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Dear friends,

We present to you the **December** edition (number 295) of the monthly informative Bulletin of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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The bulletin contains information about the work of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla, monthly activities of youth organizations, informal groups and individuals - members of the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina, their plans for the next period and other useful information intended for young people and the NGO sector (donor calls for projects, conferences, seminars, tuition fees, scholarships, etc.).

If you would like to be on the mailing list for future editions of the monthly newsletter, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us. You can find the monthly newsletter, as well as the archive of previous editions, on the website of the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

www.orctuzla.ba



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ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER



Tuzla is richer for another mural!

We spent the first day of December creating art - a mural on the occasion of **the Day of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Tuzla was the center of an inspiring event that brought together young volunteers, artists, representatives of **the City of Tuzla** and **the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, as well as **NATO HQ in Sarajevo**. The occasion for the gathering was December 1 - the Day of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which symbolizes the unity and cooperation of all peoples in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Marija Tica Kovačević, a talented European artist, was in charge of creating a mural of a female soldier. The city of Tuzla provided full support to the project, ceding the wall of the city-owned building for the mural. The location, located in an attractive place in the city, further highlighted the importance of this event.

The Day of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Tuzla became not only an opportunity to mark a historical moment, but also a demonstration of unity, art and equality in the heart of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us to implement this idea: **HQ NATO Sarajevo, Armed Forces of BiH, City of Tuzla, Asja Redžić - Mayor's Assistant for the Service for Culture, Sports, Youth and Social Protection, JKP Komunalac Tuzla, Professional Fire Department Tuzla, Ekrem - Duri Duranović, Marija Tica Kovačević and valuable volunteers of ORC Tuzla** .





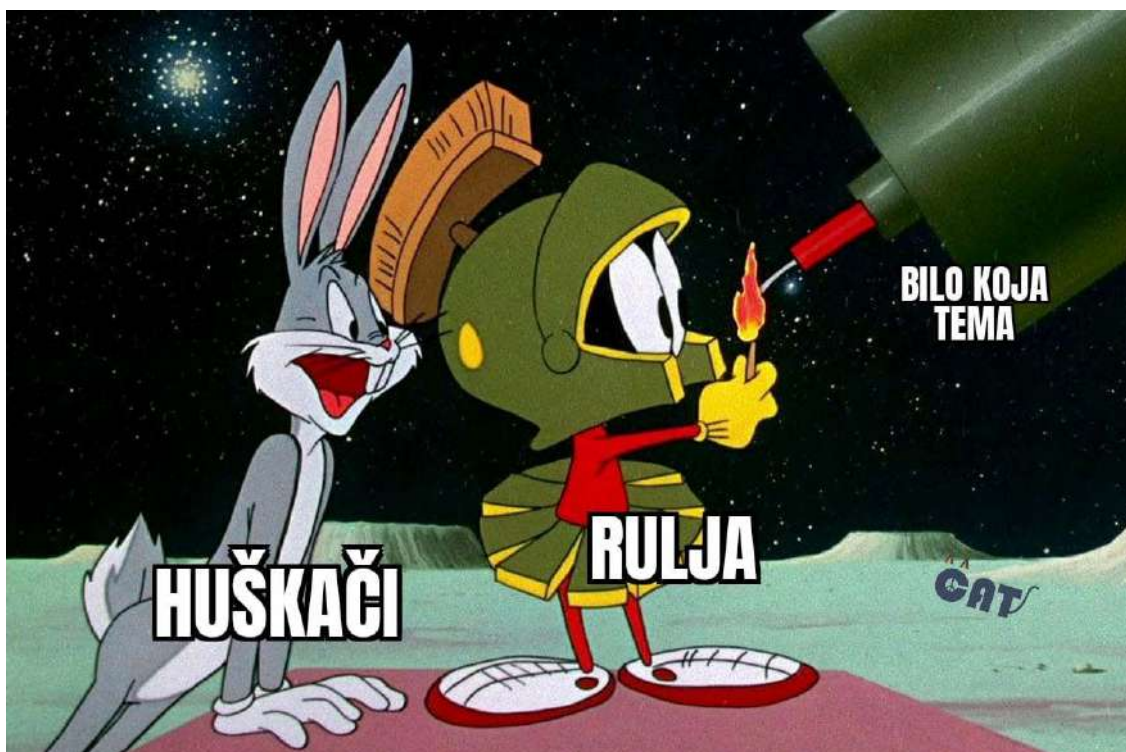
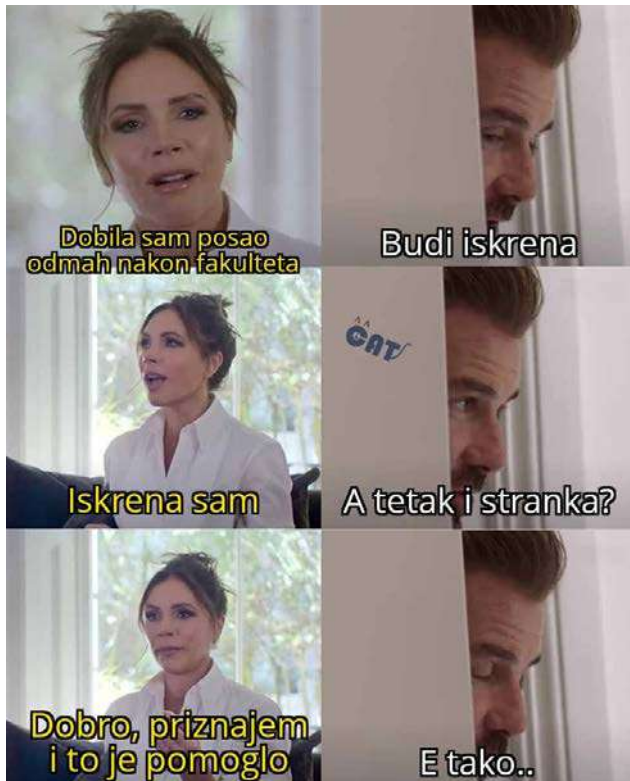
CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina

And during December, we continued with our regular activities as part of the "CAT - Bosnia and Herzegovina" initiative.

Our cats continued to delight the public on social networks with many memes, invitations to seminars, positive stories about young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

If you still don't follow our cats - we invite you to do so at:

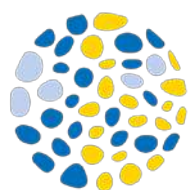
[Facebook](#), [Web Portal](#), [Instagram](#) and [Youtube channel](#).





RYCO came to Tuzla!

We spent the second Monday of December, December 11, 2023, very productively. RYCO organized two events for young people in Tuzla. In the premises of the International Portrait Gallery, over 30 young activists, including our own **Suzana Dušanić**, had the opportunity to learn more about, and later discuss, the topic of UN Agenda 2250. The activists present had the opportunity to propose specific actions and activities that would improve the position of young people, which will be implemented in the next three years. This was followed by another event, **the RYCO Youth Coffee Talks**.



Anna Lindh Fondacija Bosanskohercegovačka mreža



Annual meeting of ALF network heads - Istanbul, December 13-15

The **Anna Lindh Foundation** held its Network Heads' Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by the ALF Network from Turkey.

The two-day meeting brought together leaders of civil society networks and representatives from 28 Euro-Mediterranean countries in a space that allows them to share their thoughts and ideas from their countries.

The meeting started with a speech by the president of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Her Royal Majesty, **princess Rym Ali**, followed by the two heads of the ALF civil society network, **dr. Gurkan Akcaer and Necdet Saglam**, as well as **mr. Murat Şen, Deputy Director General for EU Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey**.



“This meeting is the only forum where even today we have the opportunity to gather everyone at one table in this particularly devastating time for our entire region, and especially for the Middle East part of our Euro-Med region. I think it's worth pausing to think about what this means, the responsibility we all bear as a result, and the potential to help promote dialogue at a time when dialogue seems the furthest from what we see on the ground.”, said the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, HRH Princess Rym Ali in her opening speech at the beginning of the network head meeting.

The meeting ended with a strong commitment to increase cooperation on key principles of action such as youth, artificial intelligence and living together. ALF appreciates these opportunities to hear from its networks and gain valuable insights into upcoming programs and activities as it prepares for the impactful year ahead.

The Bosnia and Herzegovina ALF network was represented by **Miralem Tursinović, ALF coordinator**.
READ MORE (EN): <https://annalindhfoundation.org/heads-networks-meeting...>





Silver medal in Sarajevo - "Youth for better media"

What would the month of December be without competitions and valuable prizes? At the final event of the **Youth for Better Media** project organized by **Mediacentar Sarajevo** and **JaBiHEU**, our dear **Nadina Mehić, Asja Suljić, Amela Hamidović, Mirela Biković, Suzana Dušanić** and **Slobodan Blagovčanin** as their team mentor won third place with the work **"Hey, if I was a journalist for only one day"**. Through their work, they questioned the importance of objective journalism in society, and the ideas and innovations that young people can offer to improve media content. In addition to them, another 20 young people from Sarajevo, Mostar, Laktaš and Banja Luka competed.





New Year's greetings from the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla

In order to round off all this year's activities, which we successfully implemented thanks to our valuable volunteers, on December 28, 2023, we organized a New Year's gathering and distribution of certificates and special gifts to the most active and dedicated volunteers of our Youth Group.

Once again, we would like to thank all our volunteers, as well as you who are reading this right now, following and supporting our long-term work. Without our volunteers, active young people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, the activities we carry out would not make sense. Thank you again and Happy New Year and the upcoming holidays!



ORC & HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES

During December, we worked on maintaining and developing communications and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.orctuzla.ba). As part of this, we distributed information of interest to young people and youth activism in BiH every day on the network's mailing list (omladina@orctuzla.ba), 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, responded to inquiries related to certain activities, education and other information related to youth activism in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Likewise, our project team continued with applications for projects.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR JANUARY 2024

- ❖ First of all, we will rest and sleep well after a very successful year behind us.
- ❖ As part of the Youth Info pioneers project, we plan to hold the final presentation of our activities during these two years of the project. The presentation will be held in Tuzla, in the first half of January. More about it on our website.
- ❖ Miralem Tursinović, in the period from January 23 to 26, will participate in the final meeting of the consortium partners of the "YInfo Pioneers" project in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- ❖ Continuation of work on projects, fundraising...

And until our next meeting, socializing and reading, the team of ORC Tuzla and CAT BiH to all our volunteers, friends, partners, donors, colleagues, readers, visitors to our portals and social networks, collaborators, institutions, to all those who supported us in 2023. and participated in our activities

Wishes

Lots of happiness, joy, health, joy and success in the New Year 2024!



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Daily workshops

The youth organization Svitac continued with its daily interactive and online activities. Younger participants did age-appropriate creative and educational activities with the help of local and international volunteers. This month they continued with various topics: music and musical instruments, snails, wild animals, dinosaurs, experiments with wine vinegar and baking soda, space, mythology and magical creatures, various sports, sea animals. The youngest participants enjoyed the creative part and modeling fun objects. The group continued with music workshops, practicing rhythms and songs and prepared a new dance choreography for the New Year's party. The participants began to learn the alphabet by practicing writing the letters A and B. They did warm-up exercises and yoga for children, and every Thursday they danced, played sports and practiced attention and concentration by reading and listening to stories (Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Bambi, The Lion and mouse, fox and stork). In English, German and Turkish language workshops, they learned words related to hours, clothes, professions, workplaces and sports equipment. The goal of these educational activities is for children to develop their imagination and to express their creativity using various materials, and to develop motor skills, memory, a sense of tolerance and respect for others and adopt good behavior. All workshops are implemented with an educational visual method with pictures and video.



Ages 13+ participated in discussions/workshops on the following topics: fascism and anti-Semitism, tolerance - acceptance, food culture, rugby, chess, music and the English language. In this way, we want to provide young people with a safe and neutral space, where they can express their opinion.

In the English and German workshops, they worked on practicing grammar and everyday communication, reading and translating short texts and phrases, school homework and interesting projects.



Guitar workshops

The participants worked on the following etudes and songs: Two etudes in E minor (J.Sagreras), "Andantino" in A minor (F.Carulli), "Shape Of You" (Ed Sheeran), Capriccio no. 31 and 32 (Luigi Legnani), and "Moon River" (Pat Metheny - guitar solo). They also continued to practice scales, arpeggios, chords and cadences in multiple keys and bass lines in different genres.



Samba workshops

The group started working on a new musical idea. Jazzy melody in D minor under the working title "Improvisation 1". They also practiced compositions from the past period.



Music workshops

This group mainly practiced their own composition, which they named "Elephant", including an introduction, ending and main theme using question and answer techniques.



Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day, every year on December 10, marks the adoption and promulgation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Youth organization Svitac celebrated Human Rights Day with regular participants. With the youngest, we read the fable "The Fox and the Stork", and learned the lesson: "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you". Volunteers made New Year's trees out of paper and decorations on which they wrote some of the basic human rights, such as freedom, peace, justice, life, equality. Jonathan spoke to the older participants about basic life values. The principles declared in 1948 are as relevant today as when they were established. Awareness of our rights allows us to stand up for the rights of others; by educating people about their rights, we progress towards a society built on empowerment.



New Year party

On December 20, the youth organization Svitac held a New Year's party, a very nice event as the finale of the year for the participants and their parents and friends. The event started with a program with classical guitar and violin; the participants of the musical activities also performed compositions on percussion, drums and other musical instruments; the youngest participants performed the story "Two New Year's Trees", recited songs about Snow White, sang and danced. This year we also had New Year's bingo, where

all participants received gifts when their number was called. The event ended with refreshments; our guests had fun, talked, laughed and enjoyed together, and our team is really happy that we can create events like this, full of music, laughter and joy. The party was held in the premises of the Youth Center Brčko District BiH.



Volunteering takes heart!

"Volunteering takes heart! We set aside a fraction of our free time to help others, which is priceless in the times we live in!"



Amina, Teodora, Jonathan, Eldar and Simon, who brighten up the everyday life of our youngest participants every day! Happy International Volunteer Day!

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

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Modriča includes young people in decision-making processes and recognizes their needs through the development of youth policy

After the successful presentation of the results of the analysis of the position and needs of the youth of the municipality of Modriča, which presented the most important and relevant data from various fields related to the position of the youth, the second working meeting of the Coordination Body and working groups for the development of the youth policy was held. At the meeting, special focus was on the information that the young people presented during the research.

The coordination body and working groups have started the development of a strategic platform through which they will plan mechanisms and activities for improving the position of young people. Special attention will be devoted to the domain of youth health prevention programs, where the need for further action has been recognized. A focus group with young people was also held, with the aim of better understanding the needs of this population.





YIA 23: Awards for social innovation given to young people

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Institute for Youth Development KULT have organized an award ceremony for the best social innovations proposed by young people. The three teams that have been selected as winners of valuable cash prizes for the most innovative ideas will, along with mentoring, have the opportunity to realize those ideas. In addition, two members of the expert jury decided to support the fourth idea. Social changes and innovations are key elements for improving the quality of life of young people and all citizens in local communities.

Young people face challenges and problems in their communities every day, and these problems and challenges are not the same. Innovative ideas show that young people can and want to actively participate in solving them. Eight finalists proposed different ideas that can contribute to changes in society in the areas of human rights, rule of law, environmental protection and peace and security.



Boost Innovation training it brought together motivated and creative young people who think outside the box, carefully observe their environment and offer innovative solutions to the problems they recognize. After the intensive and useful training held by the mentor again this year, the finalists diligently prepared for the presentation of their ideas in front of the expert jury. The expert jury consisted of: **Viktorija Ružičić, Kenan Suljić, Dunja Jalimam, Renad Čelik and Berina Bukva – Alibašić.**

The ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands addressed the young people, **H.E. Henk van den Dool** and the executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT **Ajka Rovčanin.**

The innovative ideas of young people show that changes are possible when it comes to social problems recognized by young people. The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Institute for Youth Development KULT would like to thank all the young people who presented their ideas and offered solutions for their communities.



Young Community Leaders: An Easier Path to First Documents

Youth initiatives represent the core of positive changes in society and play a key role in shaping a better future. Young people, with their energy, passion and innovative ideas, have incredible potential for creating positive social changes, but also the opportunity to present new ideas and solutions for social problems and challenges they recognize.

Filip Spasojević, an energetic and hard-working young man from Teslić, as part of **the training Learn, Think and Act!**, launched an initiative that focused on bringing the work of institutions closer together by recording a video tutorial on filling out forms and the steps to obtain the first documents (identity card, passport and driver's license) for young people who meet the administration for the first time.

Video instructions have been used to create an accessible guide that explains step by step the processes that are important for obtaining the first documents, but in addition to facilitating the administrative steps, it also provides young people with more confidence and security when it comes to the processes they face. Also, as part of the initiative, Filip organized a study visit, so the initiative extends to creating connections between young people from different local communities. This visit provided an opportunity for young people from Teslić to exchange experiences, build relationships, and create bridges for cooperation with their peers.

The idea behind the initiative emerged from Filip's vision to promote change through concrete action, and the young people who joined the initiative had the opportunity to develop skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership during the initiative. This initiative is a great example of how young people for young people, with a little wind behind them, can create communities where they will realize their potential.

The initiative is implemented in partnership with **the Association for Development, Improvement and Community Support from Teslić**, with the financial support of **the Institute for Youth Development KULT**.





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The laughter of the Konjic children echoed through the city: The tenth Carnival of Joy filled hearts and streets!

Konjic, December 23, 2023 – The tenth magical year! The Carnival of Children's Smiles, the pre-programme of the "Winter Town" manifestation, made Konjic full of joyful, children's, ringing laughter this year as well. More than 300 children from the Neretva town passed through the colorful masked fairy tale through the streets, carrying the magic in their hearts and on their faces.

Young enthusiasts [of the Association "Volunteers and Friends of the Equestrian Region" \(VIPK\)](#) organized a colorful masked procession through the streets of the city, which ended with an

entertainment program in the cinema hall of the National University. A cheerful and playful group gathered on the plateau near the Stone Bridge. With songs and parental support, the parade passed through the city, and the joy was increased by mascots of famous cartoon characters.



The most beautiful carnival masks



Real magic awaited the children at the National University.

[The Magician Fazonko](#) and members of the Amateur Theater "Neretva" Konjic prepared a fun program that the youngest enjoyed the most. The organizers, of course, also paid attention to the most beautiful costumes. Nađa Jahić won the first prize for the costume of the bee Maja, the second prize went to Arian Macić for the astronaut costume, and the third prize went to Ana Pranić for the princess costume.

Elvira Ćosić, from the VIPK Association, expressed satisfaction with the successful organization of the carnival: ***“ We are glad that this event has been included in the "Winter City" event again this year. In addition to the parade through the city, we also had a magician, while members of AP "Neretva" performed a talent show with children. We also had a meeting with Santa Claus and distribution of packets, which the children were especially happy about. We are really glad that our parents show us their trust, which makes us feel great joy and happiness”***

Donors and support for the Carnival of Children's Smiles

The carnival of children's smiles, thanks to its quality in organization, grew into a recognizable New Year's day of children's joy in Konjic, and this event received great support from all structures of society. The city of Konjic recognized the efforts of the volunteers and the cultural value of the carnival, and as such officially enriched this year's event "Winter City of Konjic 2023/24." The project coordinator, Elvira Ćosić, said that she would like to thank all the parents, donors and institutions that provided support. and recognized the warmth of this winter story, namely: **City of Konjic and Mayor Osman Ćatić; Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the CNK, Minister Adnan Velagić; Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports, Minister Sanja Vlasisavljević; Fiter doo Konjic; TR Central II, Konjic; Eurosaj doo Konjic; Konjic-trans doo Konjic; Cafe-pizzeria Intermezzo, Konjic; Mostara doo, Konjic; TR Salihović, Konjic; Agency GM Konjic; Rijad Prevljak, Konjic; Muamer Ćosić – Mums; Caffe slastičarna Dnevni boravak, Konjic; Konjic Municipality Youth Council; PU Konjic; AP Neretva Konjic; Konjic National University; Independent information portal novikonjic.ba; Caffe & Hookah Bar Aşk.**

[LINK with photographs by Sejo Ivković](#)



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1. Sarajevo meeting of cultures - "Wartime Love"



The "Wartime Love" project was conceived as a project that, through culture and various artistic expressions, shows wartime Sarajevo through the love and freedom of couples who immortalized their love during the war in the period from 1992 to 1995.

In Sarajevo, concerts, exhibitions, plays and films were spiritual food that diverted citizens' thoughts from everyday horrors and created a positive environment in which they met, socialized and fell in love.

Thousands of people in the period from 1992 to 1995 put their hands on their hearts and recited the love hymn "yes", daring to go into the unknown facing storms coming together, expecting a rainbow after rain.

And after so many years, we fondly remember those beautiful moments that changed our emotions during the war, when we found happiness in misfortune, shared fear and uncertainty, a liter of water, a cigar, a warm brick under the quilt, lentils, beans, macaroni, canned food, " lunch" packages and tabasco. We shared love.

Courageous marriages in Sarajevo were the inspiration for many texts, sung songs, written books, untold stories that we will experience again at your exhibition. This is an opportunity for your love and brave story to be told and turned into an exhibition, marked by the music of that era. We believe that each story is different and special, and will enrich the collection of stories that celebrate the power of love.

Your stories*, as well as scanned photos from the 1992 period. -'95. you can send via email to the address info@smoc.ba until February 15. 2023, in order to participate in the magnificent exhibition and event in May 2024! We are delighted to have the opportunity to hear your story!

We use this opportunity to thank the representative in the Sarajevo Canton Assembly, Prof. dr. Sanela Klarić for the initiative and the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Sarajevo Canton for their support. Association "Sarajevo susret kultura" is looking forward to the implementation of this project and is looking forward to your stories and photos.

*The accompanying text with the photo that you submit to us should not be longer than 700 characters.
[#profdrsanelaklaric](#) [#vladaKS](#) [#ministarstvokultureisporta](#)

2. Students for Liberty is reactivating in Bosnia and Herzegovina!



Students for Liberty is pleased to announce its return to Bosnia and Herzegovina after several years of inactivity. In 2023, they renewed their presence and engagement in the country, ready to continue promoting the ideas of freedom,

education and active citizenship among the student population.

Upon their return, Students for Liberty accomplished several significant projects. In cooperation with the Ayn Rand Center of Europe from Belgrade, they organized the John Galt School of Objectivism, an online educational program that gathered enthusiasts from all over BiH, enabling them to explore the philosophy of Objectivism from the comfort of their own homes. They also held a successful Exploring Liberty conference at the IPI Academy in Tuzla, focusing on the topics of freedom in economics, politics and art. This conference brought together a wide range of individuals interested in promoting the freedom and

ideas that are central to Students for Liberty. In addition, they conducted a recruitment campaign with the aim of expanding their community and increasing the number of members. Those efforts paid off are the inclusion of a large number of new members, while numerous smaller projects have contributed to the diversity and strength of the organization.

Tea Kljajić, Regional Coordinator for SFL Western Balkans, said: "I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to witness the awakening of the Students for Liberty organization not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also throughout the Western Balkans. Our commitment to promoting the ideas of freedom and education of young people is a key a step in strengthening our region and empowering future generations."

In the next phases, Students for Liberty plans to expand its activities at the level of the Western Balkans region, focusing on projects that will include and empower young people throughout the region. Also, they plan to organize exciting live events in cities like Banja Luka or Tuzla, providing an opportunity for direct interaction and engagement with their community. For more information you can visit their [page](#).



3. USAID Inspire human rights protection support program

[USAID Inspire human rights protection support program](#) organizes fundraising training with the aim of improving the knowledge and skills of human resources that are directly or indirectly related to fundraising activities.

The three-day training will cover the following topics:

- Raising funds - fundraising,
- Corporate Philanthropy,
- Commercialization of services,
- Donor grants and funding from government institutions,
- Resource mobilization strategy.



The training is intended for representatives of non-governmental organizations, and will be held from January 15 to 17, 2024 in Sarajevo.

You can apply at the link:

<https://s.usaidinspire.ba/treningFundraising>

4. CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN HUMANITY IN ACTION SUMMER PROGRAMS 2024



Humanity in Action BiH opens a call for applications for BiH students to participate in [summer Fellowship programs](#) on human rights organized by Humanity in Action offices in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Sarajevo (June 3 - June 28, 2024) and in the USA, whose Fellowship program will be held partly online and partly live in the US (location and dates will be announced soon).

The invitation is open to all Bosnia and Herzegovina undergraduate and Master students, as well as those who have completed their higher education in the last two years.

Our interdisciplinary summer programs are held simultaneously in six cities every year and gather over 110 students and young professionals from Europe and the USA. They consist of a series of lectures and discussions with university professors, journalists, politicians and activists, and include study visits to museums, state institutions and non-governmental organizations.

The call for applications is open until February 4, 2024 via [online application](#).

For all additional questions, send an email to bosnia@humanityinaction.org.

Be one of the students who will represent Bosnia and Herzegovina at this prestigious program!



Dear friends,

If you are interested in the monthly information bulletin of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina: your invitations to joint activities and cooperation, information on activities, vacancies, appeals for help or support, press releases and all other non-commercial ads, you can contact one of the addresses below.

The deadline for submitting information for each subsequent issue is the 30th of the month.

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