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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 **March** 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 MARCH 2020

#NeLaj – Boris Divković Foundation

The Boris Divković Foundation organizes educational trainings aimed at young representatives of different political parties coming from all over BiH. #NeLaj will train in three cities this year: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar!

Training for young politicians from Mostar was held from 13 to 15 March. The second day of educational training began with a lecture by Emir Karamujić, representative of ORC Tuzla.



The topic of the lecture was "How to combat hate speech on digital platforms", with examples of CAT campaign and a practical workshop for young politicians from Banja Luka.

The series of trainings will be followed by follow up activities, in the form of organizing a gallery of insults and hate speech across BiH cities.

The aim of the project is to educate participants about the consequences of using online platforms negatively and to raise awareness of violent extremism, hate speech and cyber bullying. The main question we want to answer is: Where is the line between hate speech and free speech?

The project is funded by USAID Bosnia and Herzegovina and its implementation is supported by IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina under the BHRI program. #NeLaj project is implemented by Boris Divković Foundation.

#OstaniKući – Volunteer Team Tuzla



In accordance with the decision of the Federal Government to declare the state of disaster caused by the spread of corona virus, Youth Resource Center Tuzla has decided to launch the #OstaniKući - Team of Volunteers in Tuzla with the aim of helping our elderly citizens and all Tuzla citizens who are at risk and therefore unable to make their own purchases of groceries, medicines, payment of bills, etc.

Aim of the group:

- To report to all young and able persons who wish to help one of their fellow citizens.
- If you live outside BiH, we urge you not to come until the situation stabilizes, and until

then let us know if someone in Tuzla needs help.

- If you are the one who needs help in this crisis situation, you just need to write to a group and we believe that already a young and able person will come forward to help you.

WARNING

- The volunteer can only be a person who has not traveled recently and has not been given isolation
- The volunteer can only be a person who has not had flu and cold symptoms such as fever, cough, etc. in the past 20 days. [Link to the group](#)

Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT

During the month of March, we continued our regular activities as part of the "Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT" project. Our cats have continued to delight the public on social networks, and this month we are trying to keep citizens informed about the new situation when it comes to corona virus without panic, and to offer alternatives such as online theater tours, free comics, movie lists and more.

#OstaniKodKuće

Follow our CATs at:

www.facebook.com/CATBiH

www.catbih.ba

www.instagram.com/cat.bih



Even salt looks like sugar – Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

An international youth exchange took place in Sremski Karlovci from March 10 to March 16.

Erasmus + Youth Exchange was held as part of the Even Salt Looks Like Sugar project. The purpose of youth exchange was to teach young people about the essential concepts of media literacy.

Even Salt Looks Like Sugar is a youth exchange project between the countries of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia, Palestine, Lebanon and Tunisia. The project was originally scheduled to run from March 10-19. Unfortunately, due to the situation caused by the Covid-19 virus pandemic, the youth exchange was interrupted on 16 March.



Tuzla Youth Resource Center is a partner in the ESLLS project, together with a consortium of partners from the countries mentioned above. The project leader is an organization from Serbia, Balkan Idea Novi Sad - BINS.

The project is co-financed by the European Commission through the Erasmus + Youth in Action program KA1.

The representatives of the Tuzla Youth Resource Center were Slobodan Blagovčanin and Emir Karamujić.

Collective hugging after Corona and quarantine

The situation on the planet with the #corona virus has not waned, and more and more conscious citizens are adhering to the recommendations of those in charge of remaining in self-isolation / quarantine. Love for you. Our cats understand the importance of preventing the spread of the epidemic, and in their own homes fantasize and "wait" for hugs and pampering. However, in order to be able to hug longer with the people we love - we stay home and invite all of you to do the same!



#OstaniKodKuće, and when the recommendations of the competent people allow us large gatherings - we make COLLECTIVE HUGGING IN OUR SQUARES

Until then, we will devote ourselves, and here are some suggestions:

- Read. Bukowski, Orwell, Ćopić, Bazdulj. Anyone.
- Take a break with the movies. Black and white, animated, action, love and horror.
- Watch the documentary. On the origin of Egypt, the fall of Rome, the Middle Ages.
- Train. Eat. Write, record, take pictures of the interior. Share with us.



Also

- Google everything you ever wanted to know
- Separate the fake from the real news. Follow Raskrinkavanje
- Take your time and laugh at the texts of Šatro.info
- Think about the importance of your vote – support campaign #tvojpglasjebitan
- Enjoy the new Helem Nejse album
- Make memes with CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina

Devote yourself to yourself. Get rid of that annoying anxiety. Tell your friends. Follow the instructions of those in charge and stay home. [Link to the event](#)

Instagram challenge #15SEKSLAVE

CAT BiH is launching a new Instagram trend in these gloomy and turbulent times of the virus! Be the hero too and show what you know in 15 seconds! **This is your 15 seconds of fame!**

[We have a new challenge](#)



All that you need to do is:

1. Make a short 15 second video for your Instagram story where you show some of your ability from your home.
2. Put the hashtag # 15SEKSLAVE on the story
3. Tag @cat.bih
4. Nominate three friends

We will share each of your stories on our [Instagram profile](#).

Text you send after the video has been posted to a private message to tagged people:

Dear CATBiH, in order to make the time spent in quarantine easier for all of us, we decided to launch an action: "# 15SekSlave". Therefore, we invite you to get involved and select 3 other people you think have something to show / say in 15 seconds and tag them along with @cat.bih.

Upon completion of the nomination, you are free to copy and send this message to the nominated friends. Watch yourself and your loved ones!

You can now see our 15-second heroes on our Instagram profile story [@cat.bih](https://www.instagram.com/cat.bih).

Hurry up and grab your 15 seconds of fame! Be a CAThero!

SURVEY: Women in entrepreneurship - a phenomenon of today

Although women are the majority in the world population, they are in the field of minority entrepreneurship because of their social, economic and political disadvantage compared to men. Gender inequalities in the labor market and entrepreneurship are linked to unequal opportunities for education and training, which further extends to the extent to which women participate in work, their choice of occupation and promotion opportunities.



It is for these reasons that I would like to ask you to set aside a minute of your time to complete the survey for the purpose of graduation thesis on "Women in Entrepreneurship - the Phenomenon of Today".

Fill in the SURVEY by clicking [HERE](#).

I would be grateful for the further distribution of the survey, because I think it is important to involve as many people as possible in the research so that the results of the research are as accurate as possible and to extract as **concrete a data as possible regarding the needs, market interests and position of women in the business world.**

***Thank you!** The survey is anonymous, and the results of the research will be used for the purpose of the thesis.*

Mirela Biković

CAT BiH: Online Guide about Online Campaigns for Free!



Online youth work is in full swing! Increase your organization's visibility, communicate with young people through social networks.

Marinela Szymanska and Ivana Volf have written a fantastic online campaign guide for CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina!

"Our intention was to help all those (whether guilty or not) in charge of creating online campaigns and quality promotion of the wonderful activities of their youth organizations." - **Says Marinela.**

It's a good time to start an online campaign, and we're here to guide you the right way.

When, if not now?

[Online campaign guide – Citizens Against Terrorism](#)

REGULAR ORC/HCA TUZLA ACTIVITIES

During March 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.



YOUTH NETWORK'S IN BIH MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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Youth Corners of Trust and peace

The C.E.Z.A.R. Citizens Association, with the support of the US Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is implementing the Youth Corners of Trust and Peace project through a homestay program. It is a project that contributes to the development of cooperation and understanding among young people of different ethnic backgrounds living in three different municipalities in BiH. The project involves exchanges on the homestay principle - placement in families and education of young people from the other two municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the process of building a Youth Park in Sr bac, in order to build something similar in their municipalities - "youth corners".

At the beginning of March, the first homestay exchange took place in Sr bac, when the youth from Sr bac hosted young people from Sarajevo and Travnik. The guests had the opportunity to get to know the municipality of Sr bac in more detail, so excursions to the Osovica and Bardača monasteries were organized. This was a unique opportunity for most young people from Sarajevo and Travnik to become acquainted with the Orthodox faith for the first time, and the warm welcome at the Osovica Monastery elicited positive reactions.



The visit to Bardača complemented the tour of the Sr bac municipality, and besides the visit of the Sr bac, the UG "C.E.Z.A.R." organized a short tour of Banja Luka. After the exchange in Sr bac, the following weekend young people from Sr bac and Sarajevo visited Travnik. The project participants had the opportunity to visit many sights, such as: the birthplace of Ivo Andrić, the Colorful Mosque, the Archbishop's High School, the Church of St. John the Baptist, the Church of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, Sahatkula, the fortress of Stari grad, and visit to Vlašić, which framed the pleasant gathering of young people from Srbac, Sarajevo and Travnik.

The project "Youth Corners of Trust and Peace" is the first project of its kind implemented by the Citizens Association "C.E.Z.A.R.", and judging by the positive reactions of young people who actively participated, it is certain that similar exchanges will be implemented after the completion of this project. The young people from Srbac, Sarajevo and Travnik sent a unique message of peace and realized that, although they have different ethnic backgrounds, there are no differences between them and should not be divided but mutually help, understand and socialize. The project continues with the realization of the exchange in Sarajevo and the construction of youth corners in Sarajevo and Travnik.



You can – Youth can: Community Focused Youth Leadership



Youth from Srbac had the opportunity to participate in education on media, public relations, digital youth work, assertive communication and communication with young people. It is an education conducted within the project "You can - Youth can: Community Focused Youth Leadership", implemented by the Cerebra Development and Cooperation Agency from Banja Luka, thanks to the support of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Resilience Initiative (BHRI) program implemented by the International Organization for

Migration (IOM), with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project "You can - Youth can: Community Focused Youth Leadership" is implemented simultaneously in several municipalities, and implies implementation through four modules with the ultimate aim of encouraging youth activism, through education on youth work, media, project management, youth mobility and the like. The final event is a conference that will bring together all the project participants in Banja Luka.



Creative Workshop on the Eighth of March

The participants of the creative workshops "Little Creatives" visited the National Library of Srbac, and to congratulate the eighth of March to their mothers! It was a traditional gathering of the youngest members of the Citizens Association "C.E.Z.A.R." with the Children's Department of the National Library and the opportunity to plan joint activities in the future.



Online "Stay Home" Campaign

In view of the current COVID19 situation, members and volunteers of the C.E.Z.A.R. Citizens Association have launched an online campaign aimed at raising awareness among citizens of the importance of complying with the orders of the relevant services to prevent the spread of this virus. The campaign takes place daily on the association's profiles on Facebook and Instagram social networks, posting photos and videos telling children and young people to stay home, thus contributing to the calm of the current situation. One part of the campaign is at <https://youtu.be/cgP9UANIV3Q>.





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UDIK's New Publication: Sijekovac War Crimes

On the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the casualties of civilians in Sijekovac near Brod, the Association for Social Research and Communications (UDIK) presents the War Crimes in Sijekovac publication - subject: Zemir Kovačević. This is the ninth book in the edition: War Crimes - Transcripts of the Judgments of the Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a documenting of a war crime that took place on March 26, 1992, when different formations mixed between Bosniaks and Croats, with the insignia of Croat military formations, crossed the Sava River from Croatia, and committed war crimes against Serbs in Sijekovac. In May 2014, the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina sentenced Zemir Kovačević to 10 years in prison.

This publication was produced in cooperation with the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The book contains the first and second instance verdicts of Zemir Kovačević and the list of victims of Sijekovci. The book is being published to commemorate the innocently killed inhabitants of Sijekovac.

UDIK has so far published more than twenty publications dealing with documenting the wartime history of the 1990s on the territory of the former Yugoslavia. The books are available in more than 100 libraries in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Northern Macedonia, Serbia, other countries in Europe and America.



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2019 Yearbook: KULTwoman and KULTman create better living conditions for young people

The Youth Development Institute KULT has published its 2019 Yearbook in the form of a comic strip, which you can download at this [link](#). Don't forget to share the Yearbook with your friends!

The last year of the last decade is very important for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 2019, the youth were the drivers of change in the social, economic and political spheres. Through their engagement they have contributed to the development of places where they live and spend time. They prevented environmental disasters by arranging green spaces and turning them into quality social and learning spaces. They enabled their peers to participate in cultural, artistic and sporting events, supporting educational institutions and helping people with disabilities. They worked to tackle youth unemployment by setting up new businesses and hiring their peers, as well as sharing entrepreneurship knowledge and experiences. They were support for local authorities in the implementation of the law on youth, actively engaged in political life so that they could contribute to a better environment for all young people in the future, and in all this - the Institute provided them with immense support. That's why they are young superheroes of their communities!



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In 2019, The Institute has signed a very important agreement with the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs, which will result in a unique analysis of the position and needs of young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This, in the end, means that there will be clear and useful information for state institutions in which direction to take care of young people, exactly as young people expect.

Highlights from some of the Institute's partners in 2019: US Agency for International Development USAID, Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden in BiH, European Union, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in BiH, Swedish Olof Palme Center, German Agency for International Development GIZ, Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH, Sarajevo Canton, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Municipality of Ilidža, City of Sarajevo and 50 other local communities in BiH.

The comic will be guided by our KULTwoman and KULTman and will show you what the Institute has achieved in 2019 with the support of donors, partners, government institutions and youth. So, don't skip pages!

Youth Workers in BiH: Branislav Ristić

The youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina is rich in professionals who are constantly committed to creating better conditions for young people. One example of a dedicated youth worker is Branislav Ristić from Prnjavor. Branislav is a graduate student at the Faculty of Science in Banja Luka, Department of Ecology and Environmental Protection. He is currently doing what he loves most and is involved in youth work locally and internationally, at the "Zdravo da Ste" Youth Center, where he is employed as a project manager and coordinator of youth activities.

The idea of becoming a youth worker, he says, was born out of a very spontaneous sequence of events that, through involvement in the NGO sector, grew into a very logical direction of personal development, spiced up by his and his status of youth in the community. His commitment to non-formal education in his personal development has led him, as an individual, to contribute to the promotion and development of this type of education in the community in which he lives.



Branislav believes that it is very easy to become a youth worker in BiH. You just need to stay in BiH, have the will to work with young people, tolerate their age, listen to your own and the needs of the youth, listen to your own and the wishes of the youth, be aware of the environment we are in, spend time with young people, create opportunities (with) the young people, sharing, informing and involving young people in various experiential learning and decision-making processes.

As someone who recognizes the importance of lifelong learning, Branislav attended the Professional Associates Training in 2018 organized and conducted by the KULT Youth Development Institute with the support of the Olof Palme International Center.

Training for professional associates has helped him at various levels. Branislav says he has met new colleagues who are doing (or at least trying) similar things to him. He believes that the exchange of experiences is good for every youth worker and that recognizing the needs of young people, as well as those who work with young people, was one of the key training experiences. The training was in some ways a "wind in the back" to the present work and an additional motivation for further conquering the "peaks of youth work".

Branislav describes the current situation of the youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina as "Never fewer young people and more work for the youth sector." In a few years, he says, he sees himself more in BiH than outside, and instructs young people who either want to stay or leave to observe, think and become proactive.

Branislav Ristić is another example of dedicated professionals who, through their youth work, build a better future for themselves and for all young people who stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

HAS Robotics produces medical mask instead of robotic arms

HAS Robotics is a company that manufactures robotic arms for educational purposes, and at the time of the pandemic, it completely discontinued its production and began manufacturing masks for medical staff. The founder of this company is the young man from Brčko, Haris Salkić, whose business idea was supported by the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden in BiH.

The material that arrived for the production of robotic arms, Haris wanted to divert to the production of protective masks and thus help his fellow citizens. The masks will primarily be used by medical personnel when taking the samples needed for analysis on the corona virus.

Haris states that the trigger that made them take the move was an opportunity to help their local community. In addition, Haris states that his mother works as an ambulance nurse and wanted to help her and her colleagues because they were directly exposed to the danger.

The manufactured masks HAS Robotics has transferred to health institutions and the Crisis Staff in the Brčko District of BiH.

If you are able to get involved in this action through the donation of materials or 3D printers for the manufacture of visors, you can contact Haris by email: haris@hasrobotics.com or telephone 060 305 10 37. Otherwise, stay at home and thus prevent the spread of the virus.



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The Svitac youth organization continued its daily activities on a regular schedule for the first part of the month, the first group of participants from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm aged 4-7, and the second group of participants from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm for ages 8+. The younger participants created educational items with the help of local and international volunteers. The group of youngest participants had the opportunity to create various decorations: masquerade masks, cards dedicated to mom, the solar system and planets, and to work with plasticine various forms of animals. In the English language workshops, they learned how to say certain types of fruit and vocabulary on the topic of love and friendship. This vocabulary was also repeated throughout the month in German. Both language workshops are timed and methodically adapted to the students' age with lots of pictures, merging of certain expressions and coloring of worksheets. The group with the youngest participants continued to practice the alphabet - the letters G and H and were taught to write the letters I and J and the words beginning with those letters. At the music workshops, they continued to practice the song "Ivo's Train" and within that workshop practiced maintaining the rhythm with previously made little rattles. They also danced Zumba for children with the songs "Minions" and "Madagascar", and did rhythmic games. As part of our regular activities, this month we also focused on the hygiene and pyramid of healthy eating, where we emphasized the importance of maintaining hygiene and healthy eating methods by age-appropriate methods and learning how often and how to properly wash hands and teeth and eat fruits and vegetables. One of the more interesting workshops was the topic of "senses". Participants learned about our superpower "senses" and practiced the sense of smell, hearing and sight with fun working methods. They also learned how to properly set and use cutlery, and dyed an age-appropriate worksheet. This month, they listened to the stories of "Dandelion Princess" and "Planets - Our friends", where they learned about the importance of friendship and preserving a healthy environment. The second part of the workshop is intended for relaxation, refreshment, yoga, sports and various competitive games. The goal of these activities, as before, is for children to develop their imagination and to express their creativity, using various materials, and to develop motor skills, a sense of tolerance and respect for others and to adopt good behavior.



The participants of the second workshop (14:00 - 15:30), for the age of 8+, were valuable in various activities. On Mondays, creative expression, on Tuesdays, participants practiced English and German, on Wednesdays, drawing and reading comics, on Thursdays, socializing with sports activities, social and team-building games, and on Fridays continued to work on free creative expression topics. This month we also hosted an interactive workshop for ages 15+ on "Role-models of Young People in Music and Their Impact." The group discussed various music trends, performers and their lyrics, and what impact they have on young people. The most discussed were the musical directions of turbo-folk and rap/trap,

and separate parts from the lyrics of Svetlana Ceca Ražnjatovic, Buba Corelli and Jala Brat were read, and what message they send when it comes to love, relationship, position of women and girls in the patriarchal society, and crime and narcotics consumption. The aim of these activities is for the participants to develop their imagination and to express their creativity, develop motor skills, sense of tolerance, respect for each other and adopt good behavior using various materials. Workshop coordinator was Adin Midžić with the assistance of local, Weltwärts and EVS / ESC international volunteers. All activities are held at the Youth Center of the Brčko district.

Guitar workshops

Guitar workshop participants continued to work on etudes, techniques, compositions, scales, harmonization and improvisation from the previous period, including children's rhymes for the youngest attendees ("Na kraj sela," "Vrapčić"), pop-rock ("Hotel California"), and improvisation ("Here is That Rainy Day" and "All The Things You Are").

Samba workshops

The participants of this workshop mostly rehearsed the new composition. It is based on 7/8 tact, changes in 6/8, 5/8, 9/8 and finally 4/4.

The use of electric and bass guitars with electronic music (programmed effects and rhythms were also used while working on the composition) gives a new dimension to music workshops and opens new opportunities for work. It was interesting to work with international volunteers who studied and then successfully played rhythms such as 7/8 or 5/8 (rhythms that are common in the Balkans but sound "exotic" to the "Western ear" and difficult to play).

ECO Project

The eco team held a street action to raise funds to buy new tree seedlings and green the city. Participants made cakes, which they sold at symbolic prices in the town square with the message - One cake one tree -. Participants also visited the City Gardens and started setting up flowerbeds for growing plants and vegetables along the Sava River. We are still very pleased to be part of the story "City Gardens" and to be able to support our city and the creative young people who came up with this idea.

Zero Discrimination Day

The UN declared March 1 as the Day of Zero Discrimination. On this day, awareness is raised about the acceptance of diversity and social equality in the protection of human rights, and that all people should live a life worthy of every human being. Svitac held a workshop on this topic. Participants ages 4 to 6 talked about people with physical disabilities (people who are blind or deaf). They were taught how these people could communicate and live their daily lives. The participants learned the signs of peace, love, "we are friends" in the sign language Makaton. They also learned that there are dogs, who are specially trained to help the blind. In the second part there were several blindfolding exercises and the task was to draw flowers, and a maze where one participant had a blindfold and his pair needed to help him go through the maze. The last example was with headphones, with one child wearing them and the other quietly trying to say something. The task was to guess the word, but it was difficult because the music was intentionally



amplified. All working methods were adjusted to the age of the participants. The workshop was held in the Youth Center of Brčko district.

A vision for a common future - environmental issues in Germany and Bosnia and Herzegovina

On March 10, the Svitac youth organization held a workshop on environmental issues in Germany and Bosnia and Herzegovina at the PU Agricultural and Medical High School in Brčko district. The workshop was part of a high school student exchange project from Germany and BiH, prepared and coordinated by an international volunteer from Germany, Hannah Kuelper, Amila Duraković, a student from Brčko and Edina Vošanović (Svitac coordinator).



At the beginning of the workshop, students watched a video of "Dear Future Generation" to get acquainted with the topic. After the video, they were divided into five groups of seven; each group consisted of students from Germany and BiH; they were given the opportunity to create a dialogue and warm up to the next task. Mixed groups discussed environmental issues, students read brief information on polluted rivers in BiH, air pollution in Sarajevo, deforestation, environmental impacts of food and fast fashion. Subsequently, the groups were provided with text and questions to answer and prepared short presentations with answers and their personal opinions. After the presentations, they had the opportunity to talk about our options for preventing these environmental issues and raising environmental awareness, what they are already doing and what their chances are for life in the future. They also compared how the Government and the citizens of Germany and BiH deal with these issues.



The workshop was attended by 35 students. Due to the preventive action and prevention of the spread of Corona virus since March 16, the Svitac Youth Organization has started online activities and discussions for participants in daily, language, guitar and samba workshops with the help of local and international volunteers.

All online activities of the Svitac Youth Organization are planned for April.

INFORMATION / DONORS / INVITATIONS

Fourth Call for Media Production and Media Mixer Grants Opened

The Independent Media Empowerment Program (IMEP) announces the fourth call for applications for Media Production and Media Mixer grants.

IMEP is a USAID five-year program (April 2017 - April 2022) with the primary objective of contributing to media independence and freedom of expression in Bosnia and Herzegovina by enhancing media sustainability, enhancing media content, enhancing the capacity of journalists, ensuring legal support for media organizations and journalists, including citizens as active contributors to the media space, with elements of citizens' capacity building and strong promotion of independent media voices in BiH.

The application deadline is April 30, 2020.

More information about the call can be found [HERE](#).

Requests for clarification regarding this Public Invitation should be sent exclusively by e-mail to grants@imep.ba with the reference of the call (IMEP / MGS-MP-4 or IMEP / MGS-MM-04) and the applicant's name in Email subject.

The answers to the questions will be posted on the project website www.imep.ba according to the date presented in the schedule.

The information session will be held online on April 10, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Balkan Green Ideas: win up to \$ 10,000 for your idea or business

Balkan Green Ideas is a regional support program for social entrepreneurs in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented by the Mozaik Foundation with the support of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The aim of the program is to provide financial and mentoring support to ideas and businesses that will contribute to the development of local communities in a sustainable way. The top three ideas from Bosnia and Herzegovina will participate in the Balkan Green Ideas Regional Competition, which will be held 24-26. June 2020 in Belgrade, organized by Balkan Green Foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

For the top five, prizes of \$ 10,000 and \$ 5,000 are projected.

Don't miss the opportunity to apply by **April 20, 2020** and win financial and mentoring support to grow your idea or business.

What kind of business ideas or businesses we are looking for

We are looking for innovative ideas or businesses that rely on community resources to solve social problems while protecting the environment while adhering to the principles of sustainable development. These are business ideas that we want to contribute to the community without compromising resources for future generations. Sustainable development is important, so it is especially important to us that an idea or business contribute to the achievement of at least one of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Goal 2. Eradicate hunger;
- Goal 7. Ensure access to reliable, sustainable and modern energy at affordable prices for all;
- Goal 8. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full employment and decent work for all;
- Goal 11. Make cities and towns inclusive, safe, adaptable and sustainable;
- Goal 12. Provide sustainable forms of consumption and production;
- Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its consequences;

- Goal 15. Protect, establish and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests sustainably, combat desertification, stop soil degradation, and prevent the destruction of biodiversity.

Who can apply?

The program is open to individuals, nonformal groups, non-governmental organizations and registered businesses (crafts, sole proprietorship, commercial agricultural holdings, or d.o.o.) whose annual net profit does not exceed KM 20,000.

It is important that you have the citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina and that the idea or business is not more than 3 years old.

This time we are unable to support the ideas or businesses of public institutions and educational institutions.

Depending on how developed it is, you can report the idea into 2 categories:

- 1. Idea - all those who are in the early stages of development are still testing or needing to test the concept.**
- 2. Business - all those who are already generating revenue for the above idea (have a product or service they sell in the market).**

Individuals and nonformal groups can only apply for the Idea category, while registered businesses and NGOs can apply in both categories.

Here are the criteria by which we will choose the most successful:

- the idea or business is not older than 3 years from the day the call was opened;
- the idea or business involves community employment, use of traditional knowledge and skills (e.g. crafts) or otherwise relies on local resources;
- the idea or business has a vision or a plan for environmental protection and improvement, ie whether it is environmentally sustainable;
- the idea or business is based on a plan of gradual growth, ie whether it is economically viable;
- the idea or business is an assessment of the local market, including competition;
- the idea or business is innovative compared to other businesses and ideas in the community;
- an idea or business has a positive social impact.

These are important dates to know:

- 20 April 2020 is the deadline for submission of applications;
- April 21 - May 1, 2020 We review applications and select the most successful ideas or businesses for Demo Day 1;
- 8-9. May 2020, at Demo Day 1, the most successful will receive support for prototype development of up to KM 5,000 or joint venture funds up to KM 40,000 (depending on the development phase), mentoring support and an opportunity to present themselves at the Balkan Green Ideas Regional Competition;
- 24-26. May 2020 The 3 best ideas or businesses from Bosnia and Herzegovina, selected for Demo Day 1, compete for the prize in Belgrade at the Balkan Green Ideas Regional Competition.
- Note: Demo Day 1 is not limited to the number of teams that can receive prototype development support or joint venture funding.

These are the prizes you can win in Belgrade:

- Category of ideas - \$5.000 (2 prizes)
- Category of Business \$10.000 (3 prizes).

You can sign up for Balkan Green Ideas no later than 5pm on April 20, 2020 by filling out this [form](#).

If you have questions or you need additional information, feel free to write to avdo@mozaik.ba.

Apply for Innovate Grants for artists and photographers

The Innovate Grant Initiative is launching a grant competition for artists and photographers around the world. The initiative came from the need to make it easier for artists to save time and energy that they would otherwise spend by completing grant applications that require a lot of information, effort and resources. The simple grant application process, which is the goal of the initiative, allows artists and photographers to work seamlessly on their projects, unburdened and enthusiastic.

AREA: Art and photography

DESCRIPTION:

The grant amount is \$ 550. In addition to the prize money, the winners will have the opportunity to present their work through the Innovate Grant Initiative website. Areas in the art to come include painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, film / video, mixed media, installation, new media. The genres in photography can be portrait, conceptual photography, still life, documentary photography, street, composite, collage.

TERMS: Applicants from all over the world can apply for the grant award, who are over 18 years old.

HOW TO APPLY: In order to apply for the grant award, candidates are required to submit personal information (first and last name), mailing address, grant category, 3 to 5 photos of the submitted application, and \$ 25 as application fee, via [link](#).

DEADLINE: May 7, 2020

More information can be found [here](#).



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