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Dear friends,

We present to you the **May** issue of monthly informative bulletin of Youth Resource Centre (YRC) 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.

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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.).

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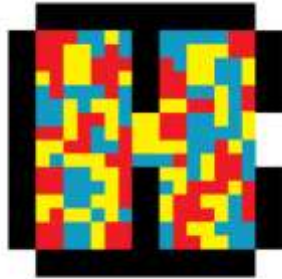
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ACTIVITIES OF ORC / HCA IN MAY 2017.

„Crew from the hood – message from province“



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As a part of project Crew from the hood, on 22nd May, on Tuzla promenade „Korzo“ there was action of gathering messages from citizens. During this action citizens had the opportunity to leave messages and point out things they don't like in the city.

The goal of the project "Crew from the Hood" is expressed through the motivation of decision-makers to actively engage in co-operation, development of alternative culture, affirmation and social recognition for an alternative cultural

scene. The project focuses on an active alternative cultural scene in three regions: eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, western Serbia and northern Montenegro. Activities are concentrated on twelve municipalities in these three regions and conceived through planned development, dialogue with authorities as well as network building among alternative cultural activists.



Activities of YRC in Network for peace building

General Assembly of Network for peace building



The Network for peace building has existed since 2010 as a coalition that brings together 105 organizations and 15 schools operating across the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In Sarajevo on 19th-20th. June there was the first General Assembly of the Network. At the Assembly there were 58 representatives of the Network from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. The findings of the report made by consultant Christian Pfeifer were presented. In this regard, the Assembly discussed the contribution of organisations to the Network, ways of improving the work of the Network and its future and a consensus was reached on key issues and areas of work.

The Assembly's cost was covered by the PeaceNexus Foundation which supports the work of the Peace Network with an organizational grant. In front of YRC Tuzla, Ivana Jokić participated at the first General Assembly. More information about the Assembly can be found at: <https://www.mreza-mira.net/>



You can find photos from the assembly at:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/mreza.mira/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1387625454651578

Strategic planning workshop for the Network for peace building

Within the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program for Successful Networking and Advocacy of CSOs, implemented under the TACSO 2 Project - Technical Assistance to Civil Society Organizations, implemented by the TACSO VESTA Resource Center in the period February - June 2017 Tuzla, in the period 29-30 May, there was a workshop for members of the Network for peace building: "Strategic Positioning of the Network for peace building".

During the two-day workshop, participants actively worked on key elements that will improve network work and performance in the upcoming period: network action analysis, planning for changes, network actions and short-term and long-term planning of network activities. The facilitators / trainers at the workshop were: Svjatana Marković, Emina Ljubijankić, Emina Hasanagić and Lejla Čamo. Miralem Tursinovic - Director of the Youth Resource Center (YRC) Tuzla participated in the workshop.



Youth group of the Youth Resource Centre Tuzla

CAT

The campaign titled "CAT - Citizens against terrorism" is a joint activity of students from Tuzla, Brcko and Bijeljina, whose aim is to raise awareness of the emergence of radical and terrorist movements in Europe and our country. Given that young and creative students are campaigning - their idea is to channel the public with the help of cats, thus turning their attention to one of the most pressing problems in Europe and our country at this time. In addition to the "online" part of the campaign, young people from 3 cities also had a series of offline activities.



Street Action, held on May 22nd, was intended to collect signatures that May 22 is marked as the International Day of Combating Terrorism. The wish of our youth was fostered that this idea comes from Tuzla, from Bosnia and Herzegovina by the young people of all three nations and religious groups. The 430 signatures collected have been sent to the United Nations, through the UN Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



After street action and collecting signatures, at the University of Tuzla was held a public forum entitled "Is B&H fertile ground for terrorism?" where all interested students had the opportunity to listen to the presentations of Aida Ganovic, psychologist and expert consultant of OSCE Mission in B&H, Adnan Peckovic, a researcher on nationalism in educational institutions in B&H and Miralem Tursinovic, YRC Director and researcher on Human Security in the Balkans. The public forum was

realized in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in B&H and the entire campaign was supported by "Facebook" and "State Department".

Both activities were broadcast live and can be viewed on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/CATBiH

The campaign's final activity was a beach volleyball tournament "Block Terrorism", held on May 28 at the JKP Pannonica Fields. The participants of the tournament sent a message that there is no place in Bosnia and Herzegovina for radical and terrorist movements by fair play and sport competing! Congratulations to the winning team "BUCE".



Completed preparations for the establishment of the Youth Council of Tuzla



During May, regular meetings of representatives of non-governmental organizations in Tuzla were held in order to make the necessary preparations for the establishment of the Youth Council of the City of Tuzla. Prior to the establishment of the Youth Council, it was necessary to define the statute, to agree on the idea for the logo and visual identity of this youth representative body and to arrange the first activities since the foundation of the Council. YRC members were working hard to make the whole process as successful as possible. Ivana Jokić, Slobodan Blagovčanin and Miralem Tursinović will represent Youth Youth Resource Center in the Youth Council. The Founding Assembly of the Youth Council of Tuzla will be held on June 2, 2017.



SuperCitizens united in the fight against hatred

At a meeting of the Coalition to combat hatred Tuzla, which was held on the 4th May, representatives and members of the Coalition member organizations signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. In this way, they confirmed their readiness to form a better and more tolerant local community together. Our youth Ivana Jokić, Adi Selman and Slobodan Blagovčanin signed a memorandum on behalf of the ORC.

After Dajana Bakić was selected as Coordinator of Activities at the previous meeting, the Coalition has this time received a Deputy Coordinator. A member of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla, Adi Selman, has been elected as Deputy Coalition Coordinator by a majority of votes. The meeting was an opportunity to agree about the Coalition's logo, as well as to prepare for the organization of a special thematic discussion, which marked the World Cultural, Dialogue and Development Day in Tuzla on 21 May.
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Primary School "Simin Han" birthday



After the event organized in April, for World Earth Day, an ecological action that actively included youth and pupils of the regional elementary school "Požarnica". Our organization was honored to be invited to mark the 71st birthday of the „Simin Han“ Primary School, whose part is school in "Požarnica". A total of 150 students from both schools participated in the school show, in which the school director awarded a thank-you certificate to the YRC. We hope that we

will also cooperate in the future. At this time, we want the leadership of the school and all the students lot of happiness, success, and good grades in future work!

„Nature and society“ on Javorje

The OGORC youths have held teambuilding activities (May 13 and 14) in the nature of Javorje. Together with colleagues from several other Tuzla youth organizations, they decided to go hiking in order to escape the city crowds, rest from the educational obligations and talk about new activities for our city. After the weekend they returned to their daily obligations with charged batteries and ready for new victories. Our member Mirela Bikovic recorded all the adventure with the photos.

Photo: MiBi photography



Is freedom of speech freedom of insult?

As a product of the collaboration of CET Platform and YGYRC in the American Corner of the University Library of Tuzla, on 18 May a workshop was held on the topic of freedom of speech in relation to hate speech. The leaders of workshops for high school students were Admir Isanović and Ivana Jokić. The participants had the opportunity, in a safe and relaxed atmosphere, to discuss the importance of the freedom of speech, the responsibility it carries and its boundaries. In the end, they all wrote their most radical views and each stand was specifically analyzed and it was decided jointly whether it was freedom of speech or hate speech.



„Volunteer- credit 2017“

The Infohouse Association from Sarajevo is conducting the project "Volunteer-credit 2017" this year. A member of the YRC Youth Group, Amina Džananović, on 24.May had a chance to spend a working day at the Bosper Association. Amina became acquainted with the work of the Association, its achievements and plans in the future as well as with work of „Plant“ d.o.o. She also saw machines used in vegetable seed planting and she became acquainted with the production of strawberries and vegetables in greenhouses. Part of her working day she spent assisting in the accounting and finance sector. At the end of a successful working day, the gathering is completed with tasting of strawberries from their own production.



KAPIJA – 25.5.2017



In the center of Tuzla, on May 25, 22 years ago, a grenade was fired on "Kapija" and killed 71 young people. Since the founding of the group, the youths have been laying flowers every year at the Kapija to commemorate the fallen youngsters. Remember, so it does not repeat!

Regular activities of YRC and hCa Tuzla:

During May, we have 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 HCA/YRC FOR JUNE 2017.

- Conducting regular activities through Youth Network of B&H;
- Active participation in international ALF network, maintenance and logistics support to ALF Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Organising the annual meeting of ALF network B & H in Tuzla, 9-10 June;
- 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). Organising training in Tuzla.
- Continue activities in campaign against terrorism- CAT
- Continue activities of Network for Peace building B&H
- Regular fundraising activities

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Visions of youth work

PRONI Center attended training in order to build organization's capacity of social networking in Ljubljana at the beginning of April. The training was conducted through a partnership project: Visions of youth work, with the BUM organization from Belgrade, which was funded by the Erasmus + youth program. More info about the project: <http://youthvisions.info/>



Earth Day

On the occasion of Earth Day, YouthBuild office in Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the global action that is carried out in more than 150 countries around the world (www.earthday.org).



YouthBuild, in cooperation with the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center - ORC Tuzla and PRONI Youth Development Center, made an ecological action on Earth Day. The ecological action of planting trees and flowers under the title "Youth Earth Day 2017" was held on the 28th of April at the location of primary school "Požarnica" - Tuzla. Primary school in Požarnica is attended by majority children of the returnee population and their participation in this action is also of great importance for the City of Tuzla.

RAY Triangular Summit

PRONI Centar - participated for the first time in the work of the RAY network and in this summit represented Bosnia and Herzegovina. More about this activity at: <https://www.facebook.com/raytriangularsummit/>



CAT – Citizens Against Terrorism



A campaign led by the PRONI Center called Citizens Against Terrorism was launched at the end of April and brought together a team of youth from Brcko, Bijeljina and Tuzla with goal to address the dangers of radicalism and extremism. The CAT campaign has been implemented within the framework of the PeerToPeer World Digital Challenge in the Fight against Extremism (<https://edventurepartners.com/peer-to-peer-facebook-global-digital-challenge/>) where the US Government in partnership with Facebook has invested in creative ways of combating terrorism. Our campaign was the only B&H representative in this spring part and we are competing with young people from all over the world in designing creative, educational and interesting content to counter radicalism and violent extremism.

The campaign was primarily focused on Facebook and create content on the Facebook campaign page: www.facebook.com/catbih, and three public events: Street action to collect signatures to designate 22 May as the International Day of fight against terrorism, Round table: "Is B&H suitable ground for terrorism" and beach volleyball tournament: "Block terrorism" in the end. The campaign has been very successful since from planned 5000 engagement or feedback on our Facebook page, we have reached over 50,000 reactions on the site and we have reached 347,000 people who saw one of the campaign messages. The street action was successful, in just two hours we collected 427 signatures that we sent to the UN Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Milos Vukasinovic. The round table was attended by about 30 people and the volleyball tournament was attended by about 50 people.



The PRONI Center would use this opportunity to thank all CAT Team members, who have invested more than 1,500 volunteer hours in this campaign, the Youth Resource Center from Tuzla and their Youth group, the media, individuals and business collectives who supported the campaign. PRONI Center will continue its activities for youth in fight against radicalism and extremism in the forthcoming period, with the motto of CAT campaign "Radically for Peace".

EVS meeting of accredited organizations from B&H and Montenegro

PRONI Center is a contact point for the Erasmus + youth program for B&H and in cooperation with SALTO Resource Center from Ljubljana and colleagues from the Contact Point from Montenegro we have organized a training / meeting with representatives of organizations accredited for EVS (European Volunteer Service) where representatives of organizations participating in this program could exchange experiences and learn practical things about project preparation and realization through the EVS program.



Contact point for Erasmus + Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina: <http://erasmusmladi.ba/>
SALTO Resource Center: <https://www.salto-youth.net/>

Meeting with students of the University of Ljubljana in Brcko

Students from the Ljubljana University visited Brcko and talked to the General Manager of the PRONI Center on current issues for young people and this local community such as: youth participation, reconciliation, education and the activities of the PRONI Center in these areas.



With respect,
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On **25 May 2017, at 8:30 pm**, in the **Small Hall of** the main building of the city administration there was organized a reception for five highschool students who volunteered at the City Administration for one day in framework of the 7th Social day.

The reception was hosted by representatives of the City Administration: City Mayor Mile Pejčić, representative of the Department of Social Activities Ljubica Mlađenović and others.

After addressing the media, students visited the main building of the City Administration and Mayor's advisers and other officials introduced the young fellow citizens with the work of City Administration and ongoing projects. All five students are the social course in the High School "Filip Visnjic and this experience - they say – was very precious. At the end of the Social Day, volunteer books were filled out, based on which they can compete at the International Volunteer Day 5.12. for City Recognition, Best Volunteer and Volunteer Organizer.



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What would happen if businessmen boycott the VAT payment for only two months?

What would happen if businessmen boycott the VAT payment for only two months, bh businessmen ask themselves. They have been waiting for two months for the Council of Ministers, the Indirect Taxation Authority and the ITA Board of Directors to make a statement on the initiative to change the Law of VAT.

The message was sent from the Roundtable on the B&H businessman initiative initiative on paying VAT for unpaid bills, which was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT on 24 May 2017 in Sarajevo.



The Institute started initiative in March 2016, seeking amendments to the Law relating to the introduction of a system of VAT payment from a businessman only when they billed the invoice and not when they issued it to customer. It was supported by more than 30,000 businessmen in B&H gathered around the economic and crafts chambers, the associations of businessmen and associations that as the focus of their work assist the business, as well as individual businessmen. In March of this year, the initiative was sent in the form of a postal question to the Council of Ministers, the Indirect Taxation Authority and the

Board of Directors of Indirect Taxation by Sasa Magazinovic. Responses to the delegate's question are still pending.

This initiative seeks help to small businessmen, not large corporations and companies that are among the largest debtors on the basis of VAT payments to the state.

Due to the current law, small businessmen are forced to get in debts to pay VAT and because of this law and the number of tolls that burden their business, they are forced to shed companies and jobs.

The Round Table was attended by representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of B&H, representatives of associations of businessmen and employers, chambers of commerce and crafts from FB&H, RS and BD, while representatives of the Council of Ministers, the Steering Board of the Indirect Taxation Authority and the Indirect Taxation Authority did not attend.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT organized roundtable within the framework of the "Business Space BH" initiative implemented under the Civil Society Sustainability Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP) implemented by CCI and the Center for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCD), supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Analysis of budget stimulus in BiH for 2015 presented

Budget stimulus for the economy in 2015 was lower by 50 million convertible marks compared to 2014 and by about 100 million marks less than in 2013.

These data are published in the "Analysis of the Budget Stimulus in B&H in 2015 with the Proposed Measures to Enhance the Economic Grant Process" made by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, presented on May 17, 2017 at Hotel Holiday in Sarajevo at the conference "How to help the B&H economy better with stimulus?".

According to the results of the Analysis, economic incentives in 2015 were somewhere around 211 million convertible marks. Most of the funds were allocated to agriculture, followed by industry (20.21%), services (19.60%), entrepreneurship and trade development (10.02%), energy (8.12%) and tourism (1.94 %). The conference began symbolically in 5 minutes to 12:00, as it is in the opinion of many B&H businessmen it's about time to start thinking about the economy and to act strategically.



The conference also presented 12 measures to improve the process of allocating incentives to the economy identified through the Analysis and some of them are that it's necessary to make a comprehensive analysis of the state of the economy and its real needs, to coordinate the allocation of incentives with other levels of government, to ensure transparency of the process, focus on the quality of the project to which the incentive is given and increase the allocation of total incentive funds.

The conference was organized within the framework of the "Business Space BH" initiative implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT from 2014 and it invests energy in solving the enormous unemployment problem.

The research was conducted within the framework of the Civil Society Sustainability Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP) implemented by the Civil Society Initiatives Center (CCI) and the Civil Society Promotion Center (CPCD), supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

UmiD (LTA) training started! New knowledge and skills for 28 young people from all over B&H

The Institute for the Youth Development KULT started training in "Learn, Think and Act" in May for 11th generation. 28 participants from all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina will attend a one-year training program for youth leaders (LTA, Learn, Think and Act!) that will enable young people to become active leaders in their local community and help solve youth problems, meet new friends, learn new skills and perfect themselves.

During the training, workshops and summer schools will be held and the participants will learn how to become active citizens and how to animate their peers to involve them in solving the problems of the youth in the community.

Young people will learn:

- How dividing roles in team can help them become better and stronger leaders,
- How to convince decision makers and other stakeholders in their social community to give support to young people,
- Does the fact that they are boy or girl affect importance of their actions in society,
- How can they get to know themselves better and how to upgrade to be better persons.



During training, participants will have the opportunity to make concrete action with their peers in order to solve the existing problems in the local community, whose implementation will be advisory and financially supported by the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

The workshops will be held at the Educational and Youth Center SPAJALICA in Ilidža and young people will have the opportunity, within the various activities, to meet inspirational people who have made changes and improved themselves and their communities.

"Learn, Think and Act" training has been implemented for eleven years for more than 300 young people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

First working experience for high school students at the Institute for Youth Development KULT

Institute for Youth Development KULT participated in the project "Volunteer - Credit", and during the "Social Day" it was a working place six high school students. The employees acquainted the students with the activities of the Institute and through practical work they approached the working methods of the non-governmental sector.



Two students spent working day at the Educational-entertainment center for youth SPAJALICA in Ilidza. Spajalica is the Center whose founder is the Institute and offers young people a space where they can develop their own skills and spend free time meaning.

Social Day is part of the project "Volunteer - Credit" and the idea is for students to change one day of school for one day of volunteer work in firms and non - governmental organizations. For their work they are paid a daily allowance exclusively for the needs of their projects..

"The social day should not be organized only once a year. This is a great opportunity for young people to prepare better for what is waiting us at the end of schooling," said one of the students. The "Volunteer - Credit" project is implemented by the "Infohouse" Association with the main goal being to strengthen the capacity of young people to be able to take responsibility for their professional future, local community development as well as to improve the status of young people in general.



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Merhamet Dobož, as well as every other month, during May also carried out daily activities such as:

- Identifying members, creating a database;
- Assistance to socially vulnerable categories through humanitarian aid actions (food, hygiene, wardrobe, school supplies and financial aid, etc.);
- Providing health care to socially vulnerable members (controlling blood sugar, cholesterol, triglyceride, blood pressure, etc.);
- Assist elderly and ill people who live alone - home care;
- Individual visits of "Merhamet" activists to severely ill children, socially vulnerable people and delivering assistance to them;
- Attendance at many workshops, seminars, round tables and other sessions.

In addition to regular activities, during May we also had the following:

Diversity day



The Day of Diversity was marked on 21 May and was attended by organizations and members of "Tolerant and Positive" from Dobož, together with the participants from Zavidovići. On that day, a workshop on cultural diversity was held, after which we took our guests through an educational tour of the Jewish Center and the Synagogue. The big plus is to do something concrete and useful for the community (donation of books to the children's library) and an additional plus was that we worked in co-operation with non-coalition actors (pupils and youth from Zavidovići, Rotari club, American Corner).

On Monday, May 22 (about 11.00) in co-operation with the Rotary Club and the American Corner there was donation of books for Children's Department of the National Library of Dobož.

Distribution of humanitarian aid

Distribution of humanitarian aid was organised on 27th May and this aid covered more than 270 families, who were delighted by distribution in these difficult days.





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Training for peer educators

During May, training was held for peer educators in the area of violence prevention among women and domestic violence. This activity is realized within the project "Comprehensive approach of inclusion of young men and women in prevention of violence against women and domestic violence in BiH", which is being implemented by the Youth Vision Association for the SBK Region.

Training has trained 30 students of Mixed Technical and Mixed Economic and Catering High School in Travnik. The young people through training acquainted with the process of realization of workshops for their peers, proper preparation campaign for the prevention of violence, the basics of communications, as well as topics in the field of violence and everything from mentoring two peer trainers from the organization "Perpetum mobile" from Banja Luka.



Training for peer educators is part of the activities on the project which will be implemented during this and next year, it's planned another realization of educational workshops in these two schools, work with youth on the preparation of campaigns within schools with the aim of raising awareness of the harmfulness of violence and many other activities.

As the part of project, "Be a man" club Travnik was formed and it will gather the boys and girls who want to take on educational, creative and interesting ways to fight against violence.

New educators will soon have a chance to acquire knowledge and skills to transfer to their peers and to spread the message of prevention of violence in the community but also through a number of other activities send a clear message to combat violence

The project is implemented with the consent of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport SBK (Middle-Bosnian Canton). For the area of SBK this project is implemented by "New Vision" in cooperation with partner organizations: Perpetum mobile, XY Association and Snaga Mladih. The project is funded by the UN Women Office in BiH.



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Daily workshops

Youth organization Svitac continued with their daily activities in May. 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 for nonformal learning through games, imagination and creativity. 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. Thursdays were workshops in coloring and writing numbers with help of papers for coloring, and also repetition of shapes and colors on English and German language. 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 May, 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+).



Monday 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 adjectives. 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 Baćanov with assistance of local and Weltwaerts and EVS international volunteer Alexander Likić from Germany, Mahmut Tah Bicer and Yunus Seekin from Turkey, Terlyn Noiles from Canada, Andree Diaz from USA, 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. This month group is working on communication and everyday-life topics, how to present oneself and say interesting things and other interesting topics which are adjusted to students age. Group is 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 May, 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. This month, coordinator of workshops dedicated more attention to communication by working in pairs. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Ben Owens. Workshops were attended by 10 participants.

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

Workshops of Turkish language 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. This month, participants practised simple, everyday dialogues. Coordinators of the project are international volunteers from Turkey, Yunus Seckin and Mahmut Taha Bicer. In May, 10 participants participated in workshops.

Drama workshops

The "Drama workshops" for young people is again active from April. It is held every Tuesday in the premises of the Youth Center Brčko District from 20:00-21:30 am, and the project coordinator is a local volunteer Azra Pezerović. The group is currently working on the comedy, whose screenplay was written by themselves and is called the "Bums and Princesses ". The main objective of this project, by Azra's words, is to leave the "comfort zone" but also for young people who love theater and acting, to acquire new skills and to gain new experiences and acquaintances. As team leader, she is happy and proud of the work that members of the Drama Club have already done. Although members of the Drama Club became good friends, Azra wants to get to know them better and to work more on their self-confidence. Before reading the texts, the group does warm-up exercises for 10 to 20 minutes, which are great help to relax before the actual implementation of the workshop. Drama workshops in May was attended by 10 participants, ages 16+.

„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 dedicated this month to topic „Faces of Brcko“. The coordinator of the project is an international volunteer from Britain, Eleanor Pearson. Workshops in April were attended by 5 participants.

Guitar workshops

Guitar workshop participants in May continued to practice etudes, scales and duels. New students continued to learn about the basics of the instrument.



Samba workshops

Ragga is new composition which participants rehearsed in May. Composition is characterized by fast tempo and variations on dancehall rhythm which is the basis of this composition.

„Faces of my Brčko“ – Exhibition of works in a local cafe "Black Bomber" in Brcko

Participants of workshop "Love Art" (16+) from Youth Organization Svitac set up an exhibition of their works titled "Faces of my Brcko", on 13 May, at a local cafe 'Black Bomber' in Brcko. Interested visitors were able to see works from 13. to 20. May 2017.



On the beginning of April, coordinator of workshops, international volunteer from the UK, Eleanor Pearson, received a call from an employee of a local cafe 'Black Bomber' to set up an exhibition of her group's work. During the month the group had a couple of meetings and workshops, so that they could arrange everything on time. They decided to name the exhibition "Faces of my Brcko". The theme is very open type, so that the participants had enough creative space to fulfill the task,

portraits, landscapes of nature, photographs or something that they taught was important for the town of Brcko. All works were made on paper but were made with different techniques: collage, pencil, color and photographs. Seven participants aged 16 + and one participant of nine years made the exhibition. The exhibition "Faces of My Brcko" left a very positive impression on visitors and it is the final result of all previous workshops in the past seven months.

FutureShorts Film Festival

Program of the spring season futureshorts Film Festival was shown on Friday, 19 May, in the cinema hall of the Youth Center in Brcko. The program included six short films from the UK, Romania, Netherlands, Spain, China, the Netherlands / Syria and one music video.

Screening of films in Brcko is part of the global futureshorts Film Festival. The program of this year's spring season is screened in 100 cities and 40 countries worldwide.

Program:

carousel

Director: Karl Weber

Drama / United Kingdom

Import

Director: Ena Sendijarević

Drama / Netherlands

The runner

Directed by Jose Luis Montesinos

Comedy / Spain

A night in Tokoriki

Director: Roxana Stroe

Comedy / Romania

9 days from my window and Aleppo

Director: Issa Touma, Floor van de Muelen & Thomas Vroege

Documentary / Syria / Netherlands

Refuge- Nadia Tehran

Music video

Sweden / Iran

Nothing stranger

Director: Pedro Collante

Drama / China / Spain / Netherlands

The winner of the spring season FutureShorts in Brcko is a Dutch movie "Import". Director: Ena Sendijarević



Start – up day „Go“

Youth organization Svitac received a call from the sub-division for support of the Ministry of Health, NGOs and UG Brcko District to participate in the organized day for young people from the area of Brcko District, Gradacac and Bijeljina "Start-up day: GO" – **Be a part of the solution, your idea may initiate community.**

The participants of the project had the opportunity to present their socially responsible ideas from different fields to help their community. With the help of experts who promote social development, persons with the best ideas have had an opportunity to get advice on how to integrate their projects into their communities the best.

Andrea Dabić, Edina Mulić, Imrana Islamović, Stefan Savčić and Zerina Spahalić represented the Youth organization Svitac at the event and had the opportunity to present their own ideas but



also to exchange experiences and gain new friendships with young people from other cities. Start-up day "GO" was organized by the UNDP for Bosnia and Herzegovina and held on 19 May in Bijeljina.

EVS meeting

Meeting of EVS accredited organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro was held in Sarajevo on 18 and 19. May. Dina Vošanović and Milos Popić represented the Youth organization Svitac, which is experienced accredited partner since 2007.

The objectives of the meeting were how to support the work of organizations through the exchange of experiences and challenges with implementation of projects, but also informing the organization about support of EVS system that offers SALTO SEE and contact point in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, networking partners and information about the news in E + projects in the future. The training was coordinated by two trainers from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro and supported by Andrej Troha, who is also the representative of SALTO SEE and two representatives of the contact points in BiH and Montenegro (PRONI Brcko and ADP - Zid, Podgorica) and a representative of the national agency from Slovenia. This meeting is out of great help for any future engagement in E + and EVS projects.



For June, continuation of all regular workshops of Youth organizations Svitac is planned.



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PUBLIC CALL

The contest for the best piece of furniture design in 2017

As part of the IX Conference of Professional wood-processing companies called "People, wood, furniture 2017", a public invitation for **the contest of the best designs in pieces of furniture** for designers, architects, designers of furniture and all other stakeholders is announced.

[More about the Conference](#)

Contest duration: from 29. May 2017 (12h) and lasts until 12. June 2017 (10h).

Requirements for application: The competition is open to all adult designers, architects, product designers and all other persons involved in the design. Priority is given to young designers from Bosnia and Herzegovina to 35 years (not a requirement).

Way to send requests and other requirements:

Works must be in JPG or PDF format good quality (minimum 1Mb - max. 6Mb) on the A3 and maximum on A1 format.

Important note: for design must be used basic material solid wood and / or materials based on wood (veneer, plywood, MDF, HDF, etc.), and in addition to the basic material it is necessary to use a minimum of one additional material from the following recommended: metal / glass / upholstery portion (leather, eco leather, cloth).

Works can be sent by mail to the following address:

interfob.consulting@gmail.com

with a note in the field, subject,,: NAGRADNI KONKURS 2017 name and surname (insert your name and surname)

Within the registration mail along with the work, attach your resume (CV).

The awards, exhibitions of works and announcement of the best works:

Exhibition of works will be full day at the Youth Center (Đuro Daničića 1 - opposite the Market Banja Luka) both days of the conference 06/15/17 (Thursday) and 16/06/17).

Prizes will be awarded 16. June 2017 at 15h on the second day of the Conference.

The prize fund is 3.600KM as follows:

I prize: 2,600 KM (the value of prototyping - WMTA Center Banja Luka) + 500 KM (the value of goods [Schachermayer d.o.o.](#))

II Prize: 300 KM (the value of goods / services [Grafix štamparija Banja Luka](#))

III Prize: 200 KM (in the value of furniture- [Maestro namještaj Banja Luka](#))

All awarded participants will also receive recognition for participation in the contest.

Organizer: Association of forestry and wood processing INTERFOB Banja Luka.

Partners in cooperation are:

[Gradska razvojna agencija CIDEA Banja Luka](#) and
[Klaster DRVO Banja Luka](#)

The conference is co-financed by:

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CALL FOR CONFERENCE



We invite you to join us on IX Expert Conference of woodprocessors titled "People, wood, furniture 2017", which will be held in the premises of the Youth Center, in the conference room (Đure Daničića 1 - across from the Market) in Banja Luka on Thursday and Friday, 15-16. June 2017 years, beginning from 9 hours. Expert conference brings together all stakeholders: small, medium and large companies, agencies, ministries, chambers and organizations from the wood industry and forestry, professors, engineers and professional people as well as those who are in any way involved in wood processing, forestry, ecology, energy

efficiency, biomass, interiors and furniture industry of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider region.

Technical conference organized by the Association of forestry and wood processing INTERFOB Banja Luka, in cooperation with partners in cooperation: City Development Agency CIDEA Banja Luka and Cluster WOOD Banja Luka, for nine years already.

More on www.energowood.com

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National Geographic Society: Seeking Applications for Standard Grant Program

Deadline: 1 July 2017

The National Geographic Society is seeking applications for its Standard Grant Program to award grants for research, conservation, education, and storytelling through its Committee for Research and Exploration.

National Geographic Society grant-funded projects should be bold, innovative, and transformative. The National Geographic Society is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to exploring our planet, protecting wildlife and habitats, and helping assure that students in K-12 are geographically literate.

Three Lenses

- **The Human Journey:** The Human Journey supports projects that explore and document the human experience through time to preserve and celebrate shared heritage.
- **Wildlife and Wild Places:** Wildlife and Wild Places supports projects that explore and document the Earth's biodiversity to better understand and conserve species, habitats, processes, and ecosystems (marine and terrestrial).
- **Our Changing Planet:** Our Changing Planet supports projects that explore and document Earth and ocean systems in the present, past, and future to better understand and protect the evolving environment.

Funding Information

Standard Grant: Typically up to US \$30,000

Project Focus

- Research
- Conservation
- Education
- Storytelling
- Technology

Eligibility Criteria

- National Geographic welcomes applications from around the world, and specifically encourages applicants from outside the United States to apply.
- Applicants planning to work outside of their home country should include at least one local collaborator on their team.
- The Committee will not usually consider applications that support strictly laboratory or collections work.
- Grants are awarded on the basis of merit and exist independent of the Society's other divisions.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply via given website.

For more information, please visit [National Geographic Society](https://www.nationalgeographic.org/standard-grant-program/).

Source: <https://www2.fundsforngos.org/animals-wildlife-and-biodiversity/national-geographic-society-seeking-applications-standard-grant-program/>



ViiV Healthcare: Inviting CBOs/NGOs for Positive Action for MSM and Transgender Small Grants Program

Deadline: 21 June 2017

ViiV Healthcare is seeking applications from eligible organisations for its “Positive Actions for MSM & Transgender” Small Grants programme with an aim to improve the health and wellbeing of men who have sex with men and transgender people, strengthen their support networks, and encourage inclusive communities and institutions.

The Positive Action MSM & Transgender Programme is primarily aimed at community-based organisations with priority given to those in resource-limited settings and environments hostile to MSM and transgender people.

Focus Areas

- Prevention and testing of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
- Access, early linkage to and sustained retention in culturally competent care
- Supporting adherence
- Social justice: stigma, discrimination, violence and other human rights violations
- Sustainable capacity building
- Community-level collaborations to address socioeconomic drivers of HIV

Funding Information

- **Apply for a project addressing topics 1-5:** Applications from CBOs for projects led by MSM or transgender people may apply for up to £50,000 divided over two years, with no more than £30,000 (60%) in any one year.
- **Work with another organisation to address topics 1-5 and topic 6:** Applicants may apply for up to £70,000 divided over two years, with no more than £42,000 (60%) in one year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible organisations must be non-governmental and not-for-profit/charitable or have a social purpose.
- Community-based organisations (CBOs), nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), registered charitable/not-for-profit organisations and (in specific circumstances) social enterprises may apply.
- Given the importance of community leadership in sexual health and human rights programming, applications from organisations led by MSM or transgender people are particularly welcome. Organisations that are not led by MSM or transgender people may still apply however if the proposed project has a high degree of leadership by MSM and transgender people or if they are addressing socioeconomic drivers of HIV in collaboration with a community-led organisation.
- The primary focus is on community-based organisations and the following areas are not eligible for funding: individuals, medical research, conferences or any retrospective funding.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can apply online via given website.

For more information, please visit [Positive Action for MSM & Transgender Programme](#).

Source: <https://www2.fundsforngos.org/hiv-and-aids/viiv-healthcare-inviting-cbosngos-for-positive-action-for-msm-and-transgender-small-grants-program/>

CONTEST

Center for Education and Research "Nahla" Sarajevo, announces contest for enrollment of 15 participants at the Academy of Women's Entrepreneurship



The training is intended solely for unemployed women and includes 120 hours of theory and practice in the following areas:

- Basics of entrepreneurship ,
- Leadership,
- Creation of a marketing plan,
- Legal and financial framework of enterprises,
- Registration of different legal forms of companies,
- Sales techniques,
- Creation of a business plan.

The training will be implemented from August 7 to 30 November 2017 in the premises of the CEI "Nahla" in Sarajevo. **The classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 17:00 h to 20:15 h.** Training organizer reserves the right to change and reorganization classes in case of changed circumstances and needs of training. Training is **free - participants are exempt from participation in the training.**

A team of experienced trainers from the relevant areas will give classes and upon completion of the training participants will receive a certificate of acquired competences.

The student with the best crafted business plan will be awarded a prize in the amount of 2,000 KM, as an incentive for the establishment of her own business and the implementation of the initial actions. After completion of the training all participants will have the opportunity to be part of Nahla's [Mentoring program](#) , where through individual approach they will further improve skills necessary for developing their own businesses.

Sign up to the academy if:

- You have an idea that you want to transform to entrepreneurial project and you do not know where to start;
- Need a kind of map that 'll help you to go from idea to business;
- You want to gain knowledge about the techniques of selling products / services in the market and methods of collection;
- Want to know how to effectively present a product / service on social media networks;
- Need support establishment and development of your own businesses.

Conditions:

- be unemployed,
- have a minimum level III qualification – SSS
- you have a business idea that you want to realize.

Applications should be delivered exclusively via [ONLINE FORM](#) , **no later than 15 h Sunday, 11.6.2017. year.** All participants who are shortlisted will be invited for an interview.

Places are limited! Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. For any questions or further clarification, please contact e-mail: ksenija@nahla.ba.

Academy of women's entrepreneurship will be implemented with financial support from the Institute for International Cooperation of the German High Folk School Association – [DVV International – Office in B&H](#)

Institute for International Cooperation, based in Bonn, Germany, support structures for adult education throughout the world, particularly in less developed regions in Asia, Africa, South America, Eastern Europe and Southeastern Europe. It deals with capacity building and strengthening structures for education, learning and training of adults in the context of lifelong learning. It cooperates with NGOs, centers for culture and education, vocational schools and other chosen government and non-government organizations. In addition, DVV International is actively cooperating with relevant ministries, universities and pedagogical institutes across the country. DVV International is Nahla's important partner in the realization of free training for unemployed women by 2012, through offices in B&H. So far they have supported the implementation of training for the business secretary, professional nanny, dressmaker and seamstress and gerontological housekeeper.



More information on the link:

<http://nahla.ba/tekstovi9.aspx?tid=550&naslov=Akademija%20ženskog%20poduzetništva%20-%20upis%20u%20toku!>

Call for students: TRAVELING TO EUROPE 2017.

Application deadline 15/06/2017

Incubator of social innovations "Munja" and info platform HOĆU.ba, with the support of the Robert Bosch Foundation, Balkan Trust for Democracy and a partners, for tenth consecutive year, opens a call for participation in the program "Travel to Europe" for final year students of first and second cycle studies universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. So far, the scholarship was awarded and **266** students participated in the program.

The goal of the project is to allow at least **23** students at universities in BiH spend the summer as most of their peers from Europe, traveling freely across Europe and meeting European cities and nations. Winners of the contest receive grant consisting of the following:

- InterRail ticket for 22 days travel to European trains worth 770 KM
- Pocket money in amount 300 KM
- student card ISIC
- travel insurance
- participation in a three-day special opening program in Berlin 24-27.07.2017. year (accommodation and meals in Berlin, meeting with students from Southeast Europe, party, sightseeing, meeting with officials of Federal Republic of Germany and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.)
- orientation workshops in Sarajevo (transport and lunch) and guide for travel with tips

The main criteria for selection of students:

1. Applications may be submitted exclusively by students of final year of the first cycle, graduates or postgraduate students under 26 years of age who are citizens of BiH and own a passport;
2. Candidate which so far never or less traveling abroad have the advantage;
3. The advantage have those who are engaged in student, youth and / or non-governmental organizations;
4. Knowledge of a foreign language
5. Length of study and grades average will be taken into consideration but all motivated students are encouraged to apply.
6. Motivation for participation in the program and willingness to engage on the promotion of mobility of young people during and after the travel.

The application form, instructions for applying and additional information about the project all interested candidates can download on info platform www.hocu.ba .

Collected documents placed in the envelope must be submitted **by 15 June 2017 . to 15:00 h** (envelopes received with the date of sending before 15.06. will be considered) as well as creative task with contacts, should be send by e-mail: munja@munja.ba .

Only finalists will be contacted and invited for an interview in Sarajevo.

Applications can be sent **by mail** to the following address:

MUNJA

For competition "Traveling to Europe"(Za konkurs „Putujemo u Evropu“)

Skenderpašina 1

71000 Sarajevo

or personally delivered in a sealed envelope in office of Munja (Networks) on working days from 09: 00 h to 20: 00 h).

Annexes:

- [PUE17 - Instructions - 5.2017](#)
- [PUE17 - Application Form - 5.2017](#)

For any additional questions:

- Tel: **033 23 77 64**
- MUNJA page on Facebook
- E-mail: munja@munja.ba
- hocu.ba

Photo contest

"Studying through the lens of my colleague"

Application deadline 30th June 2017

As part of activities "#VasGlas #VasaPrica" financed by the European Union (EU) and implemented by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, online students community B&H (www.bhstudenti.com) announces photo contest on the theme: "Studying through the lens of my colleague."

Prize fund: 1750 KM

- First prize 1000 KM
- The second prize of 500 KM
- Third prize of 250 KM

The contest is open until 30 June 2017.

All other details see on [our website](#) .

(You must be registered member)

Source: <https://www.hocu.ba/index.php/hocu.priliku/foto-konkurs-studiranje-kroz-objektiv-moje-kolegicemog-kolege/>

Grants for Researchers

Council of Social Sciences offers grants to young people from different areas for 2017.

The right to apply have students of humanitic and social sciences. Grant amount is 10,000 \$.

Required documents for application: a brief summary of the research, project proposal, proposed budget, CV, bibliography and two recommendations.

Applications must be submitted by 15 September.

More information: <http://www.ssrc.org/.../negotiating-agreement-in-congress...> .

Source: <http://mladiinfo.me/grantovi-za-istrazivace/>



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