

Dear friends,

Youth Resource Centre Tuzla and BiH Youth Network are presenting the December edition of monthly info bulletin. of the Tuzla Youth Resource Center (in further text ORC) and the BiH Youth Network, at the moment, covers **186** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** places across BiH.

The bulletin is being published in Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian and English languages. It contains information about work of the Youth Resource Centre (ORC) Tuzla, monthly activities of youth organizations, informal groups and individuals – members of the BiH Youth Network, their plans for the forthcoming period and other activities intended for youngsters to participate in, as well as NGOs (donor invitations for projects, conferences, seminars, school tuitions and grants etc.) In case you wish to be on our mailing list, for the forthcoming monthly info Bulletin, or if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can find our monthly info Bulletin, as well as the archive of all our Bulletins on the BiH Youth Network web page:

www.omladina-bih.net



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ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER 2020

Premiere of the film "Effendi's Vow" - CAT BiH

CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina made a documentary about the Mufti of Tuzla, Muhamed Šefket ef. Kurt called "Effendi's vow."



The name of Tuzla's Mufti Kurt is inscribed in golden letters in the history of Bosniaks in our country and today is a synonym for sacrifice and the foundation of coexistence, because he saved thousands of Tuzla Serbs from massacre in January 1942 with his selfless efforts.

Young people gathered at the Youth Resource Center Tuzla, in cooperation with creatives, director, producer and other actors, have been working on a film for the past four months, which, as they say, was surprisingly difficult to find archive material, but they tried to present in a special way. the greatness of one man, life in Tuzla and current and future aspirations for true values and way of life.

COMING SOON on TV channels throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and on our YouTube channel!

CAT – Bosna and Herzegovina

During the month of December, we continued with our regular activities within the project "CAT - Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Our cats continued to delight the public on social media.

If you still do not follow our cats - we invite you to do so at:

[Facebook](#), [Web Portal](#), [Instagram](#) and [Youtube channel](#).



CAT Patrol: Banja Luka, Prijedor, Mostar, Posušje and Crvarevac

BANJA LUKA:

* In the last few days, I stayed in Banja Luka and prepared a few stories about fantastic young people! Tonight meet my hosts Adnan and Aunt Ljilja from the IN Foundation. They live and work for young people in the Banja Luka region. [VIDEO](#)

* Life is not a problem, life is an activity! Hello Da Ste OC is a group of professionals, volunteers and dedicated individuals from Banja Luka with super cool activities for young people! [VIDEO](#)

PRIJEDOR:

* New Cat Patrol hosted a team with Free Radio 98.3 MHz - Prijedor! Driven by desire, ambition and need, they embarked on an adventure called RADIO. The constant motives of the Free Radio program are information, excitement and entertainment. [VIDEO](#)

* We break down prejudices about knights! RUSAG is a group of enthusiasts and lovers of medieval European culture. The Association of Knights was formed with the aim of preserving old crafts and skills. [VIDEO](#)



MOSTAR:

* You can see everything we did in Mostar in the new #CatPatrola! Today is the Local Elections in Mostar, after 12 years, exercise your right to vote! #CatPatrola talked to young people from all over BiH on this very topic at the Abrašević Youth Cultural Center! [VIDEO](#)

POSUŠJE:

* 64 young people breaking rock in the atomic shelter are new guests of #CatPatrol! Apollo is the first association in the municipality of Posušje to specifically indicate the term culture in its statute! [VIDEO](#)

CRVAREVAC:

* The authors of the recipe book "Krajiška sofrā" are my new guests! Honey cake is what we have prepared together for you! 'Relieving women's day in the countryside, and moving away from the everyday life of a woman and a housewife are the guiding principles that were crucial for the establishment of the Association.' [VIDEO](#)

This is not another #FakeTaxi, this is a #CatPatrol!

PodCat with Malik

The guest of the new episode of # PodCAT was Slobodan Blagovčanin, which means that Malik did not leave the office to record this episode. In this episode, Malik and Slobodan are going through the growing scandals that befell Bosnia and Herzegovina in the year that is almost behind us. [VIDEO](#)



The guest of the new PodCat with Malik was Mustafa Musa Sejdinović, if you were online for at least five minutes last week, you must have heard about Musa and what he did in the group "Ravna Zemlja". Musa talked about this experience in # PodCat, as well as many other conspiracy theories. See how Musa conquered the Internet and became a viral symbol throughout the Balkans in the attachment. [VIDEO](#)

Academy of Political Responsibility

In the period from December 11-13, the first module of the Academy of Political Responsibility was held in Visoko, organized by the Boris Divković Foundation. The first module was attended by representatives

of various non-governmental organizations, including Dusko Majkic, a representative of the Tuzla Youth Resource Center and representatives of political parties.



Lectures on the first module were given by eminent experts such as: Faris Šehović, political scientist, Doc. Dr. Sarina Bakić, Faculty of Political Sciences, UNSA, Alen Kristić, Boris Divković Foundation, expert associate, Marija Arnautović, journalist, Faruk Hadžić, Economic Analyst. The topics of the first module were: Populism as a contemporary political challenge, populism in the media sphere, populism in the economic sphere, politics, civil society, education.

Street action - Women's labor rights in Tuzla Canton

Yesterday, the Tuzla Citizens' Forum realized a street action in the city center, which is part of the project "Women's Labor Rights in Tuzla Canton: Together against discrimination based on gender."



The aim of the activity is to inform passers-by about the problem of discrimination in the field of labor rights as well as about the possibilities of free legal aid offered by the Tuzla Citizens' Forum.

The project is being implemented throughout the Tuzla Canton, and the street action in Tuzla is the first of 5 actions that will be held in the cantons, in Gračanica, Banovići, Živinice and Lukavac. Support for these activities and the project was provided by the Embassy of the United States of America in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and direct support for the street action was given by members of ORC Tuzla.

FREE PRESENTS FOR KIDS IN BIHAĆ!

On the eve of the New Year's holidays, CAT members together with Kenan Kečanović distributed packages to children on the streets of Bihać. You will be able to see what it was like to share CAT packages in the new Cat Patrol with Kenan Kečanović.



Awarding certificates to the best participants of the project "Professional orientation through the passport of competencies"

At the end of the month, on December 30, we organized the awarding of certificates to the participants of the training conference in our premises, and we also organized a press conference for the local media. By the way, the conference and the awarding of certificates was realized within the project "Professional orientation through a passport of competences", and was supported by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway within the project Creating a more favorable environment for civil society - EMBRACE.



Norwegian Embassy
Sarajevo



The aim of the press conference is to present the results of the project for young people, Youth Resource Center, "Professional orientation through the passport of competencies", and inform the audience about the mechanisms and activities that were carried out at the level of the city of Tuzla.

The results of the project were presented to the TV teams RTV7, RTVTK and RTV Slon at the press conference.



The main goal of the project was to contribute to quality access to information, facilitate the choice of future occupation for young people, and provide support in acquiring life skills and employment skills. Unfortunately, due to the situation caused by the COVID virus pandemic, many participants did not show up, so the certificates will be handed to them later.

ORC AND HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES

During December, we worked on maintaining and developing communications and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.omladina-bih.net). As part of that, we distributed information of interest to young people and youth activism in BiH to the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), but also to other addresses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. We corresponded with organizations and individuals interested in the work of the network, answered inquiries related to certain activities, education and other information related to youth activism in BiH. Also, our project team continued to apply for projects.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR JANUARY 2021

- Continuation of activities within the CAT project. As part of this, we will broadcast the documentary "Effendi's Vow" on other TV stations in BiH
- Continuation of activities within the ALF Network of BiH. Within this, we will hold an election assembly of the ALF BiH in the coming period, at which, among other things, a member of the Management Board of the ALF BiH will be elected
- Completion of other projects (Your vote is important and "Passport of competencies - Embrace")
- Continuation on fundraising.
- And, hopefully the beginning of the realization of the reconstruction of the attic above our offices, which we received from the city of Tuzla for use, and the opening of the Center. For that occasion we need to make a reconstruction of whole attic, and we will work on fundraising. **So, If someone of you knows the donor organization for those kind of the activities, it will be a great help for us. Thanks at advance!**

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The conference "Youth Inspiration Academy" gathered young people from TK

As every year on the International Volunteer Day, December 5, the Tuzla Community Foundation organized the final event of the Be a Hero of Your Community campaign, which aimed to celebrate volunteerism and promote hard-working young people from Tuzla Canton. This year, called "Youth Inspiration Academy", the conference was held today in the premises of the Center for Culture Tuzla. Young people had the opportunity to participate in educational workshops aimed at their personal development, social and entrepreneurial engagement.

For educational workshops, which in accordance with epidemiological recommendations were held at 6 locations ("Youth Center", Atelier "Ismet Mujezinovic", International Portrait Gallery, International Interactive Open Center - MIOC) with a maximum of 15 participants per workshop, young people expressed great interest and recognized them as a place where they could improve their knowledge of the areas of interest to them.



Educational workshops were led by competent young lecturers successful in their careers, and covered 6 areas:

1. Entrepreneurship - starting your own business or something much more ?, lecturer Mirela Omerović
2. My entrepreneurial experience, lecturers Edis Osmić and Una Stjepić
3. How to survive if anxiety is stronger than motivation ?, lecturer Alma Tihčić
4. GirlThing & Arduino for beginners, lecturer Nerma Huskić
5. CV - tips & tricks, lecturer Adnan Mujanović
6. Business skills for the 21st century, lecturer Selma Selimović

Mirza Mujezinović, project coordinator of the Youth Bank of the Tuzla Community Foundation, believes that some of the best initiatives in the past 7 years have come from young people, as far as the campaign "Be a hero of your community" is being realized: their time is not coming, it has already come, they just need to be given the opportunity to show that they are there and that they want to work for the good of their community. Through the Youth Bank program, we do just that, we encourage and empower young people in order to successfully implement their initiatives and solve the problems they face. "

The "Be a Hero of Your Community" campaign again this year aimed to involve relevant actors from all three sectors, to call them to accountability and cooperation to support the creation of an affirmative environment for young people, an environment in which young people take responsibility. , learn, work, act. Volunteers and young people in general were also addressed by the director of the Tuzla Community Foundation, Jasna Jašarević, with the message that even when we grow up we should be good and create changes:

"Despite all the challenges that stand in our way for a better future, I still want to say that there are only two simple things, and that is to continue to be good and create change!" Be good at everything you do, but also be philanthropists, good to yourself, to others, to the community! When we are little we are constantly told to be good, and we rarely dare to say it openly when we grow up. That is why we exist in the Foundation to constantly emphasize that! Make changes and do not be afraid of changes in yourself, changes in relationships with other people and changes in your community! This is a simple but really good recipe for better motivation and inspiration to get through the day and every challenge now and in the future! "

In addition to the workshops, the event presented awards to individuals, associations and companies that have made an outstanding contribution to youth development in the past.

The Tuzla Community Foundation awarded the "JUNAK SVOJE ZAJEDNICE" award in the following categories:

- Association of Young Women GirlThing - for the best implemented project in 2020;
- Belma Likić - for exceptional volunteer engagement in the work of the Youth Bank in 2020;
- Lovic & Co. - for long-term support to young people in the campaign "Be a hero / of your community".
- Adnan Mujkić - for exceptional contribution to the development and empowerment of young people;
- Institute for Youth Development KULT; for outstanding contribution to the development of the youth and youth sector;



Adnan Mujkić, as an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the development and empowerment of young people, said that the Association "Youth Theater of Tuzla", whose president he is, is committed to the idea of `the art of giving`. He believes that the foundation of youth rests on volunteerism and is happy that there are others who are dealing with such beautiful things in this difficult time. "What connects us and directs us to giving costs nothing - because everything is achievable if we all unite," says Mujkić.



The Institute for Youth Development Kult operates at the political and implementation level, and for many years of commitment on behalf of the team of the Institute, the award "Hero of your community" was received today by the Director General Jasmin Bešić. He emphasized the importance of the partnership of all actors working in this field, so that the work on creating a better environment for the life of young people in the country would be easier, and the consequences of our actions longer.

Youth Inspiration Academy is the crown of this year's campaign, through which 9 youth initiatives were supported in 2020. This year, the Foundation of the Tuzla Community allocated 34,534.00 KM, thanks to the joint funds of foreign donors, the authorities and socially responsible companies. In the past 7 years, the campaign has supported 100 youth initiatives in which a total of over 230,000 KM has been invested.



Competition of the Trace Foundation "Foundation of our region - the community is wondering!" Announced



Sarajevo, December 1, 2020 - Trag Foundation, with the support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Porticus Foundation, announced today a competition for the program "Foundation of our region - the community is wondering!" with the aim of encouraging the establishment of local foundations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Informal groups of at least three people from the same community can apply for the competition, who are ready to learn, work and develop, at the same time collecting 15,000 euros from individuals and companies in their environment. The amount collected will then be doubled by Trag Foundations, in order to provide a founding contribution for the establishment of the foundation and the first budget to support initiatives at the local level.

The program "Foundation of our region - the community is wondering" will provide interested groups of citizens with mentorship, advisory support and acquaintances with relevant parties, and then long-term support for the initiatives of their region, whether cultural, sports or educational content. initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure, the environment or aimed at revitalizing public spaces.

"The idea of this Trag Foundation program is to encourage selected informal groups of people to form long-term sustainable and independent local foundations in the near future, which can openly and flexibly support local initiatives and thus contribute to their environment. Through this program, we want to encourage groups to communicate with the community from the very beginning, continuously listen to its needs and thus define their priorities of work and support. " said – **Marija Mitrović, director of Philanthropy and Partnerships Trag Foundation.**

In the current context, it should be noted that local foundations in many countries play a key role in addressing the effects of the pandemic. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Tuzla Community Foundation has been running a "Solidarity Against the Corona Virus" campaign for months, raising funds for necessary equipment for medical workers, online education for socially disadvantaged students and other necessities for families on the brink of extinction.

A similar program was launched in Serbia in the spring of 2020, and resulted in the selection of four informal groups from Nis, Pancevo, Sabac and Stara Pazova that are in the process of establishing local foundations.

To participate in the competition, it is necessary for a group of at least three or more people to fill out a simple form on the site www.lokalnefondacije.ba until January 29, 2021, by 5 p.m.

After a careful review of all applications, the Trag Foundation will select and contact the groups that will take part in the program "Foundation of our region - The community is wondering".

Trag Foundation brings together people who believe that small changes in society can make a big difference and work every day to create a more just and open society. In addition to the belief in the desire and ability of citizens to be initiators of positive changes, the Trag Foundation also offers them support in the form of knowledge and resources, and encourages them to be actively involved in improving the life of the community in which they live.

You can find more about the Trag Foundation at <https://tragfondacija.org/> Competition for "Foundation of our region - the community is wondering!" and additional information is available at www.lokalnefondacije.ba.

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Daily workshops



The youth organization Svitac continued with daily interactive and online activities. The younger participants did age-appropriate creative and educational things, with the help of local and international volunteers. This month they did: drawing a zebra with their hands, a mosaic of paper, decorative motifs of flowers. We watched video projections of stories, songs and fairy tales, and cartoons with

messages about friendship (The Bus Told Me, Good and Greedy, Pink Panther in the Fight Against Evil), and various riddles. We continue with the alphabet and so far we have learned to write the letters G, M, H, O and words that begin with those letters, and draw concepts that begin with a particular letter. At music workshops we learned and practiced songs: Children are the decoration of the world, The mouse got the flu, It's not easy for a ladybug and various musical rhythms. In the English language workshops we worked on adjectives / opposites, insects and animals, hide-and-seek games and various types of plants and flowers. Our youngest participants also practiced writing numbers. As in previous months, Svitac worked intensively on the topic of hygiene as part of his regular activities and paid special attention to it. The goal of these activities, as before, is for children to develop imagination and to express their creativity using various materials, and to develop motor skills, a sense of tolerance and respect for others and adopt good behavior.

Age 13+ participated in online workshops on topics: how important it is to vote in elections, advantages and disadvantages of online teaching, what high school education offers us, how emotions affect sober decision making, which social networks are used to achieve goals (school and leisure) time) and what the word populism means and the impact of reality shows on young people.

In English and German workshops, we paid attention to grammar and more complex sentences using suggestions for movement, searching for objects through four cases, and we continued to practice past tense verbs and sentence construction. In addition, we practiced daily communication and worked on projects and presentations for the school.

The coordinator of the workshops was Adin Midžić with the assistance of local and EVS / ESC international volunteers.

Guitar workshops

Participants continued to work on songs, etudes and compositions such as: "Hotel California" - (Eagles), "" Song "J. Jovicic, etudes No XIII and XIV" from "Estudios Sencilos" (Leo Brouwer), "Lullaby of Birdland", "Blue Bossa", "Waltz with Variation" (F. Carulli).



Samba workshops

Work with the group took place online. Weekly music quizzes have been created for participants, in order to maintain contact, provide educational content and keep participants interested in current and upcoming activities. A free version of the "Quiz for pages" application is used to create quizzes. Each quiz consists of ten questions to which players are given four options for one correct answer or a choice between "true" and "false". The main topic is music, so the quiz includes the theory of classical and jazz music, knowledge of instruments, their history and curiosities, history of classical, jazz, pop and rock music, famous and lesser known composers, ethno music and instruments, various rhythmic practices (such as konokol) and music on film. Also, a video was posted about an instrument called "waterphone" and its use in the film industry. The video is one of the episodes from the series "Cultural Brain Stratching" produced by "ARTE" TV.

International Volunteer Day

The word **volunteer** (*French: volontaire*) means a person who does some work for free, so to volunteer means to work for free. In the world, volunteering and volunteering are defined in different ways and have different dimensions, but it can be freely said that in its broadest definition, volunteer work is unpaid, non-career, non-profit, freely chosen activity that occurs in various forms. International Volunteer Day was declared by the United Nations on December 17, 1985, and is celebrated worldwide on December 5.

The youth organization Svitac marked this day with a video with international and local volunteers.

<https://youtu.be/FbApHYaFdb8>

We gave them the opportunity and space to say why they are volunteering and why they will unselfishly continue to help in their local and wider community.

Solidarity, support and selfless help have played a big role this year and have shown that there are no nations, skin color, religion and differences in the humanitarian goal. Today, helping someone without any personal or financial gain is a great thing! We want to encourage everyone who wants to help in any segment, because the rewards are great - a full heart, life experiences and new friends!

Human Rights Day

THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS was adopted and proclaimed in Paris at the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948 by Resolution no. 217 A (III). All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and consciousness and should treat each other in a spirit of brotherhood. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a turning point in the history of human rights!

The youth organization Svitač marked this day with a video, which was made with the help of international volunteers from Great Britain and Turkey. The video highlights the rights to education, freedom of the media and the right to privacy. <https://youtu.be/t9aKJw7fHeE>

At the workshop with participants aged 4+, we watched an animated video on this topic, adapted to age, and we asked them what their favorite right is. After the conversation, they made a colorful message, which reads: Happy Human Rights Day! Happy International Human Rights Day! In the online workshop for 13+ participants, we watched an animated video on the history of human rights and talked about the extent to which human rights are truly respected around the world.



The continuation of all activities of the Youth Organization Svitač is planned for January.



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HUMANITARIAN ACTION "ONE SWEET - ONE CHILD"



For the 16th year in a row, the NGO "Millennium" Sr bac organized a humanitarian action "One candy-one child", which aims to collect sweets, and to pack and distribute New Year's packages for children from socially endangered families. As in previous years, this year UG "C.E.Z.A.R." was a partner in carrying out the action with its volunteers, and 228 packages were provided.

ALLEY OF VOLUNTEERS

About 20 members of the Local Volunteer Service Sr bac, which operates within the Association of Citizens C.E.Z.A.R. Also, benches, trash cans and a volleyball net have been set up, thus completing the landscaping of the park for this year.



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY



By symbolically cutting the ribbon by the mayor of Sr bac, Mladjan Dragosavljevic, and the executive director of UG "C.E.Z.A.R.", Tanja Snjegota, the new city park in Sr bac was officially put into use. This act also marked the International Volunteer Day, which was the occasion to gather members of LVS Sr bac, who worked hard on arranging and adapting the city park.

Members of LVS Sr bac who were actively involved in work actions and various social events were given volunteer booklets, awards and gift packages. Praise was also awarded to several young people under the age of 15, who, according to the current law, cannot conclude a contract on volunteering. The most active volunteers also received diplomas from the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Srpska.

The director of UG "C.E.Z.A.R.", Tanja Šnjegota, attended the reception for the best volunteers in front of the Volunteer Service of Republika Srpska, where she also performs the function of executive director.

ALL FACES OF ACTIVISM

Members of UG "C.E.Z.A.R." won the award for as many as 2 best films, out of 36 submitted within the project All Faces of Activism. These are films about Bardača and peer violence. The film about Bardača was made by Nemanja Kralj and Nikola Živanić, who wanted to draw attention to the ecological problem in this natural reserve. The second film "React" was made by Jovana Glumac, also a member of the Association, and it talks about peer violence and the need to point out this problem in the community. These young people had the opportunity to share their experience on a report that was broadcast on the Federal TV program.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

UG "C.E.Z.A.R." had its representatives at the Conference of the Movement on Healthy Lifestyles held in Jahorina, which brought together all relevant representatives of institutions and bodies for Youth in BiH. The organizers of this event were Perpetuum Mobile, Association XY and Youth power, which are the initiators of the movement in BiH called "Future for Youth", which aims to introduce healthy lifestyles and skills in formal education.



„MAKE A MOVEMENT“



The network "M.O.C.A.R.T." of the Republic of Srpska, held the fourth - last module of the project "Make a movement" Creating a more favorable environment for civil society - EMBRACE. The module presents a preliminary analysis of the existing regulatory framework with an emphasis on funding CSOs from public sources, and in addition, participants gained knowledge about conducting advocacy actions / campaigns. As in the previous modules, this one also included members of UG "C.E.Z.A.R."

PRESENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT "ECO HUB"

UG "CEZAR" in cooperation with the Center for Economic and Rural Development "CERD" from Laktasi held a presentation of the environmental protection project called "Eco HUB" which will be implemented in the next two years in one city and three municipalities, including Serb. This was an initiative meeting to launch a joint platform for environmental protection, which would aim to connect organizations and other stakeholders in the field of environmental protection. The next step is the "Eco walk" in Srbac, and it is planned for March next year.



NEW YEAR'S MAGIC



UG "CEZAR" as part of the New Year's magic organized workshops for making New Year's cards, where children and young people could express their creativity, and greetings were used to send to all sponsors / donors / friends who in some way helped the work of the Association during this year .

NEW YEAR'S EVENT

Every year, at the end of December, it is reserved for the final concert, at which all participants of UG "C.E.Z.A.R." present themselves to their parents, grandmothers, grandfathers, friends and other fellow citizens in the crowded House of Culture in Srbac. Unfortunately, this year it was not possible to host the whole audience, so the decision was to organize an internal ceremony, only for the members of the Association and their parents. About 70 participants of the Little School of English, Little Creatives, Hip Hop and Rhythmic Gymnastics successfully completed another cycle of socializing, and this was an opportunity for children to receive diplomas, gift packages and gingerbread, and awards for effort and work.



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The KULT Institute celebrated the successes of young people in 2020 at an online event

The **KULT Institute for Youth Development** celebrates the successes of young people and professionals working with young people, who were part of the Institute's programs in 2020. On that occasion, the Institute organized an event **(WHO)SEES YOUNG PEOPLE?** in order to give an answer as to who should see young people, but also to bring clear guidelines for joint action and work with young people in the coming period.

This annual event brought together youth leaders who completed the Institute's **UMiD** training, generations 15 and 16, then youth political leaders and leaders attending the third generation of **UMiDp** training, civil servants, young entrepreneurs and other friends and partners of the Institute, but also **youth** in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



"This year is an important lesson for all of us, it taught us that we need to be more flexible than we thought, but also much more innovative, and I hope that we will continue to do so in the future. The Embassy of Sweden in BiH will continue to work with its partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that we have done everything in our power in these difficult circumstances," said Her Excellency, **Swedish Ambassador to BiH Johanna Strömquist**.

This event was supported by the Embassy of Sweden in BiH, the European Union, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in BiH, UN Volunteers BiH, and through all initiatives, businesses and volunteer actions of young people, great support was provided by local communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is important to point out that this is not the only initiative aimed at youth development, supported by the European Union, embassies and other international organizations in BiH, which shows that young people are a very important segment of society and one of the key drivers of positive change in the country.

"Behind us is a very challenging year, but one that was full of solidarity and mutual support. That is why we are symbolically organizing this event on today's date, because yesterday marked the International Day of Solidarity. That is why this year we launched several initiatives that showed solidarity, but also support for young people on the ground. First of all, I would like to single out the #darujanastavu initiative, within which we donated over 600 devices to students from all over BiH in order to be able to follow online classes. This year, the Institute celebrated 18 years of existence, and this was the year in which we have strongly supported young people so far, and our commitment is to continue equally or

even stronger in the next 2021. Thank you to all our partners for their great support! ”- said **Mr. Jasmin Bešić, Director General of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.**

More than a hundred people who attended the event testified to how important young people are to society and how much they have actually done to improve their communities. However, in order for young people to feel that they are important, it is necessary for all levels of government in BiH to recognize young people as partners and to solve existing challenges together with them, but also to think about the future.

The video of the event is available online on the facebook page of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

The UMIDp training for youth leaders lived up to expectations

The KULT Institute for Youth Development has developed a special training program for young politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina to empower and encourage them to engage in politics and solve problems in communities, with a special focus on the problems faced by their peers.

Three generations of young politicians have already completed the training, more precisely **64 of them from 15 political parties** and from almost all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants in this training recorded significant results in the net completed local elections.

After the confirmed results and handed over the certificates, **12 participants of the training were elected as councilors**, and one participant was elected as the mayor. This is a clear indication of the importance of non-formal education among BiH politicians, especially when it comes to **young people**, who are just taking their place on the political scene.



"The opinion that they cannot contribute to change, that they are not important in the political process and that they have no influence, is a big obstacle in the engagement of young people. They need to be given the opportunity to be educated about political processes, the way they act and function, in order to realize the importance of active participation in society. Such and similar prejudices are "broken" in trainings such as UMID for political leaders. I consider non-formal education a very important segment for the success of every person regardless of age, and it has a positive effect on the development of various skills and competencies," said Haris Topalović, first generation UMIDp trainer and newly elected councilor in OV Ilidža.

Harris' colleague, Maja Nikolić from Kostajnica, who is also a newly elected member of the Kostajnica Municipal Assembly, points out that the UMIDp training helped her improve her skills, but also that she better understands the political and legal system of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She notes that this knowledge was very useful to her in the election campaign and in the field, but that it will serve her in



the next period of her political life engagement. Maja is a participant in the third generation of UMiDp training.

In addition to Maja and Haris, the mandates in the councilor and councilor benches were won by: Nemanja Davidović from Bosanski Petrovac, Ekrem Sarajlić from Vitez, Tarik Halilović and Belmin Zukan from Visoko, Alma Tulek from Sanski Most, Kenan Biserović from Jablanica, Antonija Bažonić from Široki Brijeg, Slavko Tešić, elected mayor of Pelagićevo, Elma Masnopita from Ilijaš, Edis Kavgić from Srebrenik and Miloš Novaković from Rogatica.

Participants in the training through three five-day modules have the opportunity to learn about the political system of BiH and activities in it, the development of political image and political advocacy and negotiation to solve the problems and needs of young people. The goal of the training is for young politicians to become the bearers of positive changes in BiH and an example of responsible politics. **The support to the Institute during the implementation of the first three generations of training was provided by the Embassy of Sweden in BiH, and KULT says that they plan to continue with the training in the coming years.**

Improving human rights in BiH Business sector.

International Volunteer Day marked: We can go together!

Volunteers are very important for any society! Their importance comes to the fore in extraordinary circumstances. Almost the entire year of 2020 passed in extraordinary circumstances, and it was the volunteers who gave immeasurable importance in overcoming the challenges. Today marks the International Volunteer Day, and they said that together we can overcome all challenges and contribute to the improvement of our communities and society.

In 1985, the United Nations Assembly declared December 5 the International Volunteer Day. This day is an opportunity to promote volunteering, but also an opportunity to encourage relevant institutions to support volunteer efforts and recognize volunteer contribution in achieving sustainable development goals at all levels within the state.

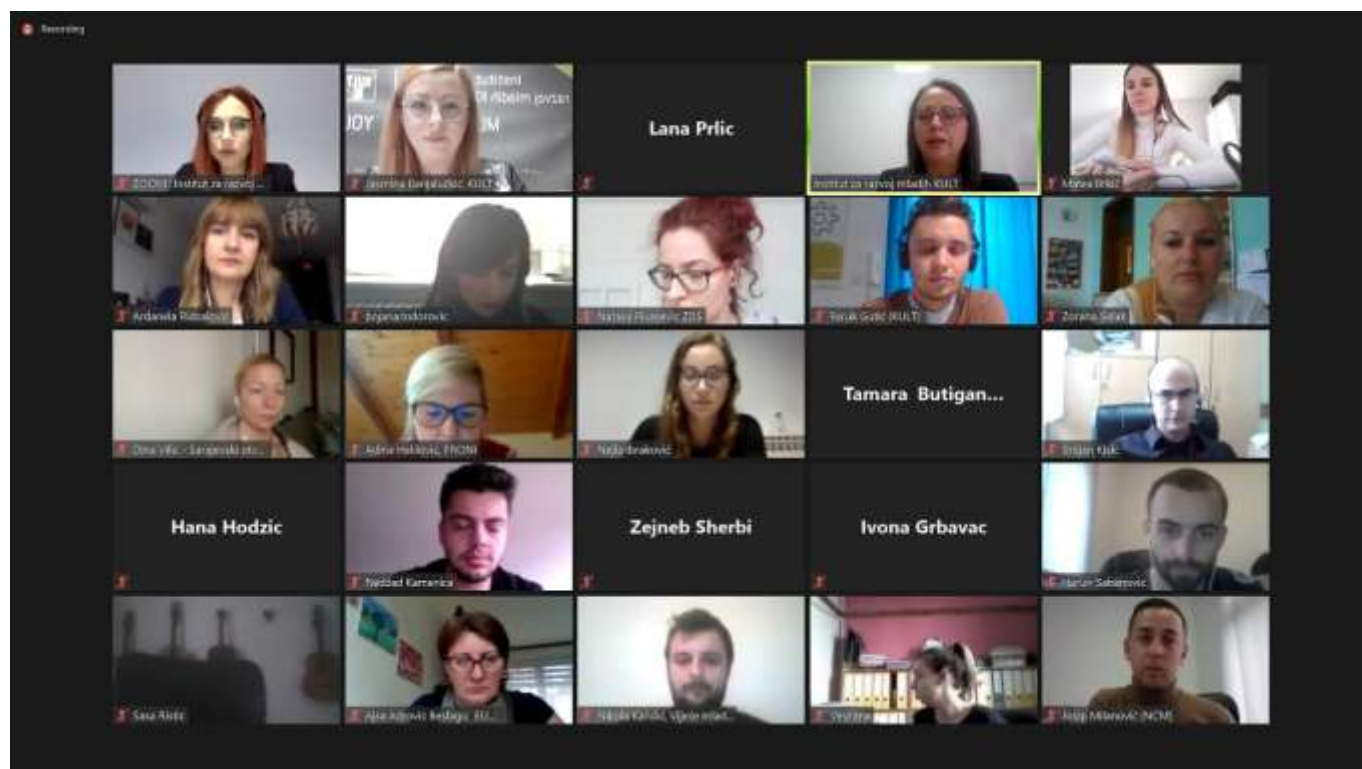
The Institute for Youth Development KULT in partnership with UN volunteers, with the financial support of the European Union, marked the International Volunteer Day through a panel discussion, which discussed the opportunities offered by the laws on volunteering, what are the practices in implementing these laws and what are the obstacles for the full implementation of all legal mechanisms and support for volunteering in BiH.

The conclusions of the panel discussion are that it is necessary to work on greater implementation of all laws on volunteering and that it is important to improve cross-sectoral cooperation. It is necessary for the line entity ministries, ie the department in the Brčko District of BiH to be more open to civil society organizations, but on the other hand also for the organizations to show greater interest in achieving institutional dialogue. Also, the participants in the panel discussion emphasized that the abuse of the law must be stopped, as well as the volunteers themselves, because volunteering cultivates positive emotions and creates a contribution to the development of society and the community. In the end, everyone agreed that volunteers are not exclusively young people and that older volunteers are sometimes unfairly neglected. Especially because they with their experience, knowledge and skills can make a huge contribution to the promotion of volunteering, but also to the improvement of society.

“Volunteering is one of the most important mechanisms for providing social, environmental and economic transformation, which ensures a lasting impact on changes in people's ways of thinking, attitudes and behavior. Promoting individual and corporate volunteering will contribute to peace and development of society, advocating the recognition of the importance of volunteers and integrating

volunteering into development programs, "said Gianluca Vannini, Head of Social Operations, Civil Society and Cross-Border Cooperation at the EU Delegation to BiH.

The KULT Institute for Youth Development worked on drafting and advocating for the adoption of the FBiH Law on Volunteering, which resulted in the adoption of this law in 2012. Since then, until today, the Institute regularly works on the implementation and promotion of laws among government institutions, other organizations, but also young volunteers. In the last ten years, the Institute has allocated more than 3 million KM for youth initiatives, which are based on volunteer work. All the achievements of the Institute in the last 18 years would be difficult to imagine without the contribution of volunteers, which is why the Institute told volunteers that they are very important and that together we can really solve the challenges we face. In this context, there was no lack of support from the European Union, which finances the project "Improving human rights in the economic sector", within which a special focus is placed on corporate volunteering. We wish all volunteers a happy day with the hope that the next International Volunteer Day will be marked by mass volunteer action.



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USAID - THE POWER OF THE LOCAL

As part of USAID's initiative and program, the Local Peacebuilding Force will work to improve the capacity of local communities and organizations to address key and relevant development challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) on their own.

Within the Local Strength program, we will work for a period of five years to include and network all existing and new initiatives aimed at local community development. We divided the tasks into three components.



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Component 1:

The Peacebuilding Network will make a key contribution through the establishment and management of a web platform that will enable the exchange of information between different actors, provide an overview of relations and influences within civil society, public and local institutions and the business sector, and enable the establishment of local community development initiatives. . In the coming years, the priority in the work of the Local Force is to support local organizations through various forms of institutional strengthening so that they can create sustainable "self-help mechanisms" across the country, especially in areas where such mechanisms are not readily available.

Component 2:

The Peace Network will work to establish and strengthen cooperation between the other components of the Local Strength Program: Capacity Development Platform, Local Development Organizations (LROs), Philanthropy and the Legal Environment, Raising Public Awareness of Philanthropy, Networking Platform (NAP). Through the Power of Local we will enable all interested individuals and groups to make their own contribution to their communities and join existing initiatives for their growth and progress.

Component 3:

The Peace Network will remain committed to its members and their networking and to building their capacity to ensure their sustainable development.

We want to involve in the activities first of all all members of the Peacebuilding Network, other NGOs in BiH, formal and informal groups of citizens, citizens, institutions and businesses that want to become drivers of change in their communities by working to improve existing social processes and protection of the natural environment.

E4ALL Open public call for applications for E4ALL projects

EU4all is a program of the European Union created to provide assistance to local communities / municipalities in the implementation of construction interventions (low and medium intensity) that will improve the working conditions of children in schools, then the lives of young people, older citizens and minorities and the most vulnerable groups. in which they reside through reconstruction, adaptation and procurement of equipment.

In accordance with the priorities, the call can be applied for projects in three lots:

- LOT 1: Reconstruction and adaptation of facilities and / or public areas of local communities and / or procurement of necessary equipment and / or supplies needed for a more pleasant learning

environment / community for education of children, youth, elderly citizens, vulnerable groups and minorities.

- LOT 2: Organization of thematic events / trainings / workshops related to various aspects of the EU integration process, which will be organized by the local community for public institutions as well as for civil society organizations.
- LOT 3: Promotion / awareness raising activities related to the EU integration processes, which will be organized by local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and will be covered by the media.

Eligible applicants may be public non-profit bodies and organizations established in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Potential applicants can apply for funding under the call ranging from a **minimum of 70% to 100% of the planned project budget** to the following amounts:

- LOT 1: 1.700.000 eur
- LOT 2: 150.000 eur
- LOT 3: 150.000 eur
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Deadline for delivery is **16th of February 2021 until 12:00am**.

More detailed information on the public call and the necessary documentation for the application can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#).



Internship at the OECD



OECD Intern

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is organizing an Internship Program designed to bring highly qualified and motivated students to the Organization with a variety of backgrounds to work on projects related to the Secretary General's strategic orientations and support the Organization's corporate functions. Its main goal is to provide successful candidates with the opportunity to improve their analytical and technical skills in an international environment, and most internships are held in Paris, France.

AREA: multiple areas

DESCRIPTION

The internship program is open continuously. Students enrolled in a full-time accredited study program (bachelor, master, doctoral studies) during the entire duration of the internship can apply online. The selected trainees are expected to work remotely until further notice. The duration of the internship is for a period of one month to six months (it can be extended for an additional six to a total of twelve months), full-time (40 hours per week). The OECD encourages potential trainees to stay for six months to gain the best possible insight into working in the OECD. The OECD will award trainees a living wage of about 700 euros per working month.

CONDITIONS

The internship is open to students who:

- are enrolled in a full-time study program for the duration of an internship in a field or discipline related to the work of the OECD;

- are available for a minimum internship duration of one month;
- have an excellent knowledge of one of the two official languages of the OECD (English and French) and a working knowledge or willingness to learn the other; knowledge of other languages used in the OECD would be an advantage;
- possess solid quantitative and IT skills;
- demonstrate excellent crafting and communication skills;
- able to work in a multicultural and international team environment.

METHOD Applications are made at the link: https://oecd.taleo.net/careersection/ext_2/joblist.ftl...

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 28th February 2021.

Details: <https://www.oecd.org/careers/internship-programme/>

NomadMania

Do you want to travel? NomadMania awards scholarships of EUR 1,500 to BiH students.

NomadMania has announced a competition for the award of travel scholarships to students from eight different countries for 2021, and Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of them. The purpose of scholarships is to enable students in a more difficult financial situation to go on an independent journey for the first time that they can. The goal is to encourage mobility, independent travel and learning about new cultures.

NomadMania is one of the largest online travel clubs. NomadMania was initially launched in 2012 to encourage travel, help travelers track their travels and provide them with ideas and inspiration for what to see through the NomadMania series. The goal of NomadMania is to create a community of passionate travelers, educate about the world as well as help people with little resources to travel more. As a registered non-profit organization in Greece, the charity NomadMania aims to help people from less privileged backgrounds experience most of the world.



2021 will be the first year that NomadMania awards travel scholarships to university students from countries with relatively recent conflict experience, which the NomadMania team believes can travel with adequate certainty.

NomadMania scholarships are available to students who have already successfully completed at least the second year of study in their home country. Scholarships are aimed at those who have little financial resources.

Details of the scholarships can be found at the following [link](#).

Online earnings from home: Upwork is an ideal option!

Upwork ideal option - **If you are looking for an additional job or you are simply interested in online earnings from home, then Upwork is the right solution for you, and the business portal poslovni.com provides you with all the necessary instructions.**

Upwork is an ideal option where you can offer your services to employers from all over the world. In addition, earnings in this way are far higher than the average salary, and there are no fixed working hours.

Upwork already has 14 million users from 180 countries, and 3 million jobs are offered annually.

Earnings on Upwork

The first and most important question that every freelancer asks when setting the terms of work is what the earnings for that job are.

Earnings range on average from \$ 10 to \$ 30 per hour, and not a small number of those reach figures of \$ 60 per hour of work. Multiply that by the average working time of 8 hours a day and you will understand why the number of members on this platform is growing day by day.

Freelancers from our areas most often do jobs in the following areas:

- design
- web-site and app creation
- customer support
- translation
- copywriting
- sales and marketing
- information technologies

I don't know any of that, but I'd love to learn

One of the main characteristics of the freelancing world is that it is not the degree you have that is looked at, but the knowledge you master. Freelancers are distinguished by the fact that they are constantly acquiring new skills and thus offer services in various fields.

We bring you some tips on how to successfully start your freelancing career at Upwork this year.



How to make a good profile

A good profile is much more than a biography. It is your portfolio, a list of professional skills and experiences. In other words, your profile is a brochure by which you sell your services to a client.

Profiles that are completely filled in, well written, without spelling, grammar and other errors are the best. Photography should reflect professionalism and accessibility at the same time. Don't crop photos from nightlife or from the beach.

How to get your first freelance job



Just opening an account is not enough for someone to offer you a job immediately, but you have to apply for offers (so-called bid). However, many beginners submit dozens of applications without getting a job. Why is that so?

Upwork penalizes users who submit too many logins. In this way, this platform tries to protect employers from receiving low-quality offers.

So you need to be smart.

The applications you compile should be well written and well thought out, specially created just for the job you are applying for. Make an effort to sign up because that's what will set you apart from the rest.

Another important factor is price. It is true that you will initially have to settle for a lower price in order to get the first jobs and later be able to charge more. However, keep in mind that, no matter how hard it is for you to find your first job, do not put too low a price or even offer free work because you will find it difficult to charge for your services as much as they are really worth later.

In addition to mastering the skills you are applying for, you also need to have an entrepreneurial spirit and promote yourself in order to gain the trust of your clients.

Why is online earnings good for you?

Freelancing is a job that allows you the freedom to work, to work for clients from all over the world, and to make high earnings. All that is needed is good will and perseverance!



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