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Dear friends,

We present you the January issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, at this moment, gathers **182** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** cities/municipalities/places in BIH.

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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Enjoy reading!

ACTIVITIES OF ORC/HCA IN JANUARY 2017.

„Crew from the hood – message from the province“

Mapping „Crew from the hood“

Main objective of „Crew from the hood“ project is expressed through the motivation of decision-makers to encourage the active cooperation of alternative culture, affirmation and social recognition for alternative cultural scene. The project focuses on active alternative cultural scenes in three regions: Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, western Serbia and northern Montenegro.

During January we have worked to establish contacts with the authorities in Živinice and Brčko District, and collected a database of young graffiti artists from Tuzla, Bijeljina, Živinice and Brčko.

Workshop „Writing CV and motivational letter“

Workshop „Writing CV and motivational letter“ organized by the Educational Centre "Nahla" was held on 11th January. The workshop was held by Merita Sokoli, a social pedagogue and a member of the Youth Group of YRC.

Educational Center “Nahla” aims to empower women by education and creation of encouraging environment for personal development and competent participation in social processes. As part of the Educational Center “Nahla” a Youth Club Nahla was founded few months ago. The club brings together around twenty young women from the Tuzla Canton. The aim of the club is to empower and strengthen women through educational activities of this Centre. Next lecture will relate to positive life values, gratitude, verbal and nonverbal communication, concreteness and effectiveness in presenting etc.

Youth group ORC Tuzla

Be cool – set the standard

Youth Group of Youth Resource Center Tuzla, has implemented a project "Be cool and set the standard" in January. The activities of this project were two modules, where the first was realized in Tuzla in the House of the Flame of Peace, and the second in the Youth Center Brčko District.

Educator, Merita Sokoli, used interactive - educational workshops to talk about following topics with participants: self-confidence, addiction, healthy lifestyles and non-violent communication.

Within these themes key terms were defined: self-confidence, self-esteem, addiction, addictive substances. After the terms were defined, participants worked together on exercises that encourage the development of defense mechanisms, setting boundaries, ways in which one can react if others cross

set limits, the impact of the community in which they live and its impact on what they have become today, recognizing the addictive behavior and how these behaviors affect destruction of relationships. Durring workshops participants debated about other terms which are used in society but their true meaning isn't well known.



In the context of healthy lifestyles there was much discussion about what kind of food we eat every day, how much time we spend in nature, why do we slightly do sports, and how our current lifestyle affects not only the current state of our body, but also the state of organism in the future. Participants talked a lot with educator about stress situations they face and which diseases stress can cause in organism. Educator used examples from practise to give suggestions on how they can influence the reduction of stress and how they can engage in conflict with other people while using the skills of nonviolent communication.

We are very grateful to donor - the Institute for Youth Development, which supported the project of our youth and participant of the training "Learn think and act", Husein Šljivić. We are grateful for the support of the Centre for Youth Development PRONI and Youth Center Brčko.



Banja Luka – Academy for political strengthening of women

As a result of academy held in four cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina durring october 2016 Transparency International in cooperation with participants created publication which was presented in Banja Luka 26. 1.2017.





This was last activity where women who successfully completed the academy participated. Youth Group of YRC was represented by Marija Jokić. Participants had the chance to visit Gender Centre of RS. There they talked about work and issues that organisation faces.

The participants learned how this center is recognized and legitimate on all levels of RS authorities, and how the data of this center is important for a realistic picture of political life in BiH. The next visit was to institution, where they discussed the organization of the institution and away fifty role in the everyday functioning of our State. The last activity of the conclusion of the preliminary presentation of the Manual. The manual is made up of works that have been written girls who participated in the Academy. The theme of the works was the theme of the same academy.

Regular activities of ORC & hCa Tuzla:

In January, we worked on the maintenance and development of communication and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.omladina-bih.net). In this context, we distributed information of interest to youth and youth activism in BiH daily on the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), but also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. We did correspondence with the organizations and individuals interested in the work of the network, replied on the questions related to certain activities, educations and other information related to youth activism in BiH. Also, our project team continued to apply for projects, and to prepare reports for the projects from previous period.

PLANS OF HCA/ORC FOR FEBRUARY 2017.

- Conducting regular activities through Youth Network;
- Active participation in international ALF network, maintenance and logistics support to ALF Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Preparations for the organization of the annual meeting of ALF network B & H;
- Continue activities on partnership project "Crew from the hood - Messages from the province", with partners from Serbia (Forum civil action - Forca Požega) and Montenegro (NGO Phenomena Kolašin).
- Participation at the third regional conference on human security in Athens, Greece, 23 - 25 February 2017, in the framework of the partnership project "Cross-border citizens' network for peace, reconciliation and human security in the Balkans.
- Regular activities within the Youth Network in B&H;

Youth writes

Merita Sokoli: They used to tell me I was working for nothing, that I've got nothing from that, that's volunteers are sectarians



When someone mentions volunteering I immediately think of all the young people I met, cities and countries that I visited, learning that was fun and all the other adventures that made me happy. There were many unusual stuff in the world of volunteers, ranging from seminars and training sessions where educators say you can ask whatever you want, there are no stupid questions, that it is just fine if you do not agree with the opinions of others and where they create ambience where you feel free and relaxed.

When you enter the world of volunteerism you will love it. Opportunities provided, the skills that you acquire, the knowledge that you get with it and the have fun you have is priceless. There's no money that can pay for all that I got from volunteerism. People often used to tell me I was working for nothing, that I've got nothing from that, that's volunteers are sectarians but ofcourse those words didn't discourage me. In my story about volunteerism, activism and youth work I had the most benefit. Thanks to seminars, trainings and educations which I passed, now I have the opportunity to work with young people and transfer them knowledge and skills that significantly affect positive change in their everyday lives.



There are definitions of volunteerism but to us youngsters, volunteers and activists it's allowed to be different and to create our own definitions, so I will write mine "Volunteerism is much more than helping others, volunteering is actually learning to helping and make others and yourself happy. "

If you want to learn, to meet other young people, to express your attitudes, travel and work on yourself, get out of suits and jump into the shoes of volunteers.

Youth Network members' activities



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Let's go to the museum!

Eight stories about knowledge and creativity.

In 2016, Bosniak Institute dedicated a part of its cultural and scientific activities for young people to express their creativity and to participate in cooperation with museums and galleries in the promotion of the culture of the local community.

The project Let's go to the museum! brought together students and high school students from the area of the Municipality of Stari Grad Sarajevo, Gazi Husrev-Bey Madrasa, First Bosniak High School, Music High School, High School of Agriculture, Food, veterinary and services Sarajevo, High School of hospitality- tourism and secondary school for textile , leather and design.



Pupils visited the eight cultural institutions and historical sites in the Municipality, and participated in 7 educational and creative workshops, which were dedicated to different topics of culture and historije, archaeological discoveries in the White Bastion, Sevdah - heritage and musical direction in the Art House of Sevdah, heritage of Sarajevo Brusa bezistan - Museum of Sarajevo, Sephardic culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Jewish Museum - Museum of Sarajevo, the culture of living and residential architecture in Svrzo's house - Museum of Sarajevo, restoration of the written heritage

of the Gazi Husrev-beg library, Modern art at the art gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the promotion and affirmation of bosnian and herzegovinian cultural heritage in the Bosniak Institute - Adil Zulfikarpašić Foundation.

Each workshop and visit was accompanied by a comic book story, drawn up jointly by participants / ice workshops and the most important cartoonist of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Philip Andronik. During the joint meetings through education, discussions and interactive working groups, the cultural route of the Municipality of Old Town, which includes the most important institutions and sites of Bosnian culture and heritage, was created.

Through meetings and training more than 180 boys and girls gave the contribution in promoting and popularizing the cultural heritage of their local community. Joint results were promoted at the exhibition *Let's go to the museum!* where ethnological and historical exhibits of visited museums and libraries, cultural route of the Municipality of Stari grad, comic stories and project brochure, were presented.

The project was implemented by Bosnian Institute – Adil Zulfikarpašić Foundation, under the auspices of the Municipality of Stari Grad Sarajevo in the period of eight months, from May to December 2016.



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Let's ski for homeland



On 01/22/2017. year, on the tracks of ski lifts Karaula, which already the second week in Kladanj, was held manifestation "Winter joy at home." The event is symbolically called "Let's ski for homeland", for our Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Competition in skiing, lunch and hanging out in the snow were organised. I am glad that the event is supported by a large number of citizens from the area of Tuzla Canton. Technical support in implementation of the project was provided us by Ski club "Kladanj" - said Nevzeta Rustemović, president of BZK „Preporod“.

The event which brought together a large number of citizens was supported by the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tuzla Canton Tourist Office and the Municipality of Kladanj.

Voluntary blood donation

On 18.01.2017.godine, in the premises of Health center Kladanj, Red Cross Kladanj Municipality in cooperation with the Polyclinic for Transfusion UKC Tuzla organized a regular voluntary blood donation.

Nor snow nor the cold weather prevented a large number of voluntary blood donors from all over the municipality Kladanj to respond to the campaign which this time great number of young citizens.



Humanitarian action held



There was a humanitarian action on 01/15/2017 in Kladanj, organized by the Association of Gynaecology and Perinatology Tuzla and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Center Tuzla, on the occasion of the European prevention of cervical cancer week.

Participation in this project took the students of the Medical Faculty of the University of Tuzla. They educated others on the importance of regular gynecological control, as preventive measures to prevent the occurrence of this serious malignant disease, at the information desk, which was set up at the mall Bingo in Kladanj.



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The joint project between ADRA BiH and the International Center for Children and Youth "Fortis" is continuing for fifth year in a row. We have helped many, successfully donated and become happier along the way.

From 5575 packages that arrived from Baden-Wurtemberg in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 200 were divided in the area of Jablanica and Mostar. Packets that have come from the Federal Republic of Germany are packed throughout the year in schools and kindergartens and are intended for children from the Balkans.

In Jablanica packages were distributed to members of the Center "Fortis" and students of Small school of piano, pupils and students in the "Day Center" together with the Youth Club "Under the Same Sun", while packets of Mostar divided his children from kindergarten "Zamzam" in Vrapcici, "Children's home" for children without parental care and socially vulnerable children from the area around the city of Mostar.



In our canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, Federation of B&H and throughout B&H there are a number of families who could really use some help and whose children do not have the best device of today's technology. Today it is necessary to live in peace, freedom, happiness and joy. Every child, coming from better-off or less standing family had the same smile and the same sparkle in the eyes when they receive a package. And Amina and Sabina and Ana and Elma and Zhang and Gas and Elmas and Amar, and Leon and Sanda, and Suada and Magdalena, and Nadia and Jasmine and David and Riad and Sara and Giorgia, all of the are the same at that moment. They all said the same sentence: "This is the happiest day of my life."

The message of this joint project is that differences among the children of the world need to be accepted, that these differences do not become obstacles, but that children in spite of these differences can achieve unity, where no child will be discriminated.

The International Center for Children and Youth "Fortis" from Jablanica wishes you Happy New year 2017.



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In Canton Sarajevo 50% of youth is unemployed, schools have less and less students

About 50% of young people in the Sarajevo Canton are unemployed, according to results of analyzes on the situation and needs of young people in the Canton, which was done in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth Radio Institute for Youth Development.



The results of analyzes which were presented in the premises of the ministry on January 24, 2017, and show that one in seven persons in this population are employed, and that this information leads to the conclusion that among the total number of employees in Sarajevo Canton only 13% them are young people.

"These analyzes results we could've expected, but what surprised us, what we need to understand very seriously, is the fact that only in the last two years the number of high school students

decreased by 23%. It seems that the reduction in the birth rate comes billing and it is time to wake up and begin serious work to improve the overall environment for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina." - Said Katarina Vučković from Institute for Youth Development.

Results of this research are the basis and the first step in the development of the Strategy youth of Sarajevo Canton. Since the relevant minister Elvir Kazazović recommended; the working group for preparation of the Strategy has already been formed and should start with the work soon. The strategy will be based on realistic and easy conductive targets, a ministry will with creation of a strategic document, in order to improve the situation of young people, work and allocate budget funds to help young people and regulation of their status through legislation.

As the results of the study show, young people are dissatisfied with the education, mainly due to the lack of practical training, lack of incentives for starting a business, the inability to start a family of their own and because of poorly spent free time. The biggest problem, as demonstrated by analysis, is that about 37 percent of young people would go abroad for good, 34 percent of young people would go for a longer period if they had the opportunity, while 18 percent of young people have already taken concrete steps to leave the country.

It is especially worrying that about 7 percent of young people visit betting shops weekly, 6 percent of them do it three to five times a week, and 3% each day. These data indicate that a growing number of young people becoming addicted on gambling, it was stated in the Analysis of the Needs and Problems of Youth.

In this study was first conducted research on the safety of young people where it was found that the most common form of violence in youth is peer violence and then other forms of violence such as psychological, physical and domestic violence.

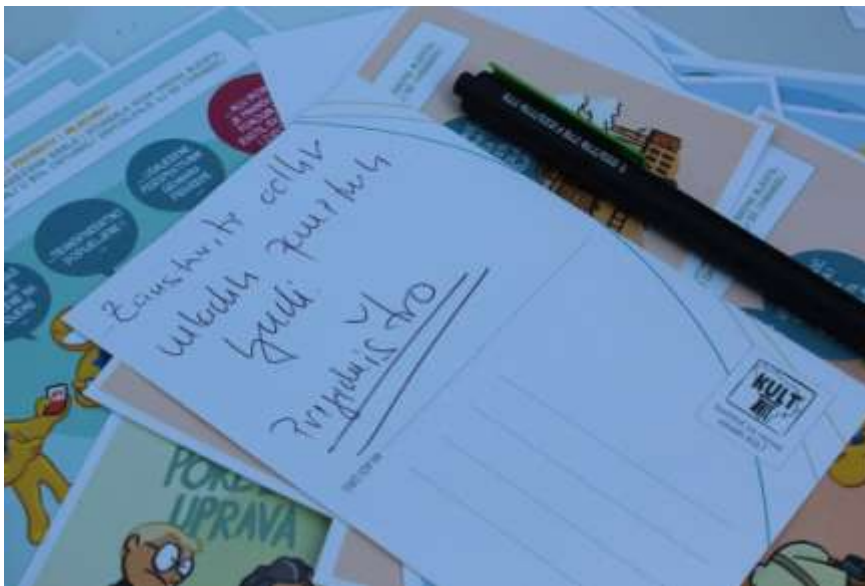
The study was conducted in Sarajevo Canton in the period June to August 2016 and 777 subjects aged 15-30 years and the sample contains approximately equal numbers of men and women, the same number of young people from urban and rural residents. Special attention was dedicated to other major demographic characteristics.

The analysis is available at: <http://mladi.org/url/ch>

Hundreds of citizens sent messages to B&H authorities

"Give us a job", "Stop corruption and nepotism", "Stop the brain drain" are the most common messages that citizens sent to representatives of B&H authorities.

Messages written on specially designed postcards with drawings that send a strong message about urgent problems of the average B&H citizen, mainly accumulated in the field of economy, were written by several hundred people and sent to authorities.



Action of writing and sending postcards in front of the Cathedral of the Sacred Jesus's Heart on 23 January 2017 was organized by the Institute for Youth Development, to allow the voice of the citizens to be heard.

"We are aware that in this way we can't solve the problems of B&H citizens but we are confident that we can run some very important issues. Citizens who had sent a message can be sure that they will reach those for whom they are intended. B&H authorities must listen to what those who vote for them have to say, but also work to resolve the accumulated problems." - said Nejra Neimarlija Roić from the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

Citizens were very transparent when sending messages and many of these messages were ended with personal signature.

"There is no more time to wait. If B&H politicians are still waiting to do something, there will be none to vote for them any longer. Everyone is going away." - Said one of the citizens.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT organized action in the framework of Business space BH initiative which was launched with the aim of contributing to solving systemic problems in the employment sector in B&H, primarily inadequate system of budgetary stimulus programs and active measures to combat unemployment in B&H and the economy burden of the poor concept of tax collection and high contributions from the worker's salary, which hampers investment in the development and creation of new jobs.

With local civic initiatives to educated and responsible youth

Non-formal education is the key to promotion of young people in B&H and the Institute for Youth Development KULT supported the local civic initiatives in several B&H environments that aim to enable young people to acquire new skills. The goal of the Institute and organizations that implemented Local civil initiative is to encourage youth activism which lacks space for useful free time organisation and to make them useful citizens of society.

In Zavidovići is also an initiative "I want to learn outside school" in which there will be organized workshops for young people on non-formal education and mobility. The workshops will be held in PI "High school Rizah Odžević" with young people from Zavidovići, Žepce and Zenica. This initiative will be implemented by the Embassy of Local Democracy.



The biggest problem of young people in Doboј, as well as in most other BH parts is unemployment. Lack of jobs for which young people often choose to leave the country and ensure the livelihood elsewhere. To prevent the emigration of

young people from the local community, members of H. O. "Merhamet" decided to organize youth training which will enable them to start their own businesses. Under the "Perla", ten unemployed young people will be given the opportunity to complete the training of jewelery, and then they will be given basic materials for the beggining and business development.

Youth Group of Youth Resource Centre Tuzla has decided to make something useful for youth from Tuzla and Brčko District trough the initiative "Be cool and set the standard." In Tuzla fourteen young people already had a workshops in which the young people had the opportunity to meet with the problem of substance abuse and healthy lifestyle, while in Brčko same workshop was held in mid-January.

Young people were given an opportunity to write the songs, drawing drawing and acting, in a creative way to learn how a healthy lifestyle can be cool.

Young activists from Prijedor decided to focus their initiatives is the sexual and reproductive health because it is a field which is in BH society does not attach enough importance. Humanitarian Association "clean heart", in the context of their local civil initiative "Knowledge against HIV", marked the International Day against HIV / AIDS. They organized a street action during which they shared educational materials and condoms. The aim was to influence the awareness of young people about the disease and ways of prevention.

All activities undertaken in the framework of local civic initiatives lead participants from training "Learn, think and act!" organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which aims to enable young people to acquire knowledge and skills that will ensure competitiveness in the work market .



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Activities H.O. „Merhamet“ Dobož in January 2017.

Volunteer of "Merhamet" Semra Jašarević and volunteer of youth organisation „Sixth sense“, Elvira Mahmutović implement project "Perla" – jewelry making. Donator of this project is organisation "Kult".



The first meeting of the Network "Tolerant and positive" from Dobož was held. An action plan for 2017 was made.



Due to the holidays and planning of activities for the coming months in the New Year, we had no activities. Best regards from Merhamet!



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Daily workshops

Youth organization Svitac in January continued with their daily activities. Participants were divided into two groups, age 4-7 years, every day from 11: 00-13: 00, and ages 8+ from 14: 00-15: 30 hours. Coordinator of the morning workshop prepared a plan of activities on the theme of tolerance, friendship and love, and tasks for group work. Every Wednesday they listened and practiced a variety of children's songs intended for their age, in order thus to practice rhythm and slowly adopted text. Since almost every week comes a new member, the group every Thursday practises and repeats already learned numbers, using worksheets for dyeing and repeating shapes and colors in English and German. The materials that were used for the realization of these workshops are wax crayons, markers, wood and watercolors, collage and crepe paper, wood, cardboard, plastic, feathers and sketchbook. The aim of these activities as well as so far is that children develop imagination and usage for a variety of materials to express their creativity, also to develop motor skills and respect for each other and adopt good behavior. In January, 20 participants attended the morning daily workshops.

Afternoon group follows a schedule that is different every day, trying to cover as many different themes and activities. (Ages 8+).



Mondays workshops are creative expression, Tuesdays English language, communication, articulation, and a variety of games that promote language learning in the group. The group is also this month, in addition to grammatical tasks, practiced communication in English, and have adopted a new vocabulary. Wednesday is the day for music and singing, learning the basics of the musical instruments guitar and piano, including music theory for beginners and reading notes. Every Thursday older group is divided into two smaller and participants have the opportunity to try to board games and teamwork, developing a sense of respect for others, socialization and fair play. Fridays are workshops of German as well as the day to assist in homework.

The workshops are held in the Youth Center of Brčko District. Coordinator of the workshop in January was Milica Baćanov, assisted by local and international Weltwaerts and EVS volunteers Alexander Likica from Germany, Bonnie Sturgess from Australia, Mahmut Taha Bicer and Yunus Seçkin from Turkey, Eduard Altub from Argentina, and Monica Reeves, Eleanor Pearson and Ben Owens from the UK. The number of participants older group is between 15 and 20 participants.



"Let's talk German" - communication workshops in German with native speakers

Workshops German are held every Thursday at the premises of the Youth Centre Brčko District from 17:30-19:30 hours. The group is currently working on a grammar for beginner and intermediate level and covers topics from everyday life. Workshops communication in German are for all who want to learn the basics of grammar, but also to improve existing skills and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. In January, the group worked on texts adapted to their knowledge, and practiced passed grammar tense. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Germany Alexander Likic. Workshops in January were attended by 10 participants (two groups).

„I love English“ – communication workshops in English with native speakers

Workshops in English are held every Wednesday at the premises of Youth center Brčko District from 19:00-20:00 hours. Workshops to communicate in English are intended for anyone who wants to learn the basics of grammar, use everyday phrases and other elements, but also to improve existing skills and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. In January, the participants realized three interactive workshops where participants demonstrated acquired knowledge. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Monica Reeves. Workshops in January attended by 10 participants.

„Love Art?“ – creative expression workshops for older then 16

Workshops of creative expression are held every Tuesday in the premises of Youth Centre Brčko District from 19:00-20:00 hours. These workshops, which began in November are for all who love art and art history, as well as drawing, painting and talking with discussion. Participants continue to work on themes of surealizam, drawing portraits and collage. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Eleanor Pearson. Workshops in January were attended by 5 participants.

Guitar workshops

Guitar workshop participants in January continued to practice etudes and composition of Roland Dyens, Carlo Domeniconi, Francisco Tarrage, Fernando Sor, as well as duets from Francis Kleynjansa and John Dowland. New students continued to learn about the basics of the instrument.

Samba workshops

From January workshops were attended by new participants and new volunteers from the UK and Turkey. The group is mostly worked on already-made compositions in which the permanent participants teach new ones with the skills they have gained in the previous period.

„Freeletics“ – sports workshops

Sports workshops are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 21:00-22:00 in the Youth Centre Brčko district and are intended for young people who want to improve their motor skills, stamina and physical strength, and to gain new skills and friendships. Project coordinator Milos Popić.



Plans for February are to resume all regular workshops Youth organizations Svitac.





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Succesfully finished humanitarian action „One candy- one child

During December 2016th Youth center for creativity and initiative from Novi Grad, together with the Association of children and youth with special needs and their parents „Iskra“ and the Association of families with four or more children „Sara“, successfully organized a humanitarian action called „One candy - one child“ .

The primary goal of this action was to collect sweets, toys and school supplies to a New Year's gifts to give to children with special needs and children from socially vulnerable families with four or more children. The initial expectation was that with this action at least 100 New Year presents can be made.



We can proudly say that we are very satisfied with the implementation of the action and that during action collected material and formed 122 New Year's packages, which on 30th December at 12:00 o'clock, with occasional show performed by Theatre "Scene", distributed to children in the premises of the Association "Iskra".



Boxes to collect the sweets were placed in buildings of several businesses.

One box daily was set to stand in the main street, where volunteers of OCKI were standing.

Besides boxes, a number of piggy banks was set up for fund-raising for the purchase of toys and school supplies for these children, and one piggy bank on stand in the main street.

We are using this opportunity to thank all the businesses that approved boxes for sweets and piggy banks for money contributions, because in this way they helped children with disabilities and children from socially vulnerable families with four or more children to receive New Year gifts. We are grateful the most to the citizens who showed humanity and without whose material and financial contributions this action would not have been possible to realize. Radio New Town supported Humanitarian action so we are thankful to them because they have covered all activities and promoted them in their program and have thus contributed significantly to the success of the campaign.



In this humanitarian action 12 volunteers participated with 112 volunteer hours completed. We are grateful to them for the effort and time and desire to help others selflessly in these cold days. Volunteers entered the Republican base of volunteers led by Volunteer Service of the Republic of Srpska and their volunteer engagement was registered in their volunteer booklets.





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Youth Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with the Youth Council of the Republic of Srpska signed an agreement on the implementation of the selection process of a person from the youth sector for the member to the Board of Directors RYCO's. Under the agreement the two organizations nominated and formed the Commission that led to the process of selecting a person from the youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In front of the Youth Council of the Federation, three persons from the Board of Directors were part of the Commission. Certain criteria by which candidates are scored were made as well as the text of the Public Call.

Public call was published on the website of the Youth Council of FBiH and RS Youth Council, and the same was opened eight days. Applications were sent electronically. After the closing of the Public call, we organized interviews with candidate. From the Commission's point of view, representative of the youth sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina has chosen Danijela Topić. The decision and the process that we had from signing up till the election was handed to the Council of Ministers who have made the nomination of Danijela Topić.



In the next month it is planned to hold a meeting of the Board of the Youth Council of FbiH to talk about current issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION/ DONORS/CALLS

1. PeaceNexus Foundation objavljuje launches 2017 call for Organisational Development support

The Switzerland-based PeaceNexus Foundation has been supporting organisational change processes of local civil society organisations (CSOs) and international NGOs with a peacebuilding mandate since 2009.

The application requires a description of the organisational challenge, and how overcoming it would lead to more peacebuilding impact. CSOs from specific countries of the Western Balkans, Central Asia and West Africa can apply, as well as international NGOs. The deadline is the 14th of February.

A comprehensive description of what PeaceNexus' organisational development support entails, including examples of what it has enabled peacebuilding organisations to achieve can be found in English and French on [PeaceNexus' website](#). Please find the application procedures and documents including FAQs there too.

Global Survey on Youth Peace and Security

UN Security Council resolution [2250](#), adopted in December 2015, mandates a Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, signaling the need for increased information on the youth peacebuilding community. Where are young people working on peace and security, and what are they doing? What impact have young people made on peace and security, and what is their vision of the future?

The [United Network of Young Peacebuilders](#) together with [Search for Common Ground](#) is conducting a global survey for youth organisations that are working for peaceful societies to feed into the Progress Study on Youth Peace and Security.

If you are active with a youth-led peace organisation or initiative, take part to:

- Influence the future of youth participation in peace and security and to make your voice heard in the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security.
- Showcase your work on peace and security to a global audience.
- Become part of a global database of organisations and initiatives, providing more opportunities to cooperate with others

Make your voice be heard, take the survey at: <https://www.youth4peace.info/Survey>



Amendment to call - Grant for funds: Support for civil society organizations

During 2015, the network 16 partner organizations in Southeastern Europe, led by Caritas Serbia has started implementing the project titled *SOCIETIES - Support of CSOs and Empowering Technical skills, Inclusion of people with disabilities and EU standards in South East Europe* (Support to civil society organizations in strengthening technical skills, social inclusion of people with disabilities in the implementation of EU standards in Southeastern Europe).

The project was approved as part of the EU contest to support the work of civil society and the media, with the general aim of strengthening participatory democracy and the process of EU integration of the Western Balkans and Turkey through the empowerment of civil society organizations (CSOs) to actively participate in decision-making, and creating legal and financial environment for the work of civil society and participatory media.

The ultimate goal is to strengthen their capacity for representation and more effective dialogue with governments in order to influence the policy and decision-making processes, and to create lasting change in society. The project started on 1st January 2016 and will last for 48 months, until the end of 2019. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, project is implemented in cooperation with the Association for mutual assistance in mental distress TK "Fenix", supported by the Federal Ministry of Health, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of RS and Center for Mental Health Vitez.

Project goals

The project "SOCIETIES" is actions proposed by the Alliance for Social Inclusion, composed of 16 NGOs at the European level. The project is carried out by 7 members of Caritas network and 9 NGOs working in the field of social inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Serbia, Kosovo *, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania. In addition, Italy and Bulgaria offer expert assistance in transition and de-institutional processes as EU member states. The purpose of the project is to empower civil society organizations to participate in public debate and dialogue with the authorities, increasing their expertise and knowledge to: influence the processes of decision making and improve and promote social inclusion policy.

Specific project goals

1. Strengthening the capacity of civil society in promoting the social inclusion of people with disabilities and mental disorders: capacity building, knowledge sharing, regional networks, managing initiatives of social inclusion and services, monitoring and evaluation of social impact.
2. Encouraging capacity of civil society organizations for dialogue with the authorities in charge of social inclusion: strategic and communication planning, advocacy, local networking, participation in decision-making processes.

Grant goals

Grant goal is to support and increase the number of social services in the community and the number of social companies, which manage CSO, which encourages social inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and persons with mental disabilities.

5 calls for proposals are opened (one for each IPA country).

Eligible applicants - WHO CAN APPLY ?

Grant is open for local civil society organizations that work exclusively with people with disabilities and / or people with mental disabilities. For the purpose of eligibility for this contest, the applicant must be:

- legal entity;
- non-profit organization

- local CSO working with people with disabilities and / or people with mental health problems;
- established in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- directly responsible for the preparation and management of the proposed project.

Eligible activities

Support to the establishment or strengthening of social services for persons with disabilities in the community and people with mental disabilities or social entrepreneurship initiatives which foresee the direct employment of persons with disabilities and people with mental disabilities.

Funds from this grant can be used for the purchase of tools, equipment, training for work, wages, fees, and the reconstruction of the case to show that such activity directly contributes to the objectives of allocating funds, etc.

Applicants must be able to guarantee the sustainability of services or business during the period for which it is approved grants as well as the period after completion of the grant.

Financial distribution

The total amount of funds for Bosnia and Herzegovina is 90.000,00 euros.

The maximum amount available for individual project proposals is 22,500.00 euros.

Applicants must ensure at least 10% of the funds (as a direct financial contribution or relevant contributions).

Timeframe

- Announcement of the contest for funds: 23. December 2016.
- The deadline for submission of proposals: 23. February 2017.
- Evaluation of proposals to: 31. March 2017.
- Signing of the contract: 01. April - 15. April 2017.

More information and application forms: [SOCIETIES SOCIETIES SOCIETIES-CALL-FORM](#)

Below you can find grant Annex which includes the criteria of the applicant, activities, costs, explained the selection process, and answers to frequently asked questions: [FAQ SOCIETIES Annex to the grant.](#)

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Program name:

Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Sector , Civil Society Program

General goals:

The program aims to encourage society in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia, where people and communities respect the rights of others and successfully engage in making decisions that affect the policies and processes that shape their lives at local, national and / or international level.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation confirms the founders vision of the world where each of us is in cooperation with the rest of the human race - where the quality of life of every individual is connected with the welfare of the community, both locally and globally.

We continue this vision through creative allocation of financial resources, careful communication and other activities that improve the community in its many forms. The same vision of joint learning shapes our inner culture as we strive to keep the ethic of respect, integrity and responsibility. The Foundation seeks to strengthen, in the people and their organizations, what Mott called "the ability of achievement."



What activities are financed:

The development of the nonprofit sector and philanthropy; civic engagement and public participation; transitional justice.

Global philanthropic and nonprofit sector

This program area seeks to encourage global platform of philanthropy and non-profit sectors that meet the needs of local communities.

Priorities for funding are:

- We want to improve the effectiveness of philanthropy and non-profit organizations through international cooperation and exchange of knowledge. We give grants:
 - Global and regional philanthropic and nonprofit membership associations, support organizations and initiatives.
 - Organizations and programs that support the global philanthropic community.
- This program area seeks to encourage global platform of philanthropy and non-profit sectors that correspond the needs of local communities.

Civil society

Civil Society Program aims to strengthen philanthropy and the nonprofit sector as a vital driver of civic engagement and improving the community and society.

While the goals and strategies of the Foundation are adapted to the specific circumstances of each geographical area in which we work, two major themes unite grant allocation under the program:

- How to empower people and non-profit organizations to take collective action to promote and defend democratic values; and
- Promoting and development of strong private donating for common good.

Size of donations:

Average donation is \$ 100,000. The amount of the majority of our grants is between 15,000 and 250,000 dollars a year. Project duration is a minimum of two years.

Geographical area of support:

More countries, including BiH.

Eligibility Criteria:

All future candidates should be informed about the mission, areas of intervention, geographical area and the availability of Mott's funds before establishing initial contact.

The procedure for allocation of funds is done in several ways:

- We ask that organizations with whom we have established contact deliver proposals.
- We publish periodic calls for proposals (RFPs) dealing with specific issues and areas.
- We accept proposals that are not specifically invited, or which belong in our program priorities and which are in accordance with our instructions.
- Considering that resources of the fund are limited, we strongly recommend letters of interest for those ideas and projects that are not delivered by call. Letters should include a brief description of the project, the necessary resources and the time period for implementation of the project.
- The proposals for general support as well as proposals for specific projects will be taken into consideration. Projects which last one or more years are accepted.

Proposals should be submitted to the Foundation at least four months before the proposed start of the project.

The budgets of the program are awarded on the basis of the calendar year. Beginning in the fourth quarter of each year the staff will allocate funds for the projects recommended for the following

calendar year. Staff must complete all recommendations for awarding grants to 31 August. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but those received between 1 September and 31 December will be considered only for the following calendar year.

How to apply:

Mott prefers that the organization is addressed by the Intention letter. The letter should describe the purpose and goals of the project, the general methodology and the total cost of the project. The intention letter, allows programs staff of the Foundation to determine the relevance of the proposed project in relation to the programs of the Foundation.

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(PPMG)

A notice of public call from US State Department to submit project applications (LGBTI) 2017

United States Department of State issued a call for sending written proposals for small grants project from about LGBT. Proposals can be sent by all organizations which deal with improving human rights of LGBTI persons in different ways, and social and legal empowerment of LGBT people. US State Department is collecting proposals to contribute to reducing discrimination against human rights of LGBT persons on the basis of gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.

The requested grant amount can not exceed \$ 25,000 for projects of maximum duration up to 18 months.

All interested organizations can send filled application until February 24, 2017. 12.00 to the email address: zahtjevi@ppmg.ba

Application form can be downloaded here [here](#)..

**Dear friends,**

If you are interested that in the monthly bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (YRC) Tuzla and Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina publishes: your calls for joint activities and co-operation, information about the activities; tenders for jobs; appeals for help or support; public announcements and all other non-commercial advertisements, you can contact us at one of the addresses below.

Deadline for sending informations for each following edition is 30th of the month.

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