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Dear friends,

We present to you **the July** issue (number **314**) of the monthly informative Bulletin of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The bulletin is published in Bosnian-Montenegrin-Croatian-Serbian and English.

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 the next editions of the monthly newsletter, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact us. The monthly information bulletin, as well as the archive of previous editions, can also be found on the website of the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

www.orctuzla.ba



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ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN JULY



Young people from Tuzla successfully simulated the writing and presentation of projects.

As part of the Rise & Lead project, on July 11 and 12, the Tuzla Youth Resource Centre organized a two-day activity called Project Simulation, during which young people had the opportunity to try their hand at writing and public presentation of their own project proposals for the first time.

The activity was implemented in two phases. On the first day, the participants, under the mentorship of the ORC team, worked in small groups to create project applications using the standardized form of the Tuzla Community Foundation. Teams developed ideas, worked out goals, planned activities and budget, and then prepared final applications for presentation.

The second day was reserved for simulating a real donor interview. Each team had ten minutes to present and defend their project in front of the "commission", answering questions related to sustainability, impact and budget logic.



Through this process, 15 young participants acquired concrete skills in project writing, public speaking and teamwork. All were awarded certificates of participation, while one team received special recognition for the most feasible and creative project proposal.

This simulation once again confirmed that young people, when given the right tools and opportunity, can become bearers of concrete changes in their communities.

The project is supported by the **Tuzla Community Foundation**.



Colors that connect people: ORC Tuzla and Kaleidoskop street art bring another mural to the heart of the city



In the period from July 22 to 24, 2025, as part of the **Kaleidoscope Street art festival**, the Tuzla Youth Resource Centre realized another successful artistic action - painting a mural in the public space of the city of Tuzla.

This mural was created through the joint work and creative contribution of numerous volunteers and Tuzla mural artist **Miran Mujačić**. Our **DJ Shadow** was in charge of the music during the creation of the mural.

This mural is not just a visual transformation of a wall - it represents a space for the

meeting of art, activism and community. At a time when it is important to strengthen the sense of belonging and responsibility towards public space, initiatives like this further strengthen the message that the city belongs to all of us - and that together we can make it a more beautiful, inspiring place.

The activity was realized as part of the **Kaleidoscope festival**, a multi-day cultural and artistic event that celebrates creative expressions in urban areas and offers space for young people to actively participate in shaping the cultural scene of their city.

Anyone who was unable to be present on site can take a peek into the atmosphere through posts on ORC Tuzla's social media, where moments of work, socializing, and creative expression were recorded. On this occasion, we would like to thank the **Tuzla City Administration**, the **Tuzla Tourist Board**, the **Public Institution for Traffic and Communications**, and **Radio Kameleon Tuzla**, who provided us with selfless support.





The "Designing peace" training was supported through the project **"Strengthening trust and cohesion in communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina - We can do better"**.





Colours of peace in the hands of young people: "Paint & Peace" workshop held in Tuzla Festival 2025 in Tuzla



As part of the **Kaleidoscope festival**, young people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina had the opportunity to participate in a unique workshop called "**Paint & Peace**" - also known as "**Paint & Višnja**". This creative workshop was a space where the participants, through art, expressed their own visions of **peace, togetherness and the future they want to build**.

Through a relaxed atmosphere, conversation and expression through colour and movement, young people connected, shared experiences and thoughts, and in a symbolic but powerful way - sent messages of peace from the heart of Tuzla. 🎨🕊️

With brushes, canvases and lots of laughter, the space turned into an open dialogue through art. The works created during the workshop reflected the personal and collective narratives of the participants, showing that peace does not have to be silence - but the creative noise of those who want more from their future. The workshop and the exhibition of works were led by our **Mirela Biković and Nadina Mehić**.

The workshop is part of a wider cycle of activities dedicated to **building peace among young people**, and has once again

shown that when young people are given freedom of expression, messages worth hearing and images worth remembering emerge.

On this occasion, we would like to thank the **City Administration of Tuzla**, the **Tourist Board of the City of Tuzla** and the "**Park Pub**" Tuzla, who provided us with selfless support in carrying out these activities.





CAT – Bosnia and Herzegovina

And in July, we continued with our regular activities within the initiative "CAT - Bosnia and Herzegovina". Our cats continued to win the hearts of the public on social networks, sharing numerous memes, invitations to seminars and inspiring stories about young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) i [Youtube channel](#).



Ruže su crvene
Dođeš li sa njom,
reci glavi čaos



Regular activities of ORC / hCa in July

During July, 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. Likewise, we worked on maintaining communications and coordination within the Bosnia and Herzegovina Anna Lindh network (<https://orctuzla.ba/alfbih/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpswww.alfbih>) 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina. Likewise, our project team continued with applications for projects.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR AUGUST 2025.

- As part of the activities on the project "Gen Z Rising" - New leaders for peace - Millennials supporting, supported by IOM Sarajevo, we continue our activities. In the middle of August, we plan to hold a training session - "Forum Theater" in Tuzla.
- Continuation of work on projects, fundraising;
- Preparation of project proposals for ongoing calls;
- Development of ORC and Youth Group activity strategy for 2025.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF YOUTH NETWORK BiH



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Daily workshops

The youth organization Svitac continued with its daily interactive and online activities. Younger participants did creative and educational things adapted to their age, with the help of local and international volunteers. This month they explored summer themes related to food and clothing, while creating a variety of interesting items. Due to the intense heat, the group made small fans to cool off. They gave priority to competitive games and team activities outdoors, as well as participation in educational card games and jewelry making. The group continued with



music workshops, practicing rhythms and songs. The participants continued to learn the Cyrillic alphabet by practicing writing the letters L, Lj and N (L, Lj, N) and simple words in Cyrillic. They performed warm-up exercises and children's yoga, and every Thursday they danced, participated in sports activities and worked on maintaining focus and concentration while reading and listening to stories. In the English, German and Turkish language workshops, they learned words related to reptiles, sea animals, summer food and caterpillars. The aim of these educational activities is for children to develop their imagination and express their creativity using various materials, as well as to develop motor skills, memory, a sense of tolerance and respect for others and adopt good manners. All workshops were implemented using an educational visual method with pictures and videos.



Ages 13+ participated in discussions/workshops on the following topics: hate speech, child labor, refugees, environment and board games. In this way, we want to provide young people with a safe and neutral space where they can express their opinions.

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



Guitar workshops

Participants gradually progressed, working on different musical compositions to develop their skills, confidence and musical expression. Their performances at the Spring Party showed how much they have progressed. They practiced everything from basic rhythmic playing to more advanced techniques such as barre chords, bass lines and classical pieces, building solid musical foundations.



Samba workshops

The group worked on their composition "Pralinen Meister", practicing coordination and creativity. By trying out different harmonies, rhythms and dynamics, they made the composition more expressive and refined. Teamwork and creative experiments contributed to the improvement of the overall sound. They performed the composition as part of the Spring Party at the Youth Center in Brčko.



Music workshops (younger group)

The participants worked to create an interesting introduction and two transitions, with the aim of making these parts different in order to keep the attention of the listeners. They experimented with different sounds and dynamics to improve the flow and connection of the composition, while developing their own as well as the group's skills. The group performed their composition "Ready Fredy" at the annual Spring Party.



Art workshops in English for participants aged 13+

During the summer, we continued with art workshops that include drawing and painting. This month, the participants started making cardboard models, which represent the Svitac Youth Center as they want to have it in their town. The workshops are held in English and, in addition to offering the opportunity to improve conversational skills, they represent a creative space for personal expression and exploration of the artistic potential of the participants. Through drawing and sketching activities, participants develop the ability to observe the environment more carefully, improve fine motor skills and strengthen confidence in their creative expression. These workshops further encourage mindfulness and represent a healthy way of expressing emotions. The workshops are held every Thursday from 14:30 to 16:00 in the premises of the Youth Center.



Volunteer programs ESC/'Weltwärts

Svitac Hosting – 2 weltwärts volunteers from Germany are currently volunteering in Svitac for a period of 12 months and 4 ESC volunteers from Turkey (1-2 months).

Svitac Sending – Seven volunteers from BiH are currently volunteering in Germany, Austria, Greece, Italy and Belgium (2 weeks-12 months).



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

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In Velika Kladuša, there is an open space for ideas, creativity and joint action!

With the ceremonial opening of **the Youth HUB, Velika Kladuša** took a strong step towards a more creative and active community, which is adapted to young people.

The Youth HUB, as the first such center in the municipality of Velika Kladuša, opened its doors to young people, offering them a place where ideas are welcome, where their voices will be heard, and where their potential will have the opportunity to develop. Through carefully created rooms and contents, HUB will become a center of youth activism, education and culture.

Through cooperation with local authorities, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, the foundations for the long-term sustainability of the center have been secured. Initiatives for institutional support were launched, a membership model was created, and the first forms of social entrepreneurship were developed, which will help the HUB to grow and last independently.

With the opening of the Velika Kladuša Youth Center, the story is just beginning, which will continue with every smile, every realized idea and every new voice of a young person. Because when young people have opportunities - they initiate changes!

The arrangement and opening of the space was realized with the support of the **Municipality of Velika Kladuša and the Institute for Youth Development KULT**, as part of the project of the **Youth Council of the Municipality of Velika Kladuša - "Youth HUB Velika Kladuša - Space for Activism and Development"**.





From training to community change: How does “Learn, Think and Act!” shape future leaders?

During the second module of the "Learn, Think and Act" training (UMiD19) for youth leaders, participants had the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills through lectures, practical work and exchange of ideas, but also to motivate themselves for active action in their communities.

The module started with a conversation about youth policies with trainer **Jasmina Banjalučkić from the Institute for Youth Development KULT**, who dynamically introduced the participants to this topic. Through interactive exercises and examples from practice, they were introduced to the complexity of the decision-making process, the importance of the role of young people in the system and their active participation in the creation of policies.

After this session, the participants had a better understanding of the system, empowered to turn their ideas into concrete activities in their community.

As part of the module, future young leaders had the opportunity to hear a little more about Orange Day, the day to mark the fight against violence against women and girls, which the Institute celebrates every 25th of the month. The conversation about Orange Day opened up space for planning campaigns and future activities with training participants who will have the opportunity to paint their communities orange, with the aim of raising awareness about this problem.

The module was rounded off with lectures by **Ilija Trninić**, who discussed advocacy and lobbying with the participants. Through concrete examples, Ilija clearly demarcated these two terms, pointed out their specificities and shared useful tools for creating effective strategies of influence. His approach gave the participants, not only theoretical knowledge, but also the inspiration to be the voice of their community and actively participate in decision-making processes.

UMiD19 is a three-month training program organized and implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT. The program consists of 3 modules that cover 10 topics that are necessary for young people to be active members of society and leaders in the community. In 2025, the nineteenth generation of UMiD will be attended by 10 young people from 10 communities from Bosnia and Herzegovina





#JOSUVIJEKSAMTU in Bosanska Krupa: Dialogue for a better future for young people!

The Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Youth Council of Bosanska Krupa organized the event “My Place Under the Sun: Opportunities, Challenges, Decisions” at the end of July. Participants from Bosanska Krupa and nearby towns had the opportunity to talk to Armin Halitović, Mayor of Bosanska Krupa, Amil Rekić, member of the Youth Council of Bosanska Krupa and a student of the generation of the Mixed High School “Safet Krupić”, and Ismet Bešić, President of the Youth Council of Bosanska Krupa.

The focus of the conversation was on a very important topic for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina that is often discussed – staying or leaving the country. Through conversation, exchange of experiences and opinions, participants spoke about the opportunities they have in the Una-Sana Canton, primarily in Bosanska Krupa, but also about the challenges they face every day. The event is part of the #JOSUVIJEKSAMTU campaign implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, which emphasizes real stories and dilemmas of young people regarding building the future in BiH.

This meeting was made especially inspiring by the participants - brilliant young people who showed that they want to be part of the solution, that they are not just passive observers but initiators of change. The young people shared their experiences and needs with their peers and the mayor of Bosanska Krupa, and the mayor expressed his interest and readiness for further cooperation with young people and support for their ideas and initiatives.

As part of the #JOSUVIJEKSAMTU campaign, a mini library has arrived in Bosanska Krupa, which will be officially available to all book lovers in Bosanska Krupa in the next few days. Citizens will have the opportunity to choose a book for themselves, as well as bring and donate a book that they want someone else to read. Connecting this activity with a conversation with young successful people in formal and informal education, young people want to leave a message to the community - that they are interested in learning, sharing knowledge and building a better society.

Through this event, it was once again confirmed that it is important for the voices of young people to be heard, for their problems, ideas and willingness to act to actually reach those who will help them, so that together they can initiate change and create a better future in their communities.



INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DONORS / INVITATIONS

1. PUBLIC CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES" PROGRAM (CERV) 2021 - 2027.

On the website of the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Commission, six new calls for project proposals under the program "Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values" (CERV) 2021 - 2027 have been published.

You can find more about the programs themselves, the topics they cover, as well as how to apply, at the link:

<http://www.mpr.gov.ba/current-affairs/news/default.aspx?id=16955&langTag=bs-BA>

The public call is open until October 23, 2025.

2. Summer School "Women, Peace and Security" 2025

Sarajevo - 22–26. September

Do you want to understand how gender, security and peace work in post-conflict societies? Join a unique international summer school and learn directly from academic and international experts! Open to students and young professionals from the Western Balkans, with a few places reserved for international students. The program is conducted in English. All costs are covered!

Application deadline: August 12, 2025.

Registration via the link available at:

www.summerschool.ba

More information at: nhalilovic@fkn.unsa.ba

The summer school is organized by @univerzitet.unsa @fkkss with the support of the United Nations @UnitedNationsBiH @UnitedNationsAlbania within the framework of the @UnitedNationsPeacebuilding initiative #WomenVodeBiH implemented by @unwomenbih, @IOMBiH, @UNFPABiH in partnership with @MLPIBiH, and within the regional program #Y4IET implemented by UN agencies, led by @UNDPsSerbia in partnership with @unwomenalbania. Teaching will be conducted by faculty professors and selected experts.

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3. Project writing training

Attention, attention! We are organizing a project writing training that starts on August 27, online, and will be realized in several interactive sessions.

The training is intended primarily for participants from civil society organizations from underdeveloped and rural communities in BiH, while the call is open to other interested parties. The training covers the following topics:

- Program framework and project application
- Budget preparation
- Reporting and evaluation.

Interest in participation can be expressed by August 15 via the link <https://forms.gle/dBA77nK2GNxd6jkN6>

Registration is mandatory. The number of participants is limited in order to ensure the quality of the training. The selection of participants will be made according to the order of applications received. Participants will be informed in a timely manner about the details of the training via email.

We are looking forward to a new working relationship.

Join us.



Dear friends,

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

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