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Dear friends,

We present you the March 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.

At the moment bulletin is being published in Bosnian-serbian-croatian and English language.

It contains information about the work of Youth Resource Centre (YRC) 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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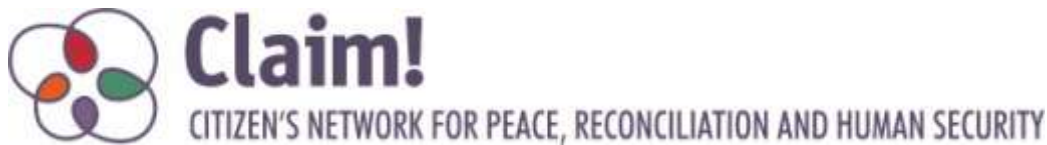


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ACTIVITIES OF ORC/HCA IN MARCH 2017.



"Cross-border citizen's network for peace, reconciliation and human security in the Balkans" is implemented by Helsinki Citizens Assembly of Turkey together with partners: ADP WALL Montenegro, SeConS Serbia, Institute for Regional and International Studies Bulgaria, Center for research, documentation and publication of Kosovo, Youth resource center Tuzla. Network activity from the very beginning were financed by the EU Commission as well as many other organizations such as the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Istanbul, Brussels, Sofia); Open Society Foundation (Turkey) and the British Embassy in Ankara.

By the end of february, organising one more stakeholders meeting and promoting project results, we have finished 4-year cycle. During march we have worked no translations and preparations for publishing Regional research report, which will be presented in the next period. Although the 4-year project cycle finished, Cross-border citizen's network for peace, reconciliation and human security in the Balkans, continues with its activities. O svim narednim aktivnostima informisaćemo vas u našim glasilima, ali i na stranicama www.omladina-bih.net i <http://cn4hs.org/>

Youth group of YRC Tuzla

Celebrating Mother Language Day

Members of Youth group YRC Amina Džananović and Melisa Memeti organised celebration of Mother language day on 2nd March in the premises of Mechanical high school Tuzla in cooperation with profesor Sabina Suljanović. They have welcomed former student of their school, Fatma Bulić. Fatma is a girl who spends her life in wheelchair but that does not stop her in her activism, ambitions and to be a role model for other young people. On this occasion she presented her prose and poetic work, told her life story and reminded participants which are truly important things life.



Graffiti – hooliganism or art?



In the Youth group of YRC March was marked by graffiti. From 13.03 to 17.03.2017. in Tuzla was organized "Graffiti Week", as a series of activities in the project "Graffiti - hooliganism or art". The project was designed by members of the YGYRC in cooperation with the local team Tuzla of Association of high school students in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the financial support by the Youth Bank of Foundation of Tuzla Community.

The aim of the project was to acquaint young people with the graffiti as art, but also with the problems many graffiti artists face every day. Through a variety of activities we wanted to draw attention to the distinction between art work and drawing inappropriate symbols or inscriptions which harm the local community and its citizens.

This project took place in three phases:

The first day was organized cleaning of cultural and historical monuments, traffic signs of improper inscriptions. The starting point for cleaning was Gradska česma which is the symbol of Tuzla and on which was written something inappropriate. After that, volunteers have worked very hard to clean up the rest of the city (Corso, promenade Slana Banja, traffic signs ...)



After cleaning, followed workshops that were held for three days so that more high school students could attend. The workshops were creatively covering issues of activism and graffiti. The aim of the workshops was to explain the difference between art and hooliganism and to put an end to the labeling of those who are engaged in graffiti art. Workshops involving a hundred Tuzla high school students were led by Ivana Jokić, Amela Mulahmetović and Šaban Šerifović.



On the last day of Graffiti week participants and graffiti artists created two murals which showed that graffiti on appropriate places really are art. Murals were made at the gymnasium Meša Selimović and the playground at Brčanska Malta. In this way, our city was enriched and placed in the ranking of world cities in which every aspect of art is appreciated and has its place.



Such activities can be an encouragement for young people to express themselves freely and messages to anyone that are in Tuzla support all kinds of art.

„The project is the debut of new members of the Youth Group YRC, so I think that they carried it out the best they could - taking into consideration that these are high school graduates who had no previous experience in project management. All activities were accompanied only by positive comments and support of the citizens of Tuzla, participants in workshops, high school with whom we worked, graffiti artists and everybody who have heard and seen what is done in the framework of Graffiti week. High school students were positively surprised by workshops where they had a chance to learn something new and to hear first-hand story from graffiti artists. I am proud of our youngsters, participants, graffiti writers and all others who have made this project a success. I believe this is just the beginning of a great story that will in future help the affirmation of young artists. " - said Ivana Jokić, coordinator of the Youth group Youth Resource Center Tuzla



Online campaign for fight against hate speech



Slobodan Blagovčanin, Adi Selman, Mirela Biković, Ivana Jokić and Nedim Musić had initial meeting with partner organisation PRONI in Brčko 23.3.2017. where they arranged organisation of the online campaign. Campaign CAT (Citizens against terrorism) will deal with problem of extremism and terrorism.

„Crew from the hood – message from the province“

„Crew from the hood“

The project's "Crew from the hood" goal 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 scene in three regions: eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, western Serbia and northern Montenegro. During March we continued with preparations for the upcoming activities (workshops maintenance and preparing for street campaign) and we held a working SKYPE meeting with partners on the project. More about the activities within this you will be able to see at our sites and portals.

Regular activities of ORC & hCa Tuzla:

During March, 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.

PLANS OF ORC/hCa FOR APRIL 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).



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Announcement

On Saturday 1st April 2017. there will be a second "Youth encounters through classical music" that is implemented by the International Center for Children and Youth "Fortis" from Jablanica.

At the meeting, famous pianist Bartholomew Stankovic with students of Little piano school from Jablanica will perform. Meetings will be held at the Music Center Pavarotti in Music School of I and II degree in Mostar, starting at 11:00 hours. Music school I and II degree students will be performing also with the school principal Mustafa Šantić.

This project is co-financed by the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sport and Municipality Jablanica (Youth Council Jablanica) for two years already. The project aims at cooperation between the two institutions in the fields of culture, education of young people regardless of in their national or regional affiliation with a focus on classical music through workshops and the seminars





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Successfully finished 4th Tuzla Brain Week!



"Tuzla Brain Week" - TBW is the name of the project under which the Tuzla marked the week of the brain in the period from 13 to 19 March, in the context of global initiative Brain Awareness Week. This initiative was launched by DANA Foundation and the Federation of European Neuroscience societies, and Tuzla Brain Week is the only project in the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina which is being implemented with the support of the previously mentioned institutions, and for the fourth time in a row. The main objective of the project is approaching the topic of neuroscience at specially conceived manner which will be adapted and understood by all its participants.

This year's Tuzla Brain Week began with the opening ceremony at the Medical University of Tuzla with over 300 invitees, guests, students, pupils and other stakeholders. The opening ceremony was attended by representatives of the Government of Tuzla Canton, Tuzla University, Medical Faculty, University Clinical Center Tuzla, International Burch University of Sarajevo, and others.

During the week of the brain workshops were held in: pre-school "Aladin", PI Primary School "Center", the Department for Education of Persons with Disturbances in mental and physical development of Tuzla, Faculty of Natural-Mathematical Sciences Tuzla, Faculty of Philosophy Tuzla, PI "Retirement home" Tuzla, as well as two special workshops at the Center for mental health of the Health Center Tuzla with students of Mixed Secondary chemical school in Tuzla. Within the large workshops in the open that was held on Wednesday at city center, next to the surrounding passers, students of the Mixed Secondary Traffic School took special role, as well as members of the YBC "Freedom".

In addition to the workshops, activities such as roundtable at UKC Tuzla were held, where students from neighboring countries and other cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina had the opportunity to listen to lectures of Ph.D. Osman Sinanovic and Ph.D. Mirjana Vidovic, as well as to participate in a special workshop psychodrama conducted by psychologist Samira Selesković. Also students had the opportunity to present their research work and present their work to international auditorium. Training house for young people "Labyrinth" was responsible for our guests rest. This year, an obligatory activity was "Scientific cafe" based on the principle of informal lectures, which was held in Just Cafe Pub, with speakers from the field of economics, law, engineering and acting, who offered a new perspective on brain and its function.





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Youth Council of FbiH visits Una-Sana Canton



Members of the Administrative Board of the Youth Council of FBiH in the period 9th to 11th March 2017. were guests at the Una Sana Canton, precisely Youth Council of the Municipality Ključ. During the visit of the Una Sana Canton, members of the Administrative Board held a meeting with the Prime Minister of the Canton, Mr. Husein Rošić. This meeting was held in a great atmosphere, where we had an opportunity to talk about future steps towards the adoption of the first cantonal youth strategies in the Federation. In addition to strategies for young people, we talked about the situation of young people in the Canton and on what can be done to reduce youth leaving the Una Sana Canton.

After the meeting with the Prime Minister, members of the Administrative Board had a meeting in the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, where we discussed in more detail the inclusion of local youth councils in the very process of adoption of a youth strategy USC.

Upon returning to Ključ the Board held its meeting, where we concluded next steps that we will work on to improve the situation of young people in the Federation. We are grateful to Youth Organizations Kosmos and Decameron because we were hosted in their premises..



The thematic session of the FBiH Parliament on emigration



At the initiative of representative Dennis Gratz in front of "Naša stranka" in the Federation Parliament is 22.03.2017. was held thematic session on emigration of the population. In front of the Youth Council of FBiH this session was attended by Mate Lončar and Mirela Geko. As legitimate representatives of the youth in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we had the opportunity to talk to all parliamentarians and guests who were present at this special session. President of the Youth Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mate Lončar said in his speech that 65 percent of young people want to leave Bosnia and Herzegovina because they don't see prospects in the country. Referring to the data from the research of the Institute for Youth

Development "Kult," Lončar said that more than 60 percent of the young population is unemployed and 27 percent do not consider that the situation will change. The main reason for the desired leaving is poor economic situation and lack of employment opportunities, he added.

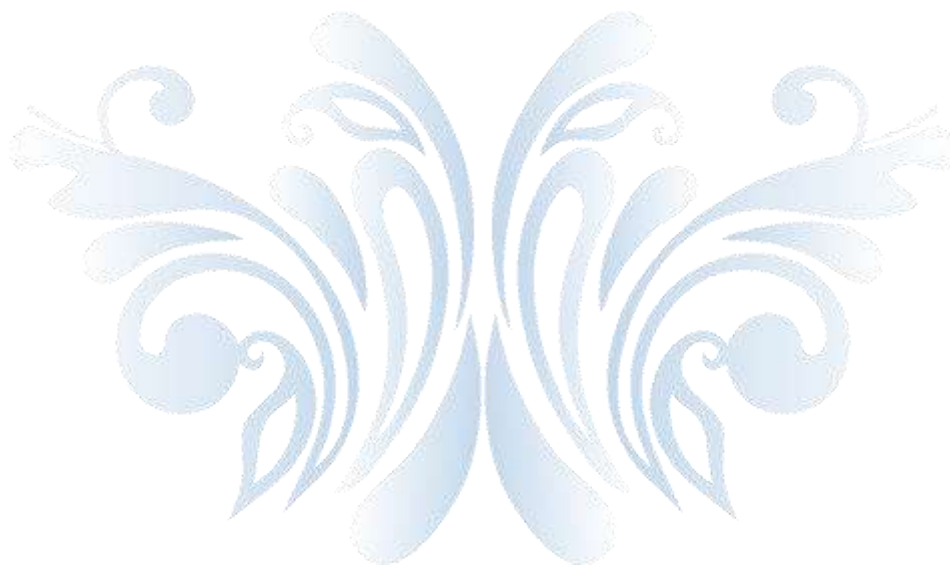
Special emphasis is placed on increasing the implementation of the Law about youth FBiH, which has existed since 2010, but, unfortunately, very little is implemented in the whole the Federation. "The Youth Council is ready to support every positive measure and step that solves problems. It is final time to handle with these problems, to see young people as a resource and to stop emigration. Young people are not the problem but the solution." said Lončar, addressing delegates at the special session of the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament dedicated to the emigration of the population from the Federation.

After the thematic sessions, president of the Youth Council of FBiH, together with the initiator of the thematic session was a guest on the show Theme of the day on BHT 1, and the entire program can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.bhrt.ba/bht1-emisije/tema-dana-bht1/tema-dana-22-03-2017/>

Instagram profile made

Youth Council of FBiH has created its Instagram profile in order to get closer to young people. Our profile on Instagram is @vijecemladih





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Business Forum "Unburdening the economy to new jobs"

We will keep youth if we turn to the economy and similar topics not current events and generalities as it is currently the case. Most politicians don't even know the height of the average salary. I absolutely support this theme because we need an environment that will attract investors and create jobs and for this we need a strategic and long-term plans, said the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mladen Ivanić at the Business Forum "Unburdening the economy to new jobs", which is held on 22 March 2017 in Bijeljina.



The forum was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the City of Bijeljina so that businessmen, representatives of relevant government institutions, experts in the field of economy, business environment and employment and young entrepreneurs talk about the most pressing issues in B & H Economy.

As concluded in the course of the Forum, local communities are nearest to entrepreneurs so they can and should do much more for the economy. They are the ones who should and must initiate legislative changes on higher levels also. There was talk about the lack of practice in education, but also the fight for the survival of certain, mostly craft, profession.

The Institute is for nearly fifteen years intensively working on creating a favorable environment for the life of young people in BiH. New jobs are one of the basic elements for the construction of such an environment for which the Institute tackle the important problems like this. "- said Jasmin Bešić, executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

The young entrepreneurs presented their success stories about starting their own businesses in order to motivate young people on similar ventures and they spoke about the problems to find a job and about overload of the market, while businessmen were looking for greater involvement and support from the state, but also greater protection of workers.

Business forum "Unburdening the economy to new jobs" is organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT with the support of the City of Bijeljina, in the framework of "Business place BH" run by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which is part of the Project sustainability of civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP), implemented by the Center for Civic initiatives (CCI) and the Center for promotion of civil society (CSPC), which is supported by the US agency for international development (USAID).

How to stop youth from leaving?

Being young in Federation of BiH is extremely difficult because this BH Entity 22 years after the war has not developed a strategic approach to the problems that lead young people to the leaving - said Katarina Vučković from the Institute for Youth Development KULT on thematic session in the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament.

The initiator of the thematic session on emigration of the population from the Federation which is held on 23 March 2017. was a member of „Naša stranka“, Dennis Gratz who points out that this phenomenon has gained alarming proportions and that emigration of youth adds extra weight to it.

As a representative of the Institute pointed out during her speech, young people of this country are not the problem, but in all aspects of life faced with problems from appropriate employment, through a quality free time to social inclusion and equal access to health care.

"What have we, adults, offered them in these twenty years to stay except empty and devastating promises? Can we do better together, are we thinking to use resources among young people and invite them to build themselves, but also the country in which they live?" - said Vučković.



According to the population census in Bosnia and Herzegovina now lives 773,850 young people, and that is 1/5 of our population. Last valid extensive research about youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina was carried out in 2008, and the only such in Federation of BiH was done in 2013. Since then, the young people in this country are spoken about as a problem, issue, devastating leaving figures and do we ask ourselves what we as individuals and society have done that in this country young people feel as a solution, a response and an encouraging number of remaining?

The study, commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports 2013 done by Institute for Youth Development KULT, found that four out of five young people want to leave the FBiH and that many of them have already made the first steps to do so. As a reason then as well as today youth stated the lack of jobs, corruption and nepotism and inadequate conditions in education.

The World Bank says that the rate of emigration of highly educated individuals in the country today is 23.9% leading in the region and the world. The number of unemployed young people (15-24), according to the ILO in BiH 57.5%, and the World Economic Forum places Bosnia and Herzegovina on 134/138 place the capacity to retain talented individuals, and on 135/138 place the capacity to attract talented.

The phenomenon of young people leaving received attention after the Institute presented the information that according to some estimations around 150,000 young people emigrated from BiH since the war to 2013, and our colleagues from the Union for sustainability given information that only in 2015, 68 000 people, mostly young people left BiH.

If Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina wants to stop the negative trend, it is essential that young people are approached strategically and clearly, that some of the short-term problems of young people are answered through the youth strategy, but also long-term vision of youth involvement in their own development.

The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina must, just as it already done for 15 years in the Republic of Srpska, respond to all the problems of youth with strategic approach - create a comprehensive youth policy. We need to make it clear to young people that their homeland will provide them with opportunities for growth and development in all aspects of life and include them in the development but also encourage on return.

The youth strategy is a document of government institutions with the Program Approach to young people, including defined youth problems and needs, strategic courses of action and measures for the realization of the objectives of the strategy.

The working group of Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was assigned to create the first draft of the Strategy of the youth and it ended its work in August 2015. The Institute for Youth Development KULT, through its programs was consultative-technical support to Working group. We are pleased to be working with representatives of the ministries and institutions that participated in the preparation of the first draft of a youth strategy in FBiH.

The first youth strategies include the following areas of life of young people in the Federation:

- Labor, Employment and Entrepreneurship
- Social care
- Health Care
- safety
- culture and sport
- Activism (participation, volunteering and mobility)

Strategic approach to the authorities in the Federation can and must change the environment in which children are growing up, remaining, returning to and living. Young people are not the future but the present of our society. We must not let them leave.

Parliamentary question about amendments to the Law on VAT initiated

About the initiative to amend the Law on VAT in order to protect entrepreneurs and facilitate the operations of small and medium companies, in the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH representative in the House of Representatives PS BiH, Saša Magazinović, spoke. Representative Magazinović supported the initiative of the Institute for Youth Development for introduction of the system of payment of VAT on collected invoices as opposed to the current practice, which means that businessmen pay VAT outgoing invoices. A solution to this problem will be required from the question referred to the Council of Ministers, the Management of Indirect Taxation Authority and the Steering Committee of the ITA where finance ministers are.

"This problem is huge and it often happens that entrepreneurs are trying to stay on the market, employing people, organizing business but legal obstacles prevent them to protect the business." - said Magazinović.

The Institute for Youth Development started an initiative for amendments to the VAT in March last year, supported by so-called Network for creating a better business environment, consisting of representatives of government institutions, business, non-governmental, academic and media sector.



As part of the initiative, letter of support for this type of exchange was signed by 30,000 businessmen from across the country, therefore of the FBiH and RS.

"One of the obstacles that entrepreneurs have is obligation to pay VAT when they issue an invoice without having the obligation that someone actually pays it. The essence of this initiative is that instead of paying the VAT immediately when invoices issued, VAT should be paid when the invoice is paid. The fact is that this system works in 22 countries of the European Union. We are talking about small and medium enterprises and we are aware that Electrical Industry has no problem paying VAT up front, but for small businesses with a small number of

people is a lot to give 1,700 KM of VAT for the invoice of 10,000 KM. The current system is simple, provides money raising to the country but does not care about businessmen. The new system would be more complicated, businessmen would be protected and the state would receive the same amount of money" - said Magazinović.

The proposed system is not new. It is already used in 22 EU countries and in countries of the region. Croatia applies system since 2015 and Serbia since 2013.

"What may be worrying is simple logical question - what about filling the budget? We know that the budget is partly filled from the revenues of indirect taxes, including the value-added tax. So, countries have limited the deadline for the payment of VAT and the deadline by which payment of VAT to country can be deferred. Typically, this is the deadline of one year. Currently in FBiH there is a new law on financial operations which limits the term of payment between two companies for 30 days and between private companies and public enterprises or institutions for 60 days. However, these time limits can be longer under special conditions. Law like this with changes of the Law on VAT could and should be an adequate solution for economy and filling the budget. In addition, this system can increase filling of the budget long term, if liquidity of small enterprises is supported and their closure prevented." - pointed out Ajka Baručić, economic expert at the Institute for Youth Development.

Advocating for changes to the Law on VAT is carried out in the framework of "Business space of BH", run by the Institute for Youth Development. The initiative is part of Project sustainability of civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP) which is conducted by Center for Civic Initiatives (CCI) and Center for Promotion of Civil Society (CSPC) which is supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).



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Youth Club „Diamond“ organised petition in Jajce

The health network of BiH and Partnership of Health implemented the campaign "My health has no deadline" by which is required by law abolishing the deadlines when applying to the Employment Bureau. On that occasion, in Jajce was organized collection of signatures to support the initiative, which will be sent to the Federal Parliament. This action was conducted by Youth club "Diamond" and a stand was set up at the Travnička kapija at 13 o'clock.



Among excluded from the health care system or those who are not covered by health insurance most numerous are the unemployed who are not registered as such, or who missed the deadline for registration at the Employment Service.

By the Law on Health Insurance of FBiH, realization of the right to health insurance for unemployed persons is conditional upon an application in a certain / very short time to record of the employment services.

According to the Law on Health Insurance policyholders are among others unemployed persons registered in Employment Bureau if they:

- are registered within 30 days after termination of employment
- are registered within 30 days after military service
- are registered within 30 days after discharge from the institution for execution of criminal sanctions
- on vocational training and retraining organized by the Employment Service.
- are registered within 30 days after returning from abroad and if before going abroad were health insured
- are registered within 90 days after the end of the school year in which they finished regular education

It often happens in practice that people remain without insurance not by their own fault. From these reasons the Partnership for Health and ICVA, in cooperation with the Health Network in BiH is launching a campaign for change / amendment of the law on health insurance that would abolish time limits for reporting to the employment office.

Revisions of the Law, repealing this clause and its amendment would reduce the number of uninsured persons. With this campaign, we seek the adoption of the Law on amendments to the Law on Health Insurance precisely amendments to Article 19. Items 12, 13a and 14 and Article 86, Item 7.

In addition to reducing the number of uninsured persons by these amendments to Law, application of internationally recognized rights and freedoms set out in international standards are ensured.



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Daily workshops

Youth organization Svitac in March 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 themes of human body, health and healthy diet, weather, universe and masks. Every Wednesday they listened and practiced a variety of children's songs intended for their age, in order to practice rhythm and slowly adopt text. 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 March, 20 participants attended the morning daily workshops.



Afternoon group follows schedule that is different each day, trying to cover as many different themes and activities as possible. (age 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 about weather and human characteristics and practiced already learnt words. 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. Topic this month was identification of music instruments in songs. 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.

Workshops are held in Youth Center of Brčko District. Coordinator of workshops in March was Milica Bačanov with assistance of local and Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteer Alexander Likić from Germany, Bonnie Sturgess from Australia, Mahmut Tah Bicer and Yunus Seckin from Turkey, Eleonora Pearson and Ben Owens from England. Number of participants in older group is between 15 and 20 at the moment.

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

Workshops of German language 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 communication, processing specific topics which are adjusted to their age, they are also working on listening, writing and reading. 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 March, the group worked on topic food in restaurant and other chosen topics. Coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Germany Alexander Likic. Workshops in March 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 of communication 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 March, participants worked on applications for college and writing CV. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Ben Owens. Workshops in January attended by 10 participants.

„Learning Turkish“ – communication workshops in Turkish with native speakers

Workshops of Turkish language began in the second half of January and are held on Tuesdays in the premises of Youth center of Brčko District from 18:00 to 19:00 hours. Communication workshops in Turkish are intended for everyone who wants to learn the basics of grammar, usage of everyday phrases and other elements, but also to improve already existing knowledge and gain new experiences and acquaintances. Participants had the opportunity to adopt the alphabet of Turkish language, personal pronouns, introducing phrases and start simple dialogues. The coordinators of the project are international volunteers from Turkey Yunus Seckin and Mahmut Taha Bicer. In March, 10 participants participated in workshops.

„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. Coordinator of condition and motoric exercises is international volunteer from Germany Alexander Likic.



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

Workshops of creative expression are held every Tuesday in the premises of Youth Centre Brčko District from 19:00-20:30 hours. These workshops are for all who love art and art history, as well as drawing, painting and socializing with discussion. Participants practised portrait drawing with pencil. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Eleanor Pearson. Workshops in March were attended by 5 participants.

Guitar workshops

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

Samba workshops

S obzirom na nove članove (grupa je većinom radila na lakšim kompozicijama (Samba Reggae, Batucada i Funk) pri čemu su stalni polaznici upoznavali nove sa vještinama koje su stekli u prethodnom periodu.



Mother language day



At the invitation of the Bosniac cultural community „Preporod“ of Brčko District, Youth organization Svitac took part in a traditional ceremony organized on the occasion of the Day of Mother Language .

As part of the ceremony held at the Cultural Center in Brčko, international volunteers of youth organizations Svitac, Bonnie Sturgess from Australia and Ben Owens from the UK supported the idea of message on fostering diversity and other cultures through their participation.

Bonnie Sturgess was reading the poem "My Love" by Oodgeroo Noonuccal from Australia and Ben Owens

chose the poetry of the English poet John Keats and English translation of poem "Modra rijeka" by Mak Dizdar.

21. March – International day against racism



Youth organization Svitac marked March 21, the International day against racism. Activities were held in the Youth Center Brčko District in custom groups (4-7, 8-15 years and 16+) .

The first group aged 4-7 years had the opportunity to hear a story for children, "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen. After reading the story, they made small ducklings on a large poster and learnt not to condemn people based on their looks.

Another group aged 8-15 and evening group 16+ have seen the presentation of the problem of racism in the world and had the opportunity to get acquainted with the work of various artists and musicians around the world in the fight against racism. Both groups have also made a

joint poster in the form of collage with messages of peace.

Plans for April are to resume all regular workshops of Youth organization Svitac.



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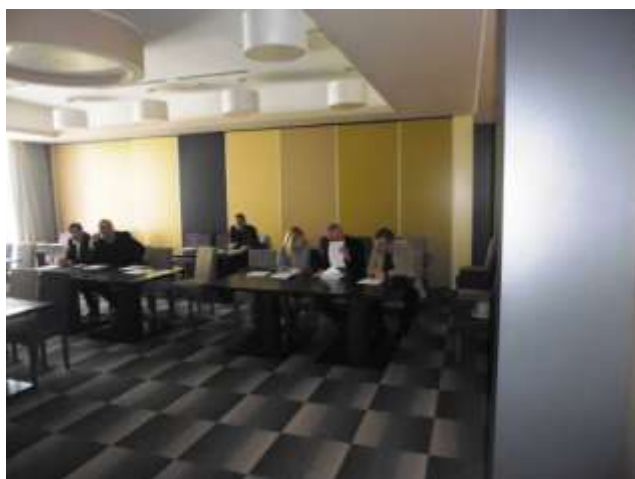


On the occasion of the Independence day of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Preporod from Doboje, in cooperation with the Islamic community, organized a gathering of representatives of political parties, NGOs, religious officials who eminent reputable citizens of Doboje, where the president of „ Merhamet “ attended as well.

H.O " Merhamet " Doboje in partnership with the International Solidarity Forum " Emmaus " will share 70 loaves a day for 41 days, provided that number of users will increase. Our members are very satisfied with this activity.



22nd March 2017. Coalition „ Tolerant and positive from Doboje " held a meeting with the President of the Assembly and councilors at the initiative of the OSCE in Banja Luka. The theme was reporting to councilors about extensive activities conducted by the coalition which has received recognition for its work. „ Merhamet " Doboje is very active member of Coalition.



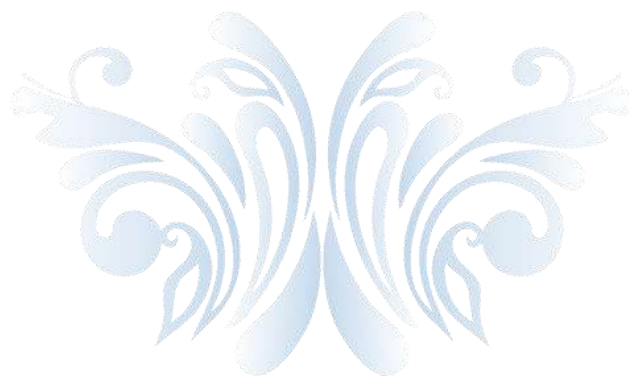


Fair of minority was organized in Doboj 25.3.2017., under the auspices of the OSCE Banja Luka and Doboj associations of national minorities whose president is Dragan Marković.

H. O. „ Merhamet " Doboj participated in the fair as a coalition,, Tolerant and positive from Doboj " with their wider activities.

The fair was attended by 17 associations of minorities and several associations of NGOs with cultural and artistic societies, majorettes and national dishes.

25.3.2017 Organized a round table on the topic of human rights of minorities where the activists of " Merhamet " attended. Representatives of the OSCE Brankica Tešanović and Siniša Petrović were speakers on human rights of minorities. Igor Ličina, a representative of the Ministry for Human Rights very thoroughly presented the topic of human rights of minorities. Very interesting presentation about resolving the housing issue of Roma from Prnjavor was shown.





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Carneval to spring and happiness

Students of primary school "Kladanj" from first to sixth grade, together with their teachers organised apposite program symbolically named „Carneval to spring and happiness“.



Ride for homeland.



Cycling Club celebrated the independence day our only homeland of Bosnia and Herzegovina! Easy ride to the Djevojačka pećina (cave), a short break and return back. Everything went without any major effort or injuries and in sports, friendly spirit.

Amina Mašić entered second circle of the most active high school students in B&H

Among numerous applications that arrived, worthy leadership mreSVUBiH-and managed to choose the top 20, including our fellow citizen Amina Masic.



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Activities of Input in March

In our center for youth Input, March was the month with a lot of activities and a lot of nice events. Real spring for Input, as in the spring everything is awakening, the volunteers in the Input were very active and young people were interested in all our workshops. What particularly attracts youth to us is that we provide a variety of workshops where they can learn a lot and can meet and talk with successful people and go home with rich experience and useful knowledge. Also, volunteers in Input always make the effort to make young people feel comfortable and guests with whom we associate always share their positive energy with everyone. Below we will attach some of the activities that are currently active in the Input.

Members of Input had in an appropriate manner marked Independence Day with children and young people from PI "Home-family" Zenica. Input volunteers organized the contest for best literary and artistic work.



Passport competence for youth on 6. March

On 6th March in centre for youth Input there was organised passport competence for youth.



INPUT members cheered residents in the Retirement home on March 8.



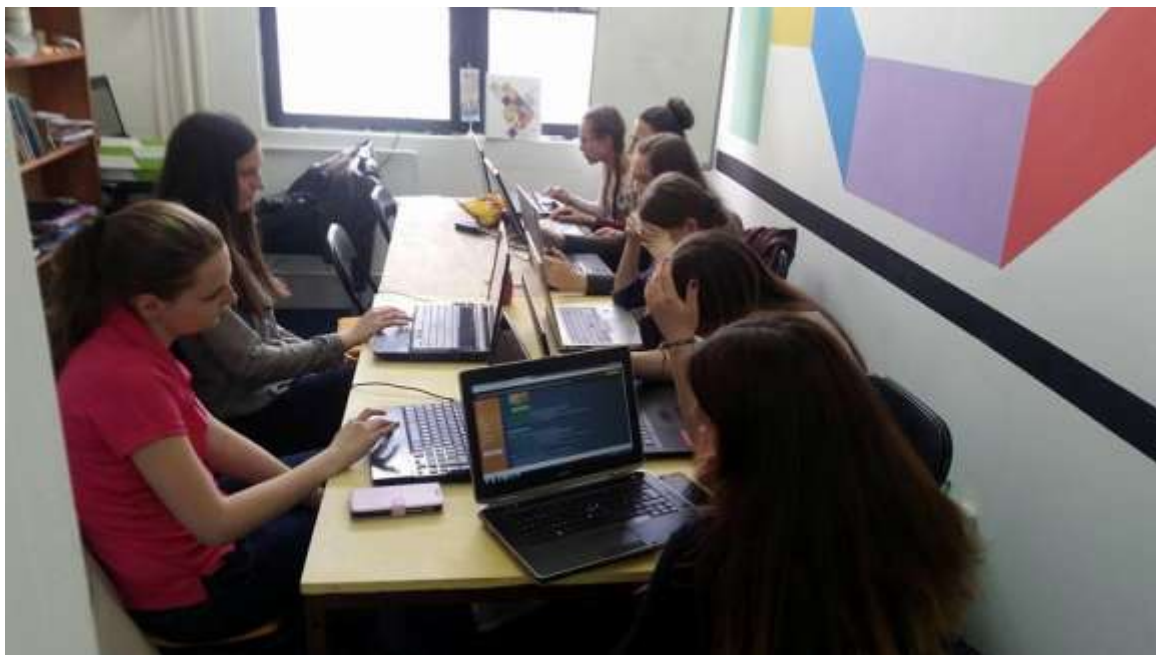
Chatting with Saliha Čabro - Arnautović passed in a beautiful atmosphere, where young people had the opportunity to learn a lot from the ambitious, MA Economics, Saliha Čabro - Arnautović. English course in the Input centre was announced on March 15th. Young people have the opportunity to learn to speak English through dialogue, for only few months. On the same day, a group of young girls held their first workshop called IT girls.



Guest appearance on TVZE for nine years of existence and work of the Center for Youth INPUT



Course of the German language was announced on March 20th and English language courses has started with classes. On March 23rd we had workshop entitled "From idea to brand", led by economist Zerina Muco, marketing manager at the company Vispak. Also, on March 23rd second workshop „IT girls“ was done.



Active members of INPUT this month participated in the Move On Seminar II organized by SHL with the idea that bears the name "Cool Zone".



ANNOUNCEMENTS/ INFORMATION/ CALLS/ DONORS

Banja Luka gives 10.000 KM per project for youth employment

City of Banja Luka issued a public call for project proposals of youth organizations and organizations for youth which will be co-financed from the city budget in the amount of up to 10,000 KM per project.

The deadline for applications is 18 April and the condition is that the project is in the area of youth employment, non-formal education, culture, health and social policy towards youth, it was released from the Banja Luka City Administration.

The project should be in the field of youth information, gender, mobility, youth work and organization, then the use of free time and participation in society, the area of combating violence and crime, protection of the environment, as well as housing policy.

According to the rules on co-financing, the applicant can submit more than one project with separated application and documents but if in the process of evaluating more than one project gets evaluated to pass only one will be financed, the one with more points.

The right to participate in the public call have all organizations registered in accordance with the Law on Youth Organization or that are registered in the Youth register of the City of Banja Luka, operate and are headquartered in the area of the city.

Commission to select projects of youth organizations, appointed by the Mayor, will review and evaluate the received applications.

Proposal to the public call, with all the necessary documentation, shall be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope in person at the City Administration or by certified mail to the address:

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Download complete public call, forms and rules at the following links:

[Public call](#)

[Application form – form 1](#)

[Application form – form 2 with attachments](#)

[Pravilnik o sufinansiranju](#)

Source: <http://www.atvbl.com/banjaluka-za-zaposljavanje-mladih-daje-10-000-km-po-projektu/>

The Maypole Fund: Supporting Women's Projects on Non-Violence around the World!

Maypole grant for women

General goals:

The Maypole Fund was set up in 1986 by women involved in the peace movement, especially with Greenham Common. Today, we are a group of feminists coming from various political backgrounds.

Ovaj grant je otvoren za sve žene širom svijeta sa ciljem da podrži one nenasilne aktivnosti koje su usmjerene na podsticanje mira i pravde, kao i održavanje sigurne životne sredine. The Maypole Fund is currently open for applications to support imaginative, non-violent and politically expressive projects (focused on peace and justice, as well as safe living environment) from women and welcomes applications from women only.

Activities that can be financed:

Project activities that this fund supports must be in accordance with following goals of organization:

- peace initiatives, disarmament and the campaign against the arms trade,
- anti-militarism and activities directed against the violence of men,
- topics related to nuclear issues,
- environment issues and the environment,



- improving the social and political independence of women around the world,
- international, national and regional networks of women that exists in the above stated purposes.

So far, the Maypole fund support the widest variety of activities - printing flyers, setting up exhibitions and video recording. It also financed and helped women to purchase the necessary equipment reinforce its projects, as well as to participate in various conferences, workshops and other events.

Grant Information

The Maypole Fund provides grants of up to £750.

Deadline for applications:

For this grant can apply by **31 January** and **30 June** each year.

Eligibility Criteria:

Preference will be given to projects that have no possibility of financing by other donors or difficult to find financiers for their activities, one-time or is those who have not yet started with the implementation.

Your application must be for a project that is within our objectives and meet one or more of our criteria. As much as we want to support all women's projects, our resources and statutes do not allow it. We are looking for imaginative, non-violent and politically expressive projects.

Please see <http://www.maypolefund.org/the-grant/> for more information.

How to apply:

Molimo vas da pogledate www.maypolefund.org/guides.html for more information.

Contact:

Web page: www.maypolefund.org

Notice for training personal assistants

Bosnian Association of Doctors for Disabled publish an announcement for the training of personal assistants. The training program of personal assistants for people with physical and sensory disabilities shall be carried out under the auspices of Austrian Doctors for Disabled and Benecare Foundation.

The training is 48 hours long and will be held on weekends from 27 May to 11 June 2017.

The first cycle 27. and 28. May in Sarajevo,

The second cycle 3. and 4. June in Banja Luka and

The third cycle 10. and 11. June in Sarajevo.

Training costs, as well as transport and accommodation shall be covered by the organizer.

Those over 18 years old with a high school education and a medical certificate of good health for performing personal assistant can apply to program.

After the training there will be practical exam.

After successful completion of training, the trainees are able to independently perform the work of Personnel assistant.

Briefly about the program:

The program includes the following areas:

1. Society policy towards the issue of persons with disabilities
2. Personal assistance for people with mobility and sensory impairments
3. Social competence

Applications should be sent to: personalniasistenti.bdfd@gmail.com

Contact person: Azra Bradic

Contact tel: 00387 62 485 212

Application Form: [Prijavni formular TRENING PA.docx](#)

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/bosniandoctorsfordisabled/>

Useful informations and links for schools (Network for peace building)

Dear,

There are many open opportunities for schools, teachers and students, so now single announcement from the website of the Network for Peacebuilding. We are asking you to send them to school you cooperate with and to invite them to join the Network for Peacebuilding.

Our dear friend and above all a fantastic actress Jasna Diklić has published a call for the International Festival of secondary theater Juventafest 2017. Registration is open to all theater group whose performers have between 14 and 19 years old. Information link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/razno/prijava-juventafest-2017/>

Call for elementary and high school exchanges with Germany opened for few more days, link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/seminari-treninzi/program-omladinskih-razmjena/> Call will be republished, if you need help we can connect you with SHL.

Also just a few more days open invitation from OKC Banja Luka for submission of artwork and photography on the theme "We want to know - how to stay in this country"? Link to announcement: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/poziv-za-dostavljanje-likovnih-radova-fotografija/>

Opened 46th International Competition of Young in writing letters for 2017. Link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/takmicenje-mladih-u-pisanju-pisama/> More information about the competition in English is available at the following link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/2017-international-letter-writing-competition-young-people/>

UNESCO has published a photography contest on the theme of education for sustainable development, global citizenship and gender equality through activities inside and outside the classroom. Registration is for young persons older than 15, more at the link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/konkurs-za-fotografiju/>

Only few more days open applications for the WISE Prize for Education, all in English at the link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/wise-prize-education-2017/>

There is enough time for the application to call for nominations for the UNESCO Hamdan Award for outstanding practice and performance in improving the efficiency of teachers 2017-2018. Link to announcement: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/unesco-hamdan-nagrada/>

Call from Mercury is opened by the middle of next month, three grants, the largest of 10,000 KM, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/poziv-za-projekat-u-zdravoj-skoli-zdrava-djeca/>

Call for only school in Canton Sarajevo: Association "I will be your friend" is asking for th most inclusive ideas, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/udruzenje-bicu-ti-prijatelj-nagradjuje-skole-u-X/>

International essay competition for primary and secondary schools, all in English, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/2017-international-essay-contest-young-people/>

Drawing competition for children aged 5-16 years in English, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/2017-art-contest/>

State competition for high school "YOUNG ECO REPORTERS" link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/takmicenje-za-srednje-skole-mladi-eko-reporteri/>

Competition for physicists, teachers and students in high schools, in English link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/takmicenja-nagrade/aapt-high-school-physics-photo-contest/>



Grant scheme, young people from high schools can try, they previously gave grants to our areas, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/pozivi-za-projekte/xminusy-call-proposals/>

Great initiative of Mozaik Foundation, one of our best and most active member, we highly recommend to young people to sign up, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/pozivi-za-projekte/trebas-nekoga-da-te-pogura/>

And last competition / grant scheme is from Raiffeisen Bank, schools can apply too, link: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/pozivi-za-projekte/raiffeisen-banka-konkurs-za-dodjelu-sponzorstava-donations/>

Please send us information about your activities, we will publish it, link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/kategorija/vijesti/skole-u-izgradnji-mira-i-ljudskih-prava/>

And finally, apply for membership in Network for Peacebuilding. It's free and we can support you in these applications, link <https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/aktivnosti-mreze/poziv-skolama-mreza-mira/>

Warm peace greetings, Network for Peacebuilding

Eight invitation of UNESCO to apply for funding projects from international fund for cultural diversity

UNESCO has announced the eighth invitation to apply for funding of projects with funds from the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD). The Fund was established in 2005 with the aim of investing in projects in developing countries, leading to structural changes through introducing policies and strategies that directly affect the creation, production, distribution and access to the diversity of cultural expressions. Guidelines on the use of resources of the IFCD can be found on the following link:

http://en.unesco.org/creativity/sites/creativity/files/guidelines_ifcd_en_0.pdf

Projects supported by the IFCD are in accordance with the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions from 2005 and cover a wide range of activities, from capacity building to analysis and policy development, support entrepreneurship and the consolidation of cultural industries.

IFCD's guide with notes is intended to help applicants to more efficiently prepare their proposals. The guidelines and suggestions for the application can be found at the following link: http://en.unesco.org/creativity/sites/creativity/files/ifcd_annotate_d_guide_2017.pdf

The deadline for submitting applications is 14 April 2017. All applications are submitted via the official online platform of IFCD and requests to send mail or letter will not be considered.

All informations about project submission procedure and selection can be found on link:

<http://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd/apply/selection-procedure>

Source: <http://www.unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/konkursi/?id=14827>



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