "with tolerance and positivity from Dobož", with the presence of "Merhamet" activists.





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FBIH and RS Business Owners Agree: Changes of Law on VAT Are Required Now!

The Institute for Youth Development KULT intensively advocated introduction of changes in the Law on VAT in May. Within the action of signing the letter of support to changes in the Law on VAT of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the letter has been signed so far by over 30,000 business owners gathered around chambers of economy and crafts and by associations which focus on help to economy.

The letter of support is primarily intended for business owners, and among the signatories are representatives of the Chamber of Economy and Crafts of Sarajevo Canton, the Chamber of Economy

Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar, Tuzla Canton, Central Bosnian Canton, Una-Sana Canton and Posavina Canton. The initiative was also supported by representatives of the Chamber of Economy and Crafts of FBIH and RS, the Association of Employers of FBIH, "Kupujmo i koristimo domaće" ("Buy and Use Domestic Products") Association and the Association for Improving Economic Relations between Germany and BiH.

The changes of the Law on VAT are necessary according to the statements of *Miro Džakula*, the Director of Agency for Indirect Taxation of BiH, who discussed the issue at the recently held "2016 Jahorina Economic Forum". As he stated, the VAT in BiH is based on 6th EC Directive that was placed out of force, and the 112 Directive is key for the VAT tax in the EU, so our country will have to change the Law on VAT in accordance with the EU accession process.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT advocates for introducing changes in the Law on Value added Tax according to which the taxpayers would pay the VAT after collecting their receivables and not by the 10th of the month, as the current Law stipulates. The changes would also refer to resolving the issue of right to deduction of input VAT.

According to current legal provisions, the employers are obliged to pay for their taxes despite not having collected their receivables. This makes many business subjects insolvent and often forces them to terminate their business.

The letter of support is available on the following web-portal: www.podrzy.poslovniprostorbh.org.

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



Institute for youth development KULT supports public call for grant beneficiaries of current transfers from FMRPO (FMDEC)

The Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts will allocate around 5 million BAM this year to aid and support of the economy.

At the press conference of the Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts and the Institute for Youth Development KULT, held on May 19, 2016 at *Networks*, the forms of applying, criteria of selecting the users and areas for which the funds will be allocated were presented.

The Public Call for selecting the grantees of current transfers of the Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts that the Ministry issues regularly at an annual level was published at the website of the Ministry and the funds will be allocated, among others, for women and youth entrepreneurship and individual innovators.

As emphasized by the Minister of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts *Amir Zukić*, it is significant that funds of this Call will also be allocated to future high school students who are planning to educate themselves in deficient occupations.

There is a great number of youth who have the ambition to start their own business, but many of them do not have the necessary funds. That is why this Public Call is a great encouragement to youth who want to accomplish something in this country – stated *Jasmin Bešić*, the Executive Director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.



The Institute for Youth Development KULT will provide the Ministry with technical, advisory and coordination support in the process of informing youth, women and persons with newly-founded businesses primarily about the manners of applying for the call.

As stated by *Ajka Baručić*, the Manager of the BH Business Site initiative realized by the Institute, small and medium-sized enterprises are the key generators of workplaces and everyone should be aware of this, especially if we consider the fact that there are around 500,000 unemployed in BiH and that youth are leaving the country in increasing numbers. This is why youth that are starting businesses represent the key of development.

The application deadline is June 17, 2016, and the public call is available at: www.fmrpo.gov.ba ■

Sarajevo Canton Soon to Have Data on Position of Youth

Representatives of the Institute for Youth Development KULT held a working meeting with the Minister of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton, *Mr. Elvir Kazazović*.

The topic of the meeting was the process of developing the Study on the Position of Youth that will represent the basis for developing the Youth Strategy of Sarajevo Canton.

The methodology of developing an analysis on requirements and the position of youth was arranged, along with a questionnaire that will be used as one of the tools in gathering necessary data. The importance of the participation

of Youth Councils in municipalities and cantons in making relevant decisions concerning the issues of this population was also discussed.

As concluded during the meeting, work group that will commence with developing the Youth Strategy of Sarajevo Canton based on the analysis should be formed soon, and the manners in which the Resource Ministry will additionally involve itself in creating the best environment for youth were also considered.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT has already begun with intensive activities in preparing the Study on the position and requirements of youth in Sarajevo Canton.

Social Day at Institute for Youth Development KULT

Fifteen high school students were hosted on May 25, 2016 at the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Educational-Leisure Center for Youth SPAJALICA as a part of the Social Day. The students spent a "workday" at the Institute, during which they learned about working in the non-governmental sector, youth activism and the manners of including themselves in the political life of the community.

This was the first volunteering experience for many of the students. *"This is my first volunteering experience and in the following period I will strive to engage myself in other volunteering activities as well. To spend a day in such a manner is a great experience and the most important thing is that I've realized the relevance of social engagement"* – stated Ilvana Podgorica, a student of the Secondary School for Environment and Wood Design.



The Social Day is a part of the "Volunteer and Credit" project and the idea is for the students to exchange one day of attending classes with a day of volunteering in companies and NGOs. They will be paid a wage for their work intended exclusively for the requirements of their projects.

The "Volunteer and Credit" project is being realized by the "Infohouse" Association and the main goal is to strengthen youth capacities in order to train them to take responsibility for their professional future, local community development and improvement of youth status as a whole. ■

Volunteers from eight countries visit SPAJALICA

The Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA in Ilidža was visited by volunteers from 8 countries in May.

A "Coffee Time with..." session was organized with the volunteers of the European Voluntary Service during which youth exchanged their experiences. The session was attended by volunteers from the European Voluntary Service and Educational-Leisure Center for Youth SPAJALICA and by representatives of the Association for Preventing Addiction "Narko-Ne".

They discussed the lifestyle of youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the educational system and advantages that volunteering provides for youth.

The volunteers of the European Voluntary Service were introduced with the activities of the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Educational-Leisure Centre for Youth SPAJALICA, and tried to learn the basics of local language.

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) enables youth to perform voluntary services from the area of their interest in another country. Youth may volunteer in areas such as culture, youth, sports, children, cultural heritage, art, animal welfare, environment, etc.

Volunteers from Austria, Denmark, Turkey, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Italy and the United Kingdom spend at least 3 months and no more than 1 year in the countries of Western Balkans, where they meet youth, aid in resolving local issues and acquire new knowledge that they will implement in their future voluntary engagements.



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Daily Workshops

Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) has continued its daily activities in May. Participants have been divided into two groups, age 4-7 every working day from 11:00am -1:00pm, and age 8+ from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Younger group made drawings of ladybug during this month, snowdrops and other kinds of flowers made with decorative tape, and colourful paper birds using water, wood and acrylic colours, as well as cotton, glue, cardboard, soft wire and collage paper. Morning group learned and repeated numbers from 1-10 using colouring worksheets each Thursday, and they have repeated shapes and colours in English language. Goal of these activities is for children to develop their imagination, while using various materials, to express their creativity and to develop motor skills and respect toward others, as well as good manners. During May, between 20-27 participants attended morning creative workshops.

Afternoon group is following a different schedule for each day, trying to encompass as many different themes and activities as possible (age 8+).



Monday is scheduled for English language, communication, pronunciation and various games which enhance foreign language in a group. This group also worked on grammar assignments during this month and practiced sentences in passive. On Tuesdays, we have creative expression - creating various decorations and flowers out of crepe paper and soft wire. Music workshop is held on Wednesdays, where the participants have the opportunity to learn basics of music theory and musical system and to develop ability to communicate and have a dialogue on theme of "rhythm". Each Thursday, the group is divided into two smaller groups, where participants have the possibility to choose sport or drama.

Friday is day for learning the basics of German language, as well as helping with the homework.

Workshops are held in the Youth Centre in Brčko District. Coordinator of the workshops in May was *Slađana Bašić*, with the assistance of local and Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteers *Jonas Kiesner*, *Anne Bonitz* and *Johanna Weng* from Germany, *Vanessa Brumen* and *Theresa Bittman* from Austria, *Alee Whiteman* from Australia, *Samantha Peterson* from USA, and *Monica Reeves* from Great Britain. Number of students in the older group is between 20 and 25.

Language Workshops

English and German language courses continued in May. There are 35 students attending these courses and they are divided in to three groups (Beginner 1, Beginner 2 for children and adults and Intermediate 1 for children).

Each group has two 90min classes per week, and the classes are held in the premises of the Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) and the Youth Centre of Brčko District. Students' age varies from 8 to 35. ■



“Let’s speak German” – German communication workshops with native speakers

German language workshops are held each Thursday in the premises of the Youth Centre of Brčko District from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Because of great interest and different levels of knowledge, participants are divided in to two groups, namely beginner group (new A1) and advanced (A2, B1, B2). German language communication workshops are intended for all who wish to learn basics of grammar, as well as improve their previous knowledge and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Coordinators of the project are international volunteers from Germany *Anne Bonitz* and *Johanna Weng*. Workshops were attended by 25 participants in May. ■

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

English language workshops are held every Wednesday in the premises of the Youth centre of Brčko District from 7:00pm-8:00pm. English language communication workshops are intended for all who wish to learn basics of grammar, as well as improve their previous knowledge and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Coordinator of the project is international volunteer from Great Britain *Monica Reeves*. Workshops were attended by 10 participants in May. ■

“Parliamo italiano insieme” – Italian communication workshops for beginners

Workshops for the Italian language are held each Tuesday in the premises of the Youth Centre of District Brčko from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Communication workshops in Italian language are intended for the age 16+ - for all who wish to learn the basics of the Italian language and the usage of daily communication and dialogue, as well as acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Coordinator of the project is the international volunteer from Austria *Vanessa Brumen*. Workshops were attended by 10 participants during May. ■

French language communication workshops for beginners

French language workshops are held each Friday in premises of the youth centre from 6:30pm-8:00pm. French language workshops are intended for age 16+, for all who wish to learn basics of French language and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Focus is on the exercises and dialogues in daily communication. Coordinator of the project is an International volunteer from Germany *Anne Bonitz*. Workshops were attended by 9 participants in May. ■

Drama workshop

Project called “Drama workshops” for youth is held each Tuesday in the premises of the Youth Centre of Brčko District from 7:30pm-9:00pm. At the moment, the group is working on the fifth scene of comedy **“It doesn't always have to be Shakespeare”**. Warm-up exercises, with duration from 10 to 20 minutes, are of great help for relaxation before the actual workshop. Goal of this project is for young people, who love the theatre and acting, to acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Coordinator of the project is *Anne Bonitz*, international volunteer from Germany. In May, drama workshops were attended by 10 participants, age 16+. ■

“Freeletics” – sports workshops

Sport workshops “Freeletics” were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00pm and 10:00pm in the premises of the Youth centre of Brčko District. Workshops are meant for children who wish to improve their motor skills condition and power, as well as acquire new skills and acquaintances. Coordinator of the project is *Miloš Popić*. In May, workshops were attended by 9 participants. ■

Music workshops

In the first half of May, EVS volunteer *Monica Reeves* continued, with help of local volunteers, with series of music workshops with various content. ■

Guitar Workshops

Participants of guitar workshop continued their regular activities and workshops in May. ■



Samba Workshops

In May, participants of the workshop mostly worked on improvisation and through that, on the creation of short rhythmic units (everyone on their instruments), which would be later incorporated into whole. This practice will continue in the future, so the one part of the workshop will be dedicated to playing well-known compositions and the other to improvisation and composition of new works. ■



FUTURESHORTS FILM FESTIVAL

On Friday, May 27, Youth organization Svitac (Firefly) prepared another evening of short films in Brčko, at 8pm. Film screenings in Brčko are part of the global **Futureshorts Film Festival**. The program of this year's spring season was shown in 100 cities and 40 countries around the world.



There were seven short films included in the program:

- **Home Suite Home**, Netherlands. Directed by: Jeroen Houben
- **Leidi, Kolumbija**, Great Britain. Directed by: Simon Mesa Soto
- **Sunday Lunch**, France. Directed by: Celine Deavux
- **Perfection is Forever**, USA. Directed by: Marta Trifu
- **RATIONALE/ FAST LANE**, USA. Directed by: Luke Monaghan
- **A HOLE IN MY HEART**, Netherlands, France. Directed by: MeesPeijnenburg
- **EDMOND**, USA. Directed by: Nina Gantz

After screenings at Youth center in Brčko, audience voted for the film they liked the most. Maximum votes went to the film "**Home Suite Home**", directed by Jeroen Houben.



Za juni se planira nastavak svih redovnih radionica Omladinske organizacije Svitac.

INFORMATION/DONORS/ CALLS

Reporting Grants for Women's Stories

The IWMF's **Reporting Grants for Women's Stories**, sponsored by **The Secular Society**, is a new funding initiative supporting journalism produced by and about women. In an era of increased globalization, the need for varied coverage of gendered topics is critical to a free and representative press. These grants will be a catalyst for reporting on untold stories surrounding issues that impact women and girls' daily lives worldwide.

Through programs, fellowships, and grants the IWMF empowers women journalists with the training, support, and network to become leaders in the news industry. The IWMF recognizes that promoting the work and advancing the role of women in the news media is critical to transparency and that women journalists remain underrepresented in both media organizations and bylines across the world. Consequently, stories about women and the issues that affect their lives remain severely underreported. The IWMF's Reporting Grants on Women's Stories initiative empowers journalists to access untold stories through new means of funding that emphasizes gender balanced reporting.

The Secular Society's support for gender equity through independent reporting grants highlights the need to provide women journalists with more robust funding opportunities to pursue journalism in the public interest. **The Secular Society** believes that all governmental activities and those of religious organizations should be separate; they also hold that all religious beliefs are equally valid and their expression must be treated with tolerance and respect. Journalism funded by the IWMF's Grants for Women's Stories will contribute to the larger conversation about secularism's role globally and focus on the challenges faced by women in a non-secular world.

These grants provide opportunities for women journalists to pursue international stories of importance through gender-sensitive coverage of underreported topics. Average amount of grants is 5000 dollars.

Grants will be awarded to cover reporting-related costs including travel (flights, ground transportation, and drivers), logistics, visa fees, and payment for fixers/translators.

All applications must be filled out online via the IWMF's online application system.

Reporting Grant applications are reviewed on a constant basis. Funding will be awarded and winners will be notified three times a year: in April, August, and December. Applicants may apply for concurrently for Reporting Grants for Women's Stories and the Howard G. Buffett Fund for Women Journalists.

Proposals that are extremely time sensitive will be considered on a case by case basis. If your proposal is time sensitive, please be prepared to explain why in your application.

For more information and application, visit: <https://iwmf.submittable.com/submit/58104>

Smart Start call for project proposals

Smart Start is a regional project, funded by the EU – **Civil Society Facility** and Media Program 2014-2015 (Support to regional thematic networks of Civil Society Organisations).

This project is being implemented in IPA beneficiaries' countries in the Western Balkans and Turkey, by Project consortium: Centre for Civil Society Promotion - CCSP (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), Centre for Research and Policy Making (**Macedonia**), Institute for entrepreneurship and economic development (**Montenegro**), Centre for Development of Non-Profit Sector (**Serbia**) and YADA Foundation (**Turkey**), with support of partner organization CEDRA HR from **Croatia**.

General objective of Smart Start is to help create an enabling environment for social entrepreneurship of civil society organizations (CSOs) and to improve their sustainability, financial viability and social impact in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

Within the specific objective related to strengthening long-term financial sustainability and impact of 50 selected CSOs in five partner countries through start-up financial support and socially and environmentally responsible use of self-financing strategies, social innovations and social enterprise, Smart Start project is inviting civil society organizations to apply for support in developing social business/income generating activities.

First Phase: Smart Start will select 100 CSOs in 5 countries (20 per country) which will receive tailor made capacity building support aimed at development of skills needed for developing social entrepreneurship of CSOs. Business plans will be developed during tailored training sessions, and will be based on ideas developed by CSOs.

Second Phase: Selection of grant recipients will be based on business plans submitted by 100 CSOs, participants of the capacity building program in the First Phase. Financial support will be used as startup fund for selected CSOs, and eligible costs will be related to purchase of necessary equipment, services, education of staff, material etc.

Financial support per one selected CSO will be in amount of maximum EUR 6.170. Requested contribution by CSO is minimum 10% (Smart Start support in amount of EUR 5.553 and contribution by CSO in amount of 617 EUR).

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for Smart Start support, applicants must:

1. **Be a non-profit entity**, registered as association of citizens or some other similar form of civil society organization (foundations are not eligible);
2. **Be local organisation** registered in one of the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey;
3. **Have an idea** to start selling products and/or services of CSO in order to strengthen its sustainability and ensure continuous support to beneficiaries or have already started income generating activities in their CSO (including founding of separate legal body owned by CSO).

Application Submission

Language to be used in application writing is local language.

Deadline for submission: June 13, 2016.

More information at: http://www.civilnodrustvo.ba/files/Call_for_Applications_SmartStart_10.5.2016..pdf

Call for cultural programs of national minorities in the Serb Republic

The Ministry of Education and Culture of Serb Republic announced a public call for financing of cultural creativity of national minorities in Serb Republic for 2016. The planned budget is **30,000 BAM**.

The call is open to projects which promote culture and cultural diversity through the conservation, protection and presentation of cultural heritage of national minorities, as well as research, education and projects intended for children and young people, in order to preserve the culture of national minorities.

Associations of national minorities registered at the local level in Serb Republic and national minorities associations of particular importance for the Serb Republic have the right to submit applications.

Javni The public call for co-financing cultural creativity of national minorities in Serb Republic for 2016 is available at the webpage of Government of Serb Republic - site of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The call is open for 30 days from the date of publication.

Source: <http://www.vladars.net/sr-SP-Cyrl/Vlada/Ministarstva/mpk/JavniPozivi/javnipozivi/Pages/javni-konkurs-za-sufinansiranje-projekata-kulturnog-stvar.-nacionalnih-manjina-2016.aspx>

"Source of Hope" Foundation: Call for award of high school scholarships

Deadline: June 30, 2016

1. Management Board of "Source of Hope" Foundation Sarajevo brought a decision to grant 60 scholarships to final year students of primary school and high school students from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2016/17 school year, as follows:

- a. 30 scholarships for final year students of primary schools and for all high school students;
- b. 30 scholarships for best students of generation (generation pride) and super excellent students of final year.

2. Scholarships are awarded for 2016/17 academic year, starting from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Scholarships are implemented in a way that high school students have subsidized costs of accommodation and food during 2016/17 (September - June).

3. The amount of scholarship and granting

- a. The Foundation fully subsidizes the cost of accommodation and food for best students of the generation and excellent students of final year in primary schools, in the amount of 250,00 KM;
- b. The Foundation subsidizes the cost of accommodation and food for final year students in primary school and for high school students who are not from the previous category, in the amount of 200, 00 KM.

4. General criteria and conditions precedent to award scholarships to final years students of primary schools and high school students are:

- a. Achievement in primary school education (average grade point and extracurricular activities);
- b. Monthly income of candidates' family;
- c. Conversation with parents/guardians of candidates in the premises of the Foundation.

5. Submission of applications for the call:

- a. All final year students of primary schools and all high school students have right to apply;
- b. Applications should be sent by online form: izvornade.com/aplikacija for students.

Source: <http://www.hocu.ba/index.php/hocu.priliku/fondacija-izvor-nade-konkurs-za-dodjelu-srednjoskolskih-stipendija/>



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