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Dear friends,

We present to you **the August** issue (number **315**) 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 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 AUGUST



Forum Theatre training held in Tuzla



On August 11 and 12, 2025, a **Forum Theater** training was held in Tuzla - a unique tool that is not only reserved for actors, but for all those who want to build peace, togetherness and a fairer society. This was the second training within the "**Gen Z Rising: Millennials Supporting**" project.

Forum theater is recognized as a modern tool for building peace, through which participants learn how to react to problems in society and initiate dialogue. Young people had the opportunity to address topics such as discrimination, violence and social injustice through art, and to develop skills important for working with people, communication, leadership and public speaking.

The training brought together young people from 15 to 30 years old from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. The most committed among the participants continued their journey of building peace and a better society through the subsequent activities of the project.

The "**Forum Theater**" training was implemented with the support of the project "**Strengthening trust and cohesion in communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Mozemo Bolje**", which is financed by the **Service for Foreign Policy Instruments of the European Union within the framework of the Instrument for Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation**, and is jointly implemented by the European Union, the United Nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Council of Europe.





Europe House quiz in Živinice

The **Tuzla Youth Resource Center** in cooperation with **Europe House** organized a fun and interactive quiz on August 19 in Živinice dedicated to researching the history of the European Union, its policies, culture, sports, music and sights.

The first place in this competition was won by the "**Cafica**" team, which excelled in knowledge and teamwork.

The quiz gathered young people from different cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and offered them the opportunity to learn about European values and the rich cultural heritage of the EU through games and socializing.



Young people from the Western Balkans participated in the program "Western Balkans Youth Team: In Youth Eyes" at the 31st Sarajevo Film Festival



Through films, discussions and socializing during the **31st Sarajevo Film Festival**, young people from all over the Western Balkans had the opportunity to participate in the program "**Western Balkans Youth Team: In Youth Eyes**" **Dealing with the Past**.

Sarajevo Film Festival, in cooperation with the **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung**, organized the program "Western Balkans Youth Team: In Youth Eyes" again this year, which enabled young people to participate in the festival and a special program dedicated to intercultural dialogue, youth cooperation and peace building. The youth coordinator of this program at SFF was **Slobodan Blagovčanin**, who followed and supported the participants throughout the duration of the festival.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 25 from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro,

North Macedonia and Serbia. Through film, teamwork, discussions and content creation for social networks and media, they actively contributed to better understanding and connection among young people in the region.

The Sarajevo Film Festival was held from August 15 to 22, 2025.



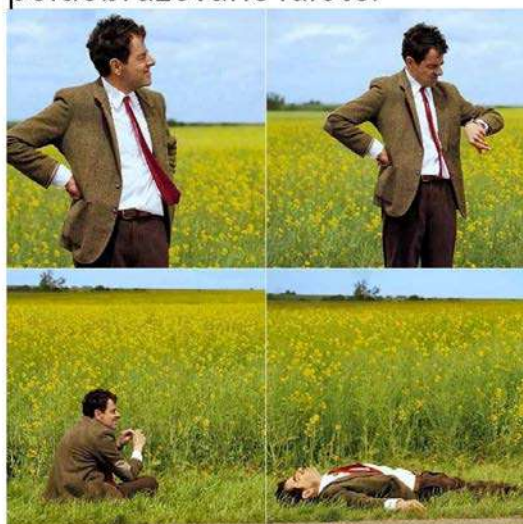
CAT – Bosnia and Herzegovina

And during August, 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 kanal](#).

Ja dok čekam starije generacije
da odrastu i da se prestanu
ložiti na nacionalizam i birati
poluobrazovane idiote:



Regular ORC / hCa activities in August

During August, 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 SEPTEMBER 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. On September 6 and 7, draw a mural as part of the action "Connecting Walls", together with the famous muralist Marija Tica Kovačević. In the second half of September, we plan to organize a street action in Tuzla. More information, as well as the open call, will be published on our info channels in the coming period.
- ❖ Continuation of work on projects, fundraising;
- ❖ Preparation of project proposals for ongoing calls;



ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF YOUTH NETWORK BiH



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Daily workshops

The youth organization Svitac continued with daily interactive and online activities. The younger participants did creative and educational things that were age-appropriate, with the help of local and international volunteers. This month they engaged in various fun and creative crafts. Some of the most interesting activities include making dream catchers, mini buckets and paper watermelons, different types of birds, sloths, and even colorful monsters. The participants really enjoyed the hands-on activities and it is always nice to see their creativity shine. This month



we focused more on competitive games, outdoor games that involve teams, as well as playing educational cards and making jewelry. The group also engaged in rhythm exercises, song rehearsals, and dance choreography. The participants continued to learn the Cyrillic alphabet by practicing writing the letters Ђ, О, П, Р, and С (Nj, O, P, R, S) 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 summer, the beach, ladybugs, fruit, ships and peacocks. 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.



Age 13+ participated in discussions/workshops on the topics: tolerance versus acceptance, happiness, food culture and the environment. 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, and interesting projects.



Guitar workshops

Participants worked on new and old techniques, etudes, songs or their own compositions.



Samba workshops

The group focused on compositions created during the previous and current year, and at the same time a significant amount of time was devoted to improvisation and the development of new ideas.



Music workshops (younger group)

The participants progressed on the new composition in $\frac{3}{4}$ measure, creating an additional pause. Through targeted exercises, they focused on improving their motor skills and encouraging effective teamwork.



Art workshops in English for participants aged 13+

The participants continued with the creation of cardboard models, which represent the Svitac Youth Center as they want to have it in their city. 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.



Music Camp Pecka

The seven-day music camp was held from July 20 to 27 in the Pecka Visitor Center in the Mrkonjić Grad municipality, bringing together 20 young participants from Brčko. The camp is conceived as a dynamic platform for musical research, creativity, and intercultural exchange. Organized with the aim of encouraging intercultural understanding and artistic cooperation, the camp offered two musical activities each day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning sessions included all participants in rhythmic games, joint rehearsals and the creation of original compositions, encouraging teamwork and communication through music. In the afternoon, the participants worked in smaller groups on arrangements and developing musical ideas based on their own interests, either through composing original songs, reinterpreting existing works or perfecting the morning works. In addition to musical activities, the camp included various recreational and creative activities, such as sports, hiking, drawing and evening film screenings, contributing to a varied and interesting experience. The main goal of the camp was to promote intercultural exchange and encourage cooperation among all participants. Participants returned from the camp not only with new musical skills, but also with strengthened friendships and a deeper understanding of cooperation across cultural boundaries.



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

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Institute for Youth Development KULT celebrated International Youth Day by awarding the best activists in BiH!

There are thousands of young people living in Bosnia and Herzegovina who, in their everyday life full of challenges, decisively change their communities. They don't wait for changes, they create them - they fight for equality, protect the environment, use art to initiate dialogue, launch campaigns and digital revolutions. It is to them, to their courage, persistence and vision, that the **Youth Activism Award** is dedicated.

The awards went to those who prove every day that young people are the force of change. In five categories, young people are recognized who, through their work and initiatives, are pushing the boundaries, whether they are fighting for human rights, environmental justice, a more inclusive society, freedom of expression or digital transformations that serve the community. In addition, organizations that involve young people and provide them with support also had the opportunity to apply and receive an award.

In the category "Spark of change" (social activism) the award was won by **Nudžejma Karajić from Velika Kladuša**, in the category "Green fighter" (ecological activism) the award was won by **Layla Jusko from Sarajevo**, in the category "Lighthouse of Justice" (activities for human rights) the award was won by **Amina Imamović from Sarajevo**, in the category "Iskrocreator" (artistic activism) the award was won by **Tesnim Karišik Spahić from Sarajevo** and in the category "Digital Messenger" (digital activism) award was won by **Jelena Savić from Gradiska**. The organization that won the award is the Association for the care and general rights of children **"Naša djeca" Zenica**.

The Youth Activism Award is not just an award, but a symbol of gratitude and support for young people who act every day, change their communities and create better opportunities for all of us. With this award, the Institute recognized their achievements, spreading the message that young people deserve to be seen, heard and supported.

In the following period, the Institute continues to recognize young activists and provide support for their work.





An orange story in Banja Luka: Children sent messages of support to women and girls

The Home for Unaccompanied Children "Rada Vranješević" in Banja Luka was once again a space where children's imagination and awareness of important social problems intertwined.

By participating in a creative workshop on the occasion of the celebration of **Orange Day** - the day of the fight against violence against women and girls, children had the opportunity to develop their creativity through art and sending messages of support, but also to understand in a way that is close to them the seriousness of the problem of violence and the importance of supporting victims.

The workshop was led by **Mia Selena Lerch**, a participant in the nineteenth generation of the "**Learn, Think and Act!**" training for youth leaders conducted by the Institute for **Youth Development KULT**. Her idea and implementation of this activity, with the support of the Institute, was another step forward with the goal of creating a better and safer environment for all of us.

Eleven school-age children attended the workshop. During the first part of the workshop, the children wrote and pasted messages on an orange board, which remained in the premises of the Home as a symbol of joint learning and a memory of the workshop. The messages talked about what violence is, how to recognize it and why it is wrong to remain silent about it.

In the second part of the workshop, the children drew and wrote messages of support for women and girls who are victims of violence. At the end of the activity, the messages and drawings were attached to orange balloons and released together into the sky, as a symbol of hope and support.

The workshop combined learning, creativity and empathy and once again showed that we fight violence with knowledge, open conversation and the support we provide to each other.





Colors of the future and the energy of youth at a painting workshop in Jablanica

During the painting workshop held in Jablanica, young people had the opportunity to talk openly about topics concerning their future, about their city, family, friends and plans.

The workshop was held as part of the Festival of Youth Culture and Activism (**PYAF**), in cooperation with **OKC UrbanArt and the Youth Council of Jablanica Municipality**. The workshop was led by **Amra Budim**, president of the "**Neretva Art**" citizens' art association, and the young people expressed their feelings, thoughts and dilemmas through colors and shapes.

Through informal conversations, young people shared their experiences, with an emphasis on the challenges that life in BiH brings and on thoughts about whether they will stay in their community or look for opportunities outside it. Art was a bridge that connected young people, allowing them to speak openly about their desires and needs.

What definitely marked this workshop was the energy and inspiration that came from the young people, who showed that, despite all the challenges, they have a strong will to create positive changes. Their stories and their talent reminded us once again of the importance of giving opportunities to young people and how important it is to be aware of your potential, regardless of where you are.

The workshop was not only an opportunity for artistic creation, but also for connecting with one's own emotions, desires and needs. In the end, each picture was a symbol of courage and determination to create a better future for young people in BiH, regardless of the circumstances.





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Strengthening youth activism – Project of the Youth Club "Diamond"



Youth club "Diamant" announces the beginning of the implementation of the project **"Strengthening youth activism"**, which aims to empower young people, their more active involvement in social life and the development of key skills necessary to take an active role in the local community.

Through various educational, practical and activist activities, young people will have the opportunity to express their views, represent the interests of their peers, but also contribute to improving the quality of life of the wider community. The project is particularly significant because it responds to the real needs of young people in one of the poorest municipalities of the Central Bosnian Canton, where young people, especially those from rural areas, often do not have access to the facilities and opportunities available to their peers from more urban areas.

Does the project bring young people?

Young people involved in the activities will have the opportunity to develop competencies in the field of individual and group activism, organization of events, public speaking, writing official letters, communication with institutions and creation of socially engaged campaigns. In this way, the project directly contributes to the goals of the FBiH Youth Law, especially in the areas of participation, volunteering and information.

Planned activities include the formation of a project team, workshops and lectures on volunteering and youth activism, humanitarian actions, the organization of cultural and sports events, socially engaged online campaigns, field actions for the arrangement of public spaces, as well as visits to other organizations and institutions with the aim of exchanging experiences. Special emphasis was placed on workshops on youth communication with local authorities and the media, which encourages their empowerment in decision-making processes.



Is the project important?

Youth in Jajce and the surrounding rural areas face the challenges of passivity and isolation due to the lack of educational and activist programs. This project seeks to break down barriers, motivate young people to recognize their own potential and train them to become agents of change in the community. In the long term, this means strengthening the capacity of associations, creating support networks and building more responsible and active generations.

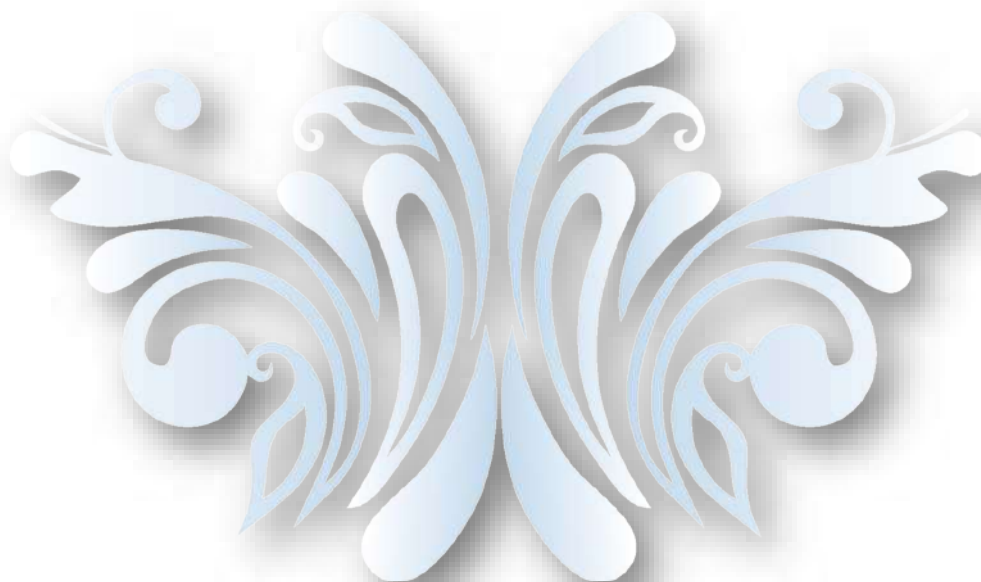
The project is intended?

The target group is young people from 14 to 30 years old, regardless of previous experience, and special attention is paid to the inclusion of young people from rural areas, those who are socially vulnerable and those who have not had enough opportunities to be active.

Expected effects include increased motivation of young people to participate in public life, acquisition of new knowledge and networking with other actors in the community. The project is implemented at the local level community, but with the potential to serve as a model for similar initiatives in other settings. Sustainability will be ensured through acquired resources, team experience and developed partner networks.

The project "**Strengthening youth activism**" is implemented by the Youth Club "Diamant", with the **support of the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports**.

Team for implementation of activities.



INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DONORS / INVITATIONS

1. A call for expressions of interest is open within the #WomenWaterBiH project!



Women's organizations and women's local non-profit organizations that:

- have been registered for at least 3 years;
- have proven experience in working on peace building, reconciliation, security, the "Women, peace and security" agenda and women's empowerment.

Info sessions for applicants:

August 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. – <https://tinyurl.com/55hfuxky>

September 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. – <https://tinyurl.com/3y2w7uda>

More information about the call <https://tinyurl.com/4hncatkn>

Applications are open until September 21, 2025

The public call was published as part of the #WomenWodeBiH initiative, which is implemented with the support of the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund of the Secretary General of the United Nations, in partnership with the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH. It is conducted under the leadership of the resident coordinator of the UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it is jointly implemented by UN Women Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNFPA Bosnia and Herzegovina and IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2. The call for the Green Agenda Multiplier Support Program is open



Through the Green Agenda Navigator project, the Belgrade Open School announces the opening of the Green Agenda Multiplier Support Program, with the aim of strengthening cooperation, understanding and influence of civil society organizations in the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.

If you are a civil society organization or CSO network registered and active in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo*,

North Macedonia or Serbia - this invitation is intended for you!

Thematic areas of the call include:

- decarbonization,
- reducing pollution,
- preservation of biodiversity.

Application deadline: September 17, 2025.

More information about the call is available at the following link [public call](#)

The call is implemented within the Green Agenda Navigator project, which is implemented by the Belgrade Open School with the support of regional partners: Aarhus Center (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Eco-team (Montenegro), EcoZ (Kosovo*), Eko-svest (North Macedonia), Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania (Albania) and CEE Bankwatch Network.

More information [HERE](#)

3. BUM scholarships for high school students and students: 100 and 150 KM per month

The Business Union of Managers has announced a competition for scholarships for high school students and students in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the academic year 2025/2026. year. Scholarships amount to 100 KM per month for high school students and 150 KM for students.

The Business Union of Managers (BUM) is a Bosnian association that connects leading managers with the aim of exchanging best business practices and improving the business environment in the country. The association encourages entrepreneurial culture, ethical business and strengthening the economy through the knowledge and experience of its members.

Students and high school students who reside and attend educational institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina have the right to apply for the scholarship. Candidates must have the status of full-time or full-time self-financing student, or high school student, enrolled for the first time in one of the study years of the I or II cycle.

In the application, it is mandatory to attach a certificate of residence not older than one year, a certificate of the status of a full-time student or high school student (alternatively a copy of the index with grades), and a document on the grade point average. In addition, it is possible to attach additional documentation that brings more points, such as a certified household statement, proof of household income, certificates of volunteering, awards from competitions, proof of knowledge of a foreign language, and the like. This is not eliminatory, but contributes to success in the selection.

Special criteria that are additionally scored include status in foster families, users of institutions for children without parental care, proof of living in a rented space, education of other household members and chronic illnesses of family members.

Scholarships are awarded for a period of 10 months and amount to 100 KM per month for high school students and 150 KM per month for students, and are paid in monthly installments during the academic year 2025/2026. year.

The decision on awarding scholarships is made by a specially formed commission, which reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the submitted data. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited to a short online interview. Selected scholarship holders are obliged to volunteer for 15 days in one of the sections of BUM, such as administration, marketing, projects or education.

Applications are submitted exclusively via [online form](#). All supporting documentation must be combined into one PDF document called "Name_Surname_Prijava_na_Javni_poziv".

The deadline for submitting applications is September 15, 2025. until 23:59. Incomplete and untimely applications will not be considered. BUM reserves the right to request the original documentation from the selected candidates.



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.

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

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