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Dear friends,

We're delighted to present you the Youth Resource Center's (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network's in B&H **February** edition of the monthly bulletin. At the moment this movement accounts for **186** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** places across B&H.

Currently, the newsletter is published in Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian and English language.

The newsletter contains information about Youth Resource Center's (ORC) activities; monthly activities of the youth organizations, informal groups and individuals – Youth Network's in B&H members, their plans for the upcoming period and all the other information intended for the young people of today and the NGO sector (donor invitations for projects, conferences, seminars, tuitions, scholarships etc.).

If you wish to be on the mailing list for the upcoming editions of our monthly informative newsletter or if you have any questions or suggestions at all, please let us know.

You can find the Monthly Informative Bulletin (as well as the archive of our previous editions) on the Youth Network's in B&H website:

www.omladina-bih.net



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Enjoy reading!

ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY 2019

NEXT STEPS: The future of facing the past in the Western Balkans

In Sarajevo on February 25, the first meeting and official presentation of the project "Next Steps: The Future of Confronting the Past in the Western Balkans Region" was organized. The aim of the meeting, organized by the Center for Post-Conflict Studies (CPI) Sarajevo and Memria Belgrade, was to contribute audio / video archives to statements by people working on various initiatives in the process of facing the past throughout the region.



The purpose of this project is to help countries based in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and societies, to achieve the goals of transitional justice such as truth, responsibility, the establishment of the rule of law, reconciliation and lasting peace. The meeting was attended by representatives of the academic community, civil society organizations and victims associations working in the area of dealing with the past, human rights and transitional justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In front of the ORC Tuzla meeting, Miralem Tursinović was present. More about the project on: www.nextstepsbalkans.org

FIGHT for EQUALITY

A workshop for volunteers was held in Sarajevo on 28.02.2019 within the project "FIGHT FOR EQUALITY".



The focus of the civic initiative "FIGHT FOR EQUALITY" is on the social and economic empowerment of women for the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project advocates the full implementation of the Law on Gender Equality and the creation of a community (platform), which will be a means for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of the goals of the campaign is to collect 100,000 signatures for the support of the gender equality initiative! 100,000 signatures is a force that will encourage decision-makers to fully respect the Equality Act.

Regional Laboratory for Social Innovations



The Regional Laboratory for Social Innovation was held in Podgorica from 11 to 14 February.

The Regional Laboratory for Social Innovations is a continuation of the National Laboratories for Social Innovations held in the countries of the Western Balkans and Turkey. Regional Laboratory is an activity organized within the project "Divided Past - Joint Future", with 19 organizations from the Western Balkans and Turkey. The goal of the Regional Laboratory is to analyze all the conclusions of the National Laboratories and to create 7 social innovations at the prototype level, as well as to test the methodology for the development of social

innovations in the field of reconciliation and peace building, as well as to test the cross-sectorial approach and cooperation on the matter.

Representatives of civil (non-governmental) sector, public (government) and business (private) sector coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania and Turkey participated in the Regional Laboratory for Social Innovation.

The host of the laboratory was an organization from Montenegro, Forum MNE.

Emir Karamujić and Slobodan Blagovčanin attended the Regional Laboratory for Social Innovations as representatives of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla and as representatives of the civil sector.

"Strengthening Youth Activism in the Fight against Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Knowledge IN, Corruption OUT"



The final conference of the project "Strengthening Youth Activism in the Fight against Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Knowledge IN, Corruption OUT", implemented in 10 selected cities in BiH in the period from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2019 was held in Sarajevo on February 20, 2019.

The goal of the project, jointly implemented by the Association of the Media Initiatives and the Center for the Development of Youth Activism from Sarajevo, was to strengthen the voice and presence of young people in the anti-corruption activities currently being conducted in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Over the course of two years, this has been done in three

dimensions: Strengthening youth skills for participation in anti-corruption actions, Raising awareness and education on the phenomena of corruption, as well as Realization of anti-corruption actions.

Over 200 young people took part in the project activities held in ten selected cities and municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar, Tuzla, Brčko, Bihać, East Sarajevo, Prijedor, Zenica and Foča), and a series of trainings, visits, street actions and public events. In addition, the youth participated in the monitoring of the work of public institutions, wrote articles about their experience of corruption, designed works on the topic of fight against corruption, etc.



At the conference held on February 20 this year, the results of the project and findings from the research on corruption were presented, and we also discussed two important topics: the role of the media in the fight against corruption and the ways of motivating young people based on the positive experiences of the NGO sector. Also, at the conference, the best rated works were presented at the competition for best photo, video and text work on the topic of fight against corruption.

One of the panelists at the conference and a representative of the youth anti-corruption team from Brčko was Emir Karamujić, a member of ORC Tuzla.

"Communities in the first place"



Hope and Homes for Children BiH, in cooperation with partner organizations from other countries of the Western Balkans (Center for Legal Civic Initiatives Albania, Partners Center for Conflict Management Kosovo, Center for Common Ground Macedonia and Cultural Center DamaD Serbia), implemented the project "Community in the first place" funded by the European Commission.

The project aims to strengthen civil society organizations (including those dealing with youth issues, women's rights and religious organizations) and enable them to become effective and accountable social actors and to create a common platform for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), which will provide them with opportunities to improve regional cooperation and coordination among an increasing

number of local (grassroots) organizations, relevant CSOs and other stakeholders in the community dealing with the issue of prevention of this issue. In this way, the approach of the full involvement of society in the prevention and suppression of violent extremism will be ensured, which is one of the priority issues for the authorities.

Active participation in front of the ORC Tuzla at the presentation of the project and the creation of a hub for the needs of the same was taken by Slobodan Blagovčanin and Mirela Biković.

KORA 6

The Sixth Conference of Youth Work of the Republic of Srpska, organized by the Network of Youth Centers for Training, Development and Animation of the Republic of Srpska in cooperation with the



Institute "Perpetuum Mobile Center for Youth and Community Development" from Banja Luka and the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports in the Government of the Republic of Srpska is this year in Banja Luka. The topics of the Conference were, among other things, administrative and financial burdens for youth organizations in the Republic of Srpska, opportunities for young people and the transfer of positive examples from the practice of youth work from the region and the European Union, and mutual cooperation.

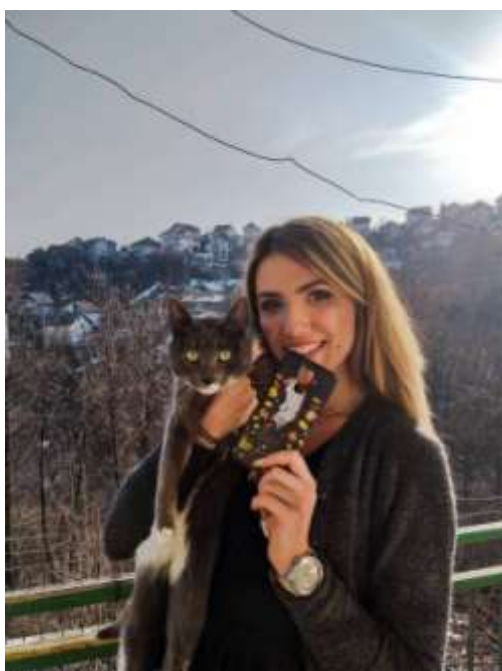
Mirela Biković and Slobodan Blagovčanin

took part in front of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla.

Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT

During February, we continued with our regular activities within the project "Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT". Our cats continued to delight the public on social networks, and this month, we surprised all our companions with masks for mobiles with CAT motifs.

If you still do not follow our cats - we invite you to do so at:
www.facebook.com/CATBiH



Youth Group of ORC Tuzla

Meeting of the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla



On Wednesday, February 27, a meeting of the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center was held in the premises of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla.

At the meeting, the members met with the new coordinator of the Youth Group Benjamin Burek.

During the meeting they opened many topics, and new decisions and ideas for the continuation of the work of the Youth Group in 2019 were made.

At the meeting, the members were very active and suggested many ideas, and some of these ideas are:

1. Monthly socializing with all members
2. Monthly activity of the group (street actions, visits to schools and other events)
3. Annual activity of the group (projects)

REGULAR ORC/HCA TUZLA ACTIVITIES

During January we worked on sustaining and development of coordination and communication within the Youth Network in B&H (www.omladina-bih.net). As a part of this we distributed interesting information for the youth and the youth activism in BiH on a daily basis to the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), but also on other addresses across Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. We corresponded with organizations and the individuals appealed by the network's work and responded to queries about specific activities, education and all the other information about the activism of the youth in B&H. Also, our project team continued applying to projects.

ORC/HCA PLANS FOR MARCH 2019

- Launch of the new campaign "CAT 19". Within this project, in the forthcoming period, our activities are continuation with partners, preparation of the technical part of the campaign, and campaign planning.
- Activities of the Youth Group of the ORC Tuzla
- Preparations for the start of activities of ALF BH network (2019 - 2020)
- Continue applying for projects and participating in partner projects in the region

YOUTH NETWORK'S IN BIH MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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Public call for peace actions in 10 BH cities - "Let's Enrich Peace"

One of our more precious activities in 2018 gets its sequel!

PRONI Center, in cooperation with the Red Cross of Brčko district of Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented a peace camp called "Enrich peace", which brought together 70 young people from sixteen cities / municipalities from all over BiH.

One of the planned activities of the project itself is the multiplication of the goals of the peace camp "Enrich Peace" throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on which we call for a public call for the submission of project initiatives, of which 10 will be supported in the amount of 500 US dollars.

You can find all public call and application information on this link: <https://goo.gl/9GeRHZ>

Project supported by the United States Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Memorandum of cooperation signed in Sarajevo



Armin Omerović, Director of the Center for Culture and Youth of Municipality Centar Sarajevo and Jasmin Jašarević, general manager of PRONI Center for Youth Development, signed a memorandum of cooperation with the goal of opening the PRONI Youth Club in Sarajevo.

PRONI Youth clubs, within the #STaRBiH project, aim to offer a systematic solution for young people, their development and their inclusion in social life by providing the same opportunities for youth work, volunteer work and non-formal education.

Željko Vukša-Fejzić, President of the Youth Council of the Municipality of Sarajevo, was also present at the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation.

After the signed Memorandum of Cooperation in Bijeljina and Sarajevo, we expect signing of similar agreements and opening of PRONI Youth Clubs in Mostar and Banja Luka.

Project #STaRBiH is supported by USAID Bosnia and Herzegovina, implemented by Karuna Center for Peacebuilding in cooperation with PRONI Center for Youth Development, CIM - Peace Building Center Sanski Most - CIM, Small Steps, and Youth Initiative for Human Rights in BiH - YIHR BiH.

Call for volunteers

PRONI Center for Youth Development has called for 8 volunteers who will be engaged in PRONI Youth Clubs (POK) in: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar and Bijeljina.

Educational workshop within the project "Be a Man Club"

Within the project "Be a Man Club", which we conduct in order to prevent violence among high school students in Brčko through the promotion of healthy lifestyles, an educational workshop was held in the PU Economic School. All educational workshops are implemented according to "Program Y".

Workshop "Against Stigmatization of Victims of Sexual Violence"

On February 12, we attended the workshop "Against Stigmatization of Victims of Sexual Violence" implemented by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (Helsinki Committee for Human Rights) in cooperation with UNFPA.

The goal of the project is to raise awareness of citizens when it comes to the stigmatization of victims who have experienced sexual violence in the past war in BiH.

A brief overview of the previous year

PRONI Center for Youth Development, in the course of 2018, carried out thirty projects for young people in which we included 2400 young people from all over BiH.

A brief overview of some of the things that we did last year can be viewed on this link <http://www.proni.ba/2019/02/13/izvjestaj-o-radu-proni-2018/>

On this occasion, we would like to thank all the young people, activists, volunteers, staff, partners and the management of PRONI Center who participated and gave their contribution to the implementation of the mission and vision of the PRONI Center for Youth Development in 2018.

Meeting of the local dialogue platform

On February 14, we participated in the third meeting of the Local Dialogue Platform, in the project entitled "Dialogue for the Future: Promoting Coexistence and Diversity in BiH". After reviewing the conclusions from the previous meeting, we discuss the draft of the Framework for Action of the Local Dialogue Platform. We also set up a plan for the next period.

Makeover in Vršac

Based on the cooperation between the PRONI Center for Youth Development and the organization Libero from Serbia, the Youth Council of Brčko District of BiH has representatives on the project "Makeover", which was held from 16th-24th February in Vršac, Hotel Srbija. This is the first training that addressed the topics of strategic planning, the basics of project management and other topics on the internal components of the organization. The project is supported by the Erasmus + EU program.



Memorandum of cooperation signed in Mostar



Senad Suljić, director of the Cultural Center Mostar, and Jasmin Jašarević, general manager of PRONI Center for Youth Development, signed a memorandum of cooperation on February 18 with the aim of opening the PRONI Youth Club in Mostar.

Senada Sadović, Head of the Education, Youth and Sport Service of the City Administration of Mostar, and Sabina Memić, Senior Independent Referent for Relations with NGOs and Religious Communities attended the meeting that took place prior to the signing of the

Memorandum of Cooperation. On this occasion, we thank the city administration of Mostar for the help and support they provide to youth initiatives.

Youth Work Conference - KORA

On February 18, we attended the 6th Youth Conference - KORA organized by Perpetuum Mobile, in cooperation with the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport of RS and M.O.C.A.R.T. - Network of youth centers for animation, development and training.



PRONI as Contact Point BiH Erasmus + YOUTH presented the Erasmus + Youth Program as well as the program "European Solidarity Corps" where young people from all over BiH and Serbia had the opportunity to discuss the proposals and ideas for cooperation of young people from the region through group work.

Call for Youth for the presentation of the project "Active and Equal in All Communities"



We have published a call for young people from Brčko, aged 15 to 21, to attend the presentation of the project "Active and Equal in their Communities" conducted by IN Foundation.

Young people will be given the opportunity to get involved in the project by passing training, writing their project and getting funds up to 500 km to implement it in Brčko.

In order to be able to participate and get the funds for your idea, you need to attend a presentation of the project that will be held on March 4, 2019 at 11 am in the Youth Center Brčko.

Youth projects should focus on the prevention of gender-based violence in Brčko.

Full invitation to the presentation and more about the project: <https://goo.gl/ttJkrW>

Film and Activism Camp "We are Neighbors"

As part of the project "What the Youth Know About Today", there is a film and activism camp "We are Neighbors" in Level Up Trebević, which gathers about 50 young people from Brčko, Mostar, Bihać, Kotor Varoš, Gornji Vakuf - Uskoplje and Prijedor .

Young people will have the opportunity to learn about the principles of nonviolence, prejudice, stereotypes, and they will also have the opportunity to start recording episodes which will result in visits to these cities and promoting the same episodes on social networks.

PRONI Center is a partner in this project implemented by Magacin Kabare, and is supported by the United States Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina.





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Realization of the project "Banja Luka - inclusive community"

The Humanitarian Organization "Partner" from 1.11.2018 implemented the project "Banja Luka - an Inclusive Community", which is being implemented as part of the Regional Program of Local Democracy in the Western Balkans - ReLOaD, funded by the European Union (EU), and implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and co-financed by the City of Banja Luka.

The main goal of the project is to enable full and equal movement of persons with disabilities (citizens and visitors) in Banja Luka through the use of public transport and roads based on equal opportunities with other citizens, thereby increasing their involvement in the community and the use of all community resources.

During the implementation of the project, a series of activities will contribute to the analysis of the current situation and finding ways to maximize the existing community capacities. Raising awareness of decision-makers and the general public, as well as activities that will contribute to better informing of persons with disabilities about what resources they can use, will contribute to Banja Luka becoming more inclusive community and significantly improving the mobility of people with disabilities.

One of the activities of the project was the formation of working groups that conducted an Analysis of the state of public transport, tactile paths and transitions in Banja Luka. The analysis was presented at a round table entitled "Banja Luka - an Inclusive Community", which we held in cooperation with the Tourist Organization of Banja Luka.



At the round table, importance of organizing public transport was in order to serve all citizens, including disabled people (wheelchair users) given that there are already accessible buses, but there are omissions and excuses for the type of bus stations not being adapted and that buses do not have a ramp that allows the entry of wheelchair users. In addition, it is very important that in all custom buses, displays and corrects displays and voice information about the station to which you are entering. According to the Analysis of the status of the working group for crossings and tactile paths, it is necessary to regulate the roads with ramps and tactile paths for the undisturbed movement of persons with disabilities.

In cooperation with the Tourist Organization of Banja Luka we will appeal to make additional adjustments, and through the web site of the Tourist Organization of Banja Luka, information can be given to the tourists with disabilities where they can stay in our City. Our common goal is to do

everything to improve the access to the tourist sites of Banja Luka, thus enabling everyone to have equal and easier access to places that are interesting for tourists.

After the round table, we continued meetings where we are working on the implementation of the conclusions with the support of Department of Transportation and Roads. In the second week of March, we will start training drivers in "Central" and continue with all other public transporters.



Addressing the issue of the movement of persons with disabilities, the issue of their participation in the community, satisfaction of personal needs, and political participation, which is directly related to the further improvement of the position of this social group, is largely solved.

The project lasts for eight months from November 1 2018 until June 31, 2019.

For further information, please contact Olivera Mastikosa, coordinator of the project, by e-mail: olivera.mastikosa@gmail.com, as well as the spokesperson of HO "Partner" Dušica Lipovac (phone: 065 228 934; e-mail: dusica.lipovac1@gmail.com).



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Daily workshops



The Svitac Youth Organization continued its day-to-day activities. Participants are divided into two groups, aged 4-7 years each day from 11:00 to 13:00, and age 8+ from 14:00 to 15:30. The younger participants created educational things with the help of local and international volunteers: they learned the names of the favorite toys in English and drew them; creating a 3D model - Winter Wonderland (and 3D Snowman and his house), the youngest participants also learned about the types of dogs and in which services they are used as assistants, about traffic - the basic signs at the traffic light - how to cross the street safely; they made robots of various shapes and carried it on paper and dyed. At the music workshops, they performed the songs "Children Are Decoration of the World" and "Do-Re-Mi", and they had the opportunity to try on various percussions and acoustic instruments.

Material used in the workshops is cardboard in color, collage paper, wood and greasy crayons, scissors, glue, glue, wooden sticks, decorative and

decorative paper, stickers, plastic sheeting works, and wool. The second part of the workshop is intended for relaxation, refreshment, yoga, sports and various competitive games. The goal of these activities, and so far, is that children develop their imagination and use their various creative to express their creativity, and to develop motoring, a sense of tolerance and respect for others, and adopting good behavior.

The participants of the second workshop (14: 00-15: 30), for the age of 8+, were valuable participants in various activities. Monday is a creative expression where participants made creations this month using various materials: lava lamps, bracelets with a sign of peace, scientific workshops with magnets, various posters and collages with messages of peace and friendship, and "I am human because ". On Tuesday, the participants practiced English and daily communication, merging sentences using certain elements, in the form of competition games, and friendship games that enhance English language learning and teamwork. In addition to these activities, the participants also worked on music workshops this week with acoustic music instruments, practicing different rhythms and listening to different types of music. On Wednesday, yoga workshops, a discussion on healthy eating were held, as well as mini-debates on "Am I satisfied with my body". On Thursdays they were socializing with sports activities, social and teambuilding games, and on Friday they continued to work in German workshop (vocabulary on fairy tales); they read parts from the famous fairytales of the Grim brothers, and talked about them. The goal of these activities is to encourage the participants to develop their imagination and to use their

various creativity to express their creativity, develop motor skills, feelings of tolerance, respect for each other and adopt good behavior. Workshop coordinator was Adin Midžić with the assistance of local, Weltwärts and EVS / ESC international volunteers. All activities are held in the Youth Center of the Brčko District.

Guitar workshops

The participants of these workshops determined the material learned and worked on new etudes and compositions by J. Bach, F. Carulia, F. Sora, F. Tarrege. In February, a new member joined the guitar workshops, with which he worked on understanding of different musical values and basic techniques of playing

Samba workshops

The participants of this workshop started working on a new idea: Bluesy Funk in the C minor of a slower pace, with some left space for guitar improvisations. Apart from this, the composers from the previous period played.

Movie night

At the Film Festival of the Youth Organization Svitac held on January 31, young people from the Brčko District had the opportunity to see the documentary "In Search of Better Days". The film is a project by Wijnand Slurink from the Netherlands, a student of film arts. Young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Volunteers of the Youth Organization Svitac Maja Tomić and Adin Midžić, took part in the film. The projection was held at the Youth Center Brčko District, starting at 19:00. The movie can be viewed online, on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcVHs4_iS98&t=392s

Dialogue for Future

On February 8, the Svitac Youth Organization took part in the III training session within the framework of the seminar entitled "Peace Building and Promotion of Social Cohesion", held in Tuzla. The seminar is being held within the framework of the project "Dialogue for the Future", implemented by UNICEF, UNESCO and UNDP in partnership with the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dialogue platforms have been established with the aim of creating cooperation with various stakeholders who will have the



opportunity to fulfill their skills necessary for successful dialogue in the community, and that is a leadership based on the cooperation of that set of skills that will achieve better results in the process of building long-term stable social relations. The goal of the dialogue platform is to encourage communities to discuss challenges and common solutions to problems through mutual cooperation. Interactive workshops were held this time on the topic: non-violent overcoming of conflicts, stress and strategies of dealing with stress, and development of cooperation, team work and social cohesion.

International Day of Social Justice

In 2007, the United Nations decided to mark February 20 as the World Social Justice Day, since social development is based on justice, solidarity and equality among all countries and within each of them, and social justice, equality and justice constitute fundamental values of every social life.



The Youth Organization Svitac marked this date as a workshop for the age of 13+, which was hosted by Mirjana Knežević, a democracy professor and members of the Presidency of the Brčko District Trade Union. The aim of the workshop was to promote the importance of the role of the Union, the protection and rights of workers, and the stability of democracy in society.

The workshop for ages 4-7 was methodically adapted to the age, so that participants could better understand the notions of justice, injustice. Every other participant got a biscuit, however, it was not enough for everyone. Through the game and interaction, they had to find a solution so that each child would have a cookie. Then they painted the worksheet. The aim of the workshop was to promote the importance of equality and equal rights.

The International Social Justice Day was also an opportunity to highlight the importance of commitment to goals, such as the development and delivery of new social services for particularly vulnerable social groups and individuals. According to temporary or permanently socially endangered social groups and individuals, a relationship that expresses constant concern about them needs to be further built and does not lead them to feel unhelpful and unprotected members of society.

International Day of Mother Tongue

On February 21, UNESCO proclaimed the International Day of Mother Tongue as a part of the cultural identity of the people, the point of recognition, diversity, and tolerance and understanding. Taking care of your mother tongue is a way of demonstrating awareness of one's own identity, but also a very sensitive place of tolerance towards the other and the other.

On 21 February, the Youth Organization Svitac marked an interactive workshop in the German language, which was held at the Pupil High School "Vaso Pelagić" in the Brčko District, with students of the fourth grade.

Workshop coordinator Florian Pauleck, an international volunteer from Germany, pointed to the problem of daily racism, intolerance and gender discrimination in language with an interesting methodology adapted to the knowledge of language.



Svitac also marked this date with workshops for the age of 4 to 7 years and for the age of 12+. The workshop for younger participants (4-7 years) is methodically adapted to the age, in order for the participants to better understand the concept and goal of the workshop. Participants did a non-verbal communication exercise to better understand the importance of having a language as a type of understanding. The participants had the opportunity to learn and hear which languages are spoken by international volunteers of the Youth Organization Svitac. They listened the song "Hello around the world". For March, the continuation of all regular workshops of the Youth Organization Svitac is planned.



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Participation at the international dance competition "Grand Prix Vienna 2019"

In very strong competition, the dancers came to gold and thus once again confirmed that the Association is doing quality work with young people through various types of sections, courses and workshops.



During the stay in Vienna, the Delegation of Cezar visited the Republic of Srpska Representative Office, where a reception was held for them. This visit created ties between the Srbac Association and the Republic of Srpska Office in Vienna, which was commendable, and the Republic of Srpska Representative Office was partly a travel sponsor, just like the Municipality of Srbac and 20 public and private companies from the Serbian municipality.





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In addition to ongoing activities that include: Recording of membership fees, printing of requests, complaints, various letters, photocopies, work with members, providing information, distribution of humanitarian aid, project development and attendance at seminars, round tables and other sessions, Merhamet Dobož worked in February on following:

15.02. A seminar on the topic "Dialogue for the future" was held, in partnership with the Municipality of Dobož. Proposals for resources owned by the city of Dobož are very interesting, and they were presented very well by NGO "Genesis".



16.02. Humanitarian aid was distributed to about 250 families. We are working hard to help our members (3, 4 and 5)



20.02. President of "Merhamet" Dobož, Avdić Faketa attended the annual forum for sustainable returnee communities in Republic of Srpska. The BiH Presidency Member Šefik Džaferović and the federal Minister of Displaced Persons and Refugees Edin Ramić, whose Ministry organized this very successful forum, was also present at the forum.



21.02. A session of the Regional Board of Banja Luka was held in Doboj. The agenda of the session was as follows:

- Information on the work of the Merhamet region of Banja Luka,
- Review of the maintenance plan Assembly of MDD Merhamet region Banja Luka,
- Ready for Ramadan
- Support to Merhamet's work.

The conclusion is that only joint forces can go forward



21.02. In the "Merhamet" Doboj, the annual Assembly was held, where the director of the region, Jasmin Spahić, and the representatives of "Merhamet" of the Banja Luka region were present. The Assembly was very successful.



26.02. The Assembly of the Union for Return was held, where the President of "Merhamet" Doboj Avdić Faketa was also present. The Assembly discussed how to achieve a sustainable return when the poor political and economic situation is in question. The conclusion of returnee representatives from other cities is that only joint forces win a better tomorrow.



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Through the cooperation of the Institute and the Ministry of Civil Affairs to a better position of youth

The Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina will work together to create a better environment for the lives of young people in BiH. The Memorandum of Cooperation and Support for Improving the Position of Youth was signed by Jasmin Bešić, Director of the Institute and Minister Adil Osmanović.



By signing the Memorandum, institutional cooperation is established with the aim of working together on defining and analyzing sectorial policies towards youth, analyzing the needs and problems of youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, developing and cooperating with youth councils in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other competent authorities for youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, professionalization of youth work, and support to the development of the youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

After establishing cooperation, for the first time will be analyzed about the needs and problems of youth in the whole country. As the director of the Institute Jasmin Bešić pointed out, apart from analyzing the needs of young people, the cooperation will be carried out through advisory support in the implementation of the established legal framework for youth, support in creating strategic documents for youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, informing young people about them is carried out by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the non-governmental sector, as well as by advocating adequate allocation of budget funds for youth issues and promoting youth policies.

The cooperation agreement is one of the steps towards detecting the real problems of young people on the basis of which should be defined and measures for creating better quality living conditions that young people will retain in BiH.

"The main motive is to get an analysis of the needs of young people that would be acceptable to all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which should be the starting point for all future youth policies. We are faced with the problem of leaving young people, above all highly qualified people from BiH, and the analysis on which we signed the Memorandum should point out the reasons for leaving and offer recommendations for activities in order to improve the status of youth", said Minister Adil Osmanović.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT has been working on creating a more favorable environment for the life of young people in BiH for fifteen years, primarily through cooperation with the institutions of government, and creating strategic and legal documents.

Supporting young people in the first video game development studio in BiH

The most popular video game in the future could come from Sarajevo and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and thanks to innovative young people. Amar Zubčević is a Sarajevan who began to interest in video game development for about ten years ago. Through fun and game with a friend, he improved his knowledge and developed various video games. That what they do makes sense, is shown by many awards and acknowledgments by the representative members of this industry.

The perspective of the Amar's idea was also recognized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which together with the Stari Grad Municipality and with the support of the Kingdom of Sweden's Embassy in BiH, provided support for the development of his business. Amar is now the owner of the first game development studio in BiH where he will work with several friends, and soon he will employ other, talented young people.

"With this support we will raise the whole story to a higher level, employ other young people, and implement more demanding projects. I always liked to work and worked as I studied, but now I have the opportunity to really make valuable things." - Amar Zubčević.

Thanks to the Youth Entrepreneurship Fund, which was founded to support the promising ideas of young people, for the first time in BiH, young people will seriously deal with 3D prints.

"We will actually make others happy, as this support has done for us. I was out of work for a long time, and now I have the opportunity and I provide the job to others. A little wind in the back is necessary for young people to succeed, and this is the real example." - Rusmir Poturović.



In the Stari Grad, within the entrepreneurial youth fund, crafts such as car mechanic, car painter, photographer, hairdresser and a veterinary pharmacy were launched. The total amount foreseen for financing the business of young people from the Stari Grad is 40,000 BAM, and in equal proportion of the funds the Municipality of Stari Grad and the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

Within the Entrepreneurship Fund for Youth associated with Local Self-Government Units and the Institute for Youth Development KULT, with the support of the Kingdom of Sweden's Embassy in BiH, aimed at developing entrepreneurship and employment of young people from eight municipalities and cities.

The total amount of the Youth Entrepreneurship Fund is about 400,000 BAM, and will be supported about 50 to 100 young people's businesses. Businesses have so far been supported in Stari Grad Municipality, Jajce Municipality, Teslić Municipality, Novi Travnik Municipality, Municipality Centar Sarajevo, Municipality of Modriča, City of Cazin and City of Trebinje.

Event for Youth Officers: Youth leaving BiH - opportunities and challenges

The Institute for Youth Development KULT will organize a seminar "Youth leaving Bosnia and Herzegovina: opportunities and challenges" for Youth Officers in March 2019 in order to gain a clearer insight into the current situation, but also to understand the ways in which they can act in order to create a more positive climate for the life of a young person in each local community.

The daily work and activities of youth officers in local communities are of utmost importance for the development of the communities in which they work, but also for every young man with whom they work. At the same time, the improvement of the position of youth officers in the Institute for Development of Youth KULT is one of the priorities, because only joint forces can improve the position of youth in our country and help them to truly become active citizens.

The brain drain of youth has been a hot topic in Bosnia and Herzegovina in recent years. According to the results of the Analysis on the situation and needs of youth, published in 2013 by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, from the end of the war until 2013, BiH left about 150,000 youth.

After 2013, sporadic analyzes of non-governmental and international organizations are published that indicate a continuous increase in the number of young people who decide to leave the country, but also a certain phenomenon of departures of entire families. According to the online poll published by the Institute in the summer of 2017, young people leave primarily because of the lack of visibility, dissatisfaction with the educational and health system, the excessive presence of corruption and nepotism, but also unemployment.

This situation implies the need to involve all relevant actors in solving this problem, primarily through the creation of a strategic approach and all accompanying activities that will contribute to creating an environment in which young people will want to stay, but also in which they will want to return. Particular attention is also given to the question of how Bosnia and Herzegovina responds to the needs and problems of young people who are and choose to stay, and how to create concrete measures for cooperation with young people in the diaspora.

The event will bring together about 25 youth officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and as representatives of the event, representatives of entity and state institutions responsible for youth, representatives of various organizations, business communities, educational institutions, as well as young people who will share with their positive and negative experiences.

The data, recommendations and opinions gathered during the events from all thematic areas will be available to the relevant institutions responsible for youth issues at all levels of government and used for further creation of trainings for youth officers.

The conference will be held from 5 - 8 March 2019 at the Hotel Hills in Sarajevo.

Institute and CEO: Are you ready for a better version of yourself?

The Institute for Youth Development KULT supported the organization of the CEO conference, and in order to help young people exploit their full potential and become a better version of themselves,

organized a workshop within the conference. Leaders eat last - the name of the workshop during which the leadership of the KULT Institute, Jasmin Bešić, talked about leadership and team spirit with youth.



The young people had the opportunity to learn how to be a great team leader, but also a team player, to listen to an interactive lecture with practical exercises on the topic of leadership that is partly a psychological side of management, while the other part shows how a team of people can lead a harmonious and quality way .

The Faculty of Economics of the University of Sarajevo will be organizing a series of workshops for students and high school students in the framework of this year's project of the CEO conference under the

slogan "The Power of Choice", together with partners: among which is the Institute for Youth Development KULT, with the aim of strengthening personal competencies and skills of youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the first in a series of workshops, "Leaders Eat Last" was held on February 9, 2019 under the auspices of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

Trifunović and Radojičić guests of UMiDp trainings

The political system of Bosnia and Herzegovina was the topic of the first part of UMiDp's training, for youth political leaders for the second generation of students and participants realized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT. In five days, 26 trainees from twelve different political parties from BiH learned about the elements that will be necessary for their future work through political engagement.



The participants had the opportunity to talk to the inspirational guests and to look at different topics from different perspectives. The guests of the training were Igor Radojičić, Mayor of the City of Banja Luka, and Aleksandar Trifunović, Editor-in-Chief of the Buka Portal. In the following period, training will be organized in Konjic and Sarajevo, and training topics will be the development of political image and political advocacy and negotiation for solving youth problems.

The aim of the training is to empower young members of various political parties registered in BiH who have between 18 and 30 years of age to build a political career for which they are motivated and to engage in the improvement of the position of youth in BiH.

The training in Banja Luka was held from 6 to 10 February 2019.



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International Day against Peer Violence

The International Day against Peer Violence, also known as the Day of Pink T-shirts, is being held on the last Wednesday of February. It has been celebrated since 2007. Many of the local teams within our organization have shown that they are part of one such struggle and support.



Open call for the submission of project applications within the Social Day Fund 2018 is closed

The Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina has announced an open call for submitting project proposals of high school students within the project "Social Day Fund 2018". After ASuBiH realized its third "Social Day" on October 19, 2018, a project in which 1564 high school students spent one day volunteering in companies, opened the Social Day Fund for supporting project ideas of high school students throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Each employer who was a partner in this project and provided the opportunity for high school students to spend one day in companies was obliged to pay the amount of daily allowance. The money that high school students earned that day formed the Social Day Fund on 2018. This project will finance projects targeting high school students, which will contribute to the development of local communities and the development of youth within that community.

Presentation for new members



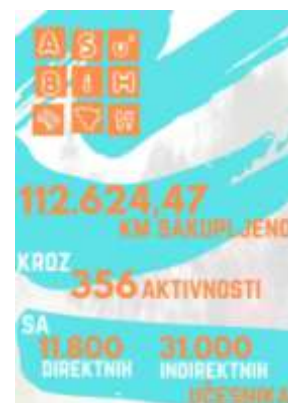
On Wednesday, February 13, 2019, members of the local team Visoko were given an opportunity for students of MSŠ "Hazim Šabanović" to introduce the Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to introduce them to the work, mission, vision and goals of the organization.

"Today we have told our story. Today, we have been interested in many high school students activating themselves and becoming with us a part of our wonderful story called ASuBiH." We

have become an even stronger team, which has more and more high school students," said a member of the local team Visoko. If they can, what stops you?

2018 in numbers

For 365 days a year, the Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina has managed to realize as many as 356 activities!



The Third Regular Assembly of the Youth Council of FBiH

On February 3, the Third Regular Assembly of the Council of Youth of the FBiH was held in Zenica, where the work was summarized in the past year. Coordinator of the local team Zenica, Jalal Romano, represented the Association of High School Students in BiH.



INFORMATION / DONORS / INVITATIONS

Invitation to the presentation of MATRA program

On 21 February 2019, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Sarajevo announced an invitation to submit proposals for funding from the program [MATRA](#).

The goal of the MATRA program is to contribute to social transformation, which leads to a sustainable relationship between government and citizens in the areas of plural democracy, the rule of law and human rights, using the Dutch experience where possible.

Civil society organizations provide support to promote constructive dialogue between government and civil society through projects that are based on real needs and which will contribute to increasing the accountability and transparency of BiH authorities, improve policies and legislation and / or monitor their implementation in the following areas:

The rule of law, including the reform of the judiciary and public administration, and the fight against corruption and organized crime;

Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, with special emphasis on minorities, freedom of religion and belief, and human rights defenders;

Freedom of expression and media independence, including secure working environment for journalists in traditional and digital media.

Social and economic reforms in the light of BiH's accession process to the European Union;

Stability and security, with a focus on joining NATO, migration, the fight against terrorism and the suppression of violent extremism.

The presentation of the MATRA program will be held in English. Project proposals are also submitted in English.

The presentation of the MATRA program will be done by the employees of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, after which there will be room for discussion and questions.

The presentation will be held on March 11 at 10.30 am in the premises of the Peace Building Network, Obala Kulina bana 39, Sarajevo. Please confirm your arrival by email goran.bubalo@mreza-mira.net not later than March 10th. The application should indicate the name and surname of the person who comes, and the name of the organization. For any additional questions, please contact 061/211 079.

Cultural Grants Program

The goal of the US Embassy Cultural Grants Program is to support programs that share the richness and diversity of American culture with the Bosnian public, and promote mutual understanding and cultural dialogue between the United States and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Grants usually range between \$ 1,000 and \$ 15,000, and are awarded to non-profit organizations and institutions for artistic and cultural performances, guest speakers / directors / performers, rights to American works, exhibitions, workshops, etc., which enhance the program's objectives. Project proposals are received on a regular basis, and they need to be delivered 3-6 months before the planned event or activity.

What are we looking for?

- A program component that helps build and improve relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States and / or introduces a new element of American culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- A project with strong artistic merit.
- An educational component, such as a workshop or a master class by a visiting artist.



- Projects that benefit a wide range of people or have a plan to broaden public outcomes.

Your proposal will be evaluated as follows:

- Compliance with the guidelines of the proposal and inclusion of mandatory components,
- A concrete and logical budget, and
- The applicant's capacity to implement the project.

More info at: <https://ba.usembassy.gov/education-culture/grant-opportunities/cultural-grants-program/>

LOCAL POWER: Public call for better local communities in BiH

The Local Power Initiative helps and supports local communities in BiH to recognize local potentials and the necessary support to work on problem-solving in communities themselves.

The Youth Development Institute KULT and the USAID Initiative Local Power helps local organizations, informal groups or individuals find a solution to problems they themselves have recognized in their community. Using Local Power Initiative, all citizens can report problems they want to resolve in their local communities, offering concrete suggestions for solutions, using local potentials and linking with other actors in their community.

All natural and legal persons, as well as informal groups of citizens who have their place of residence, are registered at one of the following local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina can apply: Bihać, Bosansko Grahovo, Bosanska Krupa, Bosanski Petrovac, Berkovići, Bileća, Bužim, Cazin, Čapljina, Čitluk, Drvar, Gacko, Glamoč, Grude, Istočni Drvar, Istočni Mostar, Ključ, Krupa na Uni, Kupres, Ljubinje, Ljubuški, Neum, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Petrovac, Posušje, Prozor / Rama, Ravno, Ribnik, Stolac, Trebinje, Velika Kladuša.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC CALL

Identifying and solving the existing problem in the local community.

CRITERIA OF THE PUBLIC CALL

The action that is being reported needs to address a specific problem in the community.

- The application that is submitted is done exclusively in the local community.
- The application to be submitted will include the partnership or support of local actors (local authorities, public institutions, entrepreneurs, business entities, local civil society organizations, other institutions, citizens or groups of local communities important for action).
- The application that is applying should have a wider social benefit.

- The action to be submitted cannot include fees and fees for the staff of the action.
- The application that is submitted can not include the purchase of equipment that will remain permanently owned by individuals.
- It is desirable that the action that is applied involves cooperation with the municipal / city administration.
- It is desirable that the action that is applied involves directly as many citizens from the local community as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTES

The public invitation remains open until the funds are spent, and no later than 14 April 2019.

All registered actions must be implemented no later than 31 May 2019.

Upon registration of the action, and no later than 48 hours, you will receive an answer on the receipt and record of your application and further steps you need to take.

More information on [Public call](#).



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