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Dear friends,

We present to you the October edition (number 293) 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:

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ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER



Europe House Youth Talks in Sarajevo

We made the beginning of October official by hanging out with the head of the EU delegation and EU special representative, Ambassador Johan Satler, and thirty young activists from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 3, 2023. in Sarajevo.

Europe House Youth Talks was the official first event held at Europe House, the newly opened youth centre. In addition to the conversation with the Ambassador, there was a tour of all the premises and the clarified mission and vision of the space itself, as a dynamic platform for the exchange of innovative ideas and youth cooperation.



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CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

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](#).





Western Balkans Youth Forum 2023

Our **Suzana Dušanić** was one of 36 young people from the Western Balkans who participated in the **Western Balkans Youth Forum 2023 in Tirana, from 5 to 7 October 2023.**

Under the theme "**Balkan Youth Express**", this forum gathered more than 90 participants including 36 young participants from the region, ministers, various local and regional actors, representatives of institutions and many more. Finally, a space and platform has been created for young people to follow the developments arising from the Berlin Declaration in 2022, set the pillars of the 2023 Declaration and establish tangible actions and activities to translate these aspirations into reality. In addition, an opportunity was created to discuss all of this at the table for high-level decision-making by actors of the Western Balkans and the EU.



Education „Activism on social media“ in Tešanj

This month, our **Slobodan Blagovčanin** was also in the role of an educator on the "**Voice of the Youth - Echo of the Future**" project, as part of which an education on the topic of activism on social networks was held in Tešanj, October 8, 2023.

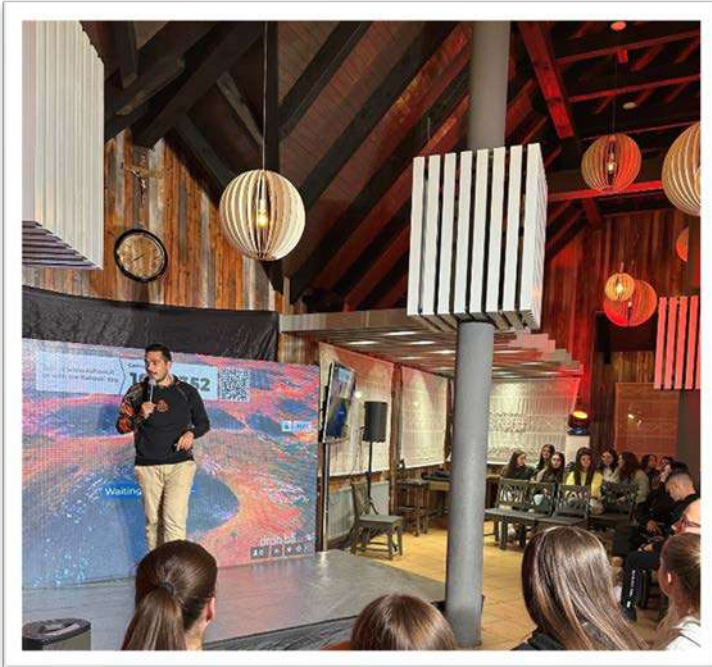
Through a quiz, the participants found out how media literate they are, and then moved on to practical work. They discussed alternative narratives, who or what deserves media attention, and independently filmed and edited videos.





Youth Forum West Herzegovina in Blidinje

Our **Slobodan Blagovčanin, Mirela Biković and Ammar Grabić** spent three days, 6-8 October 2023, with about 100 young people from the West Herzegovina Canton and other BiH communities, representatives of cantonal and federal institutions, and the international community.



The event was organized by **IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office of the Government for European Integration of the Western Herzegovina Canton**, and aimed to network the youth of this Canton with institutions and peers throughout BiH. At the beginning of the event, the young people were addressed by **Ivan Jurilj**, director of the Western Herzegovina Canton Government Office for European Integration, **Dominik Urak**, deputy ambassador of the Austrian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and **Laura Lungarotti**, head of the IOM mission in BiH and coordinator of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the Western Balkans.

"**Youth Forum West Herzegovina**" was an opportunity for young people to learn about environmental activism in Bosnia and

Herzegovina and the West Herzegovina Canton, as well as the concept of sustainable fashion through the No Nation Fashion brand. The three-day forum ended with participants getting acquainted with the Youth Act and the use of theater and street art in youth activism, and through a fun Kahoot quiz.



International conference NATO and security challenges

Our **Mirela Biković and Slobodan Blagovčanin** participated in the international conference **NATO and security challenges**, October 10-11, 2023. At the conference, the results of the survey of public opinion in BiH on malignant/harmful influences and the NATO alliance, which the Atlantic Initiative conducted in March and April 2023, were presented.

The results showed that more than half of the surveyed citizens in all of Bosnia and Herzegovina, more precisely 52.4% of them, are largely uninformed about the process of bringing BiH closer to full membership in the NATO alliance.





FONEDO partner meeting in Banja Luka

Today, perhaps more than ever, it is necessary to teach young people to cope with the challenges of cyberspace, where they are often exposed to content that can encourage them to engage in reckless activities and even lead to violence or worse forms of behavior.



The second meeting was held within the project **Forensics of Violent Extremism in a Digital Environment**, attended by representatives of the **JaBiHEU Association**, partner organizations **Munja Inkubator (Hocu.ba)**, **Youth Resource Center Tuzla - ORC Tuzla**, **Cerebra**, **Center for Children, Youth and Family Laktaši**, **Mediacentar Sarajevo**, **Dignitet Association**, journalists, fact checkers and cyber security experts. The youth will attend OSINT basic training in the collection and processing of information obtained from open sources. In this training, in addition to already known tools and platforms, we will also use one of the most powerful OSINT tools.

After the trainings in Sarajevo, Mostar, Banja Luka and Tuzla, young people will be able to identify the real source of information, including the identification of media platforms and the cyber environment where disputed information and contents are found.



Milići mural

On October 14, 2023, we proudly participated in the follow-up activity from last year's Mackograd, and it was the mural painting in Milići!

Ten passionate young people in front of the **Milići Youth Club** and the **CAT team** created a real work of art on the stage next to the high school. Nature motifs and a strong message **"We borrowed nature from future generations. We did not inherit it from our ancestors!"** now grace this stage. Thank you to everyone who participated in this initiative, especially the **Municipality of Milići** for its support!



Workshop on recognizing hate crimes and hate speech

Our young people continuously work on education when it comes to strengthening joint action in the field of combating hate speech. Our **Mirela Biković and Slobodan Blagovčanin**, on October 20, 2023, attended a one-day workshop on recognizing hate crimes and hate speech, as well as on the adequate use of mechanisms that civil society has at its disposal in the fight against these crimes, organized by the **Atlantic Initiative**.



Young people in virtual challenges in Tuzla



On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the "**Youth in Virtual Challenges**" workshop in Tuzla, our volunteers talked with young people from Tešanj, Tuzla and the surrounding area about how to navigate the digital jungle and shared their experiences with (in)security on the Internet. The good and bad sides of the Internet, harmful online behavior and protection were discussed, and young people had the opportunity to adopt different ideas and tools of media literacy.

Ines Bulajić, a communication expert, emphasized the importance of understanding and thinking critically about content in the context of contemporary conflicts that follow social networks.



Educational workshop "Discrimination of Minorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina"

The last Saturday in October, 28.10.2023. year, we spent a very productive and *"interactive"* time in Ugljevik with 36 young people from different places in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Tuzla, Lukavac, Gradačac, Ugljevik, Čelić, Kalesija, Teočak). A workshop for young people was held there, organized by the **Women's Association "Interaktiv" Bijeljina**.

Our **Miralem Tursinović** opened the workshop by introducing the participants, followed by an educational segment on discrimination and two tests for the participants of the workshop. After the break, our **Ammar Grabić** did an exercise about prejudices. After Ammar's exercise, the participants of the educational workshop had fun with a Kahoot quiz on the topic of discrimination and prejudice, prepared for them by **Mirela Biković**.



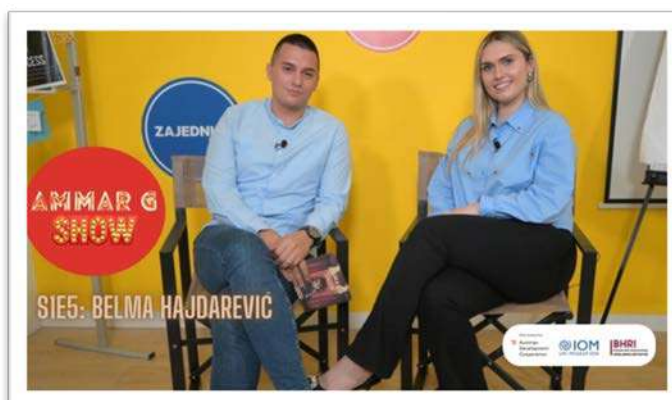
New season of CAT Patrol

As a finishing touch, on this occasion we would like to remind you that the already well-known **CAT Patrol** by our **Mirela Biković** has returned to our social networks. In the fourth and fifth episodes, our Mirela hosted the famous **chef Neno Cooks Balkan**, and an interesting duo from **Karton Revolution**. What are the secrets of successful cooking of delicious dishes and guerilla marketing, see by clicking on the photos below:



Ammar G Show

Our creativity never ends, and this is reflected in the fourth and fifth episodes of our **Ammar Grabić**, that is, in the **Ammar G Show**. Find out what **Ivana Kešić**, **Belma Hajdarević** and Ammar talked about by clicking on the photos.



ORC & HCA TUZLA REGULAR ACTIVITIES

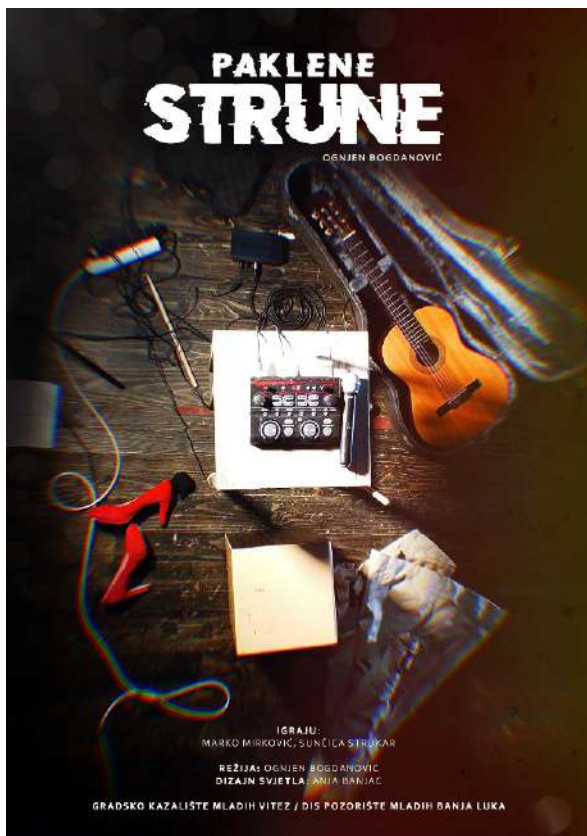
During October, we worked on maintaining and developing communications and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.orctuzla.ba). As part of this, we distributed information of interest to young people and youth activism in BiH every day on the network's mailing list (omladina@orctuzla.ba), 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 NOVEMBER 2023

- ❖ Organization of "Days of ALF BiH" in Tuzla on **November 3 and 4**. As part of this, we will hold a meeting with members of the Network from Tuzla, as well as potential new members. We will also play two theater plays:

Friday, November 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m
 Hall "Kaleidoscope" Tuzla
 Co-production „DIS teatar“ Banja Luka
 & City Youth Theater Vitez
 „PAKLENE STRUNE“

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m
 Chamber scene of the Youth Center Tuzla
 „DIS Scena Zvornik“
 „Jutro je pametnije od noći“



Admission to theater performances is free. Welcome!

- ❖ Continuation of work on projects, fundraising...

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF YOUTH NETWORK B&H



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Colorful street of philanthropy: Day of joy and charity in Konjic

In Konjic - the settlement of Trešanica, the **Colorful Street of philanthropy** was held on October 2, where over a hundred students of the First and Second elementary schools, students of the preschool generation of **Zulejh Beget's** kindergarten, and children from the neighboring streets of the city socialized through play and learning. The activities were also attended by the mayor of Konjic, Osman Ćatić.

This unique event was organized as part of the project "Promotion of Philanthropy in Konjic" by the Association "Volunteers and Friends of the Konjic Region" (VIPK), with the support of the Youth Council and the City of Konjic, and aimed to raise public awareness and promote the values of philanthropy and charity in Konjic.

Children participated in numerous workshops on the Colorful Street of Philanthropy: children's games, drawing, coloring and writing messages on the topic of charity, philanthropic challenges, and the last game was tug of war.



Blackbourn – First Primary School, IIIb (third place).

The selection and announcement of the best art works of the students of the First and Second Elementary School Konjic was organized, in which the students of the third grade tried to best depict the given theme, and the three best works were announced and awarded.

The best works were given by the following students: **Merjem Alibegović** – Prva OS, IIIc (first place); **Davud Halilović** – Second Elementary School, III1 (second place); **Mia Mulić**

Diplomas for exceptional effort and artistic talent on the topic of philanthropy and charity went to students - **AHMED MACIĆ** (Second Elementary School Konjic) and **ŠEJLA BARDAKOVIĆ** (First Elementary School Konjic).

Those present could also enjoy an artistic performance about philanthropy by the actors of the "Neretva" Amateur Theater, which tried to educate and entertain children and adults, and to remind them of the importance of helping others.

The colorful street of philanthropy is certainly one of the most beautiful and interesting events that took place in Konjic in the past period. The organizers deserve full praise for this unique event that promoted the values of philanthropy and charity among the youngest.

The children had fun, learned something new and, happy and satisfied with their teachers and parents, set off on new adventures. The volunteers warmly saw them off and handed them sweet packages.

The colorful street of philanthropy is an event that is equally important for children and adults. Children learn about the importance of philanthropy and charity, while adults have the opportunity to remind themselves of the importance of helping others.

We have known for a long time, but today's event is proof that Konjic is full of small and large philanthropists.



PHOTO-ALBUM OF EVENT - see on the page [Udruženja VIPK – here](#)

The project is supported by the Government of the United States of America through the USAID BiH activity The power of the local - Our community is our responsibility, in cooperation with [Tuzla Community Foundation](#).



Konjic paid tribute to philanthropists

In Konjic, on October 6, 2023, a Gala evening of philanthropy was held in the cinema hall of the National University.

The goal of this evening was to acknowledge and thank philanthropists who, through their actions, beautified and made the lives of many people in Konjic better.



An artistic performance on the theme of charity was staged at the beginning of the ceremony by the young actors of the Amateur Theater "Neretva" Konjic, the song "Embrace this city" was sung by Ajdin Sultić, and the host of the program was Azra Mezit.

The philanthropy gala evening was organized by the [Association "Volunteers and Friends of the Equestrian Region" \(VIPK\)](#) with the support of the Youth Council and the City of Konjic.

Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Konjic, Mirna Habibija-Sultanić, greeted

those present on behalf of the Mayor, Osman Ćatić and the Konjic City Administration, and congratulated all the winners of these important awards.

At the request of Mirsad Čukla's family, their emotional letter of gratitude was read by the President of the Assembly of NGO VIPK, Adis Muhubić.

"The family of the man whose trademark was a smile would like to thank them for the recognition. Thank you friends for appreciating Mirsad's mission in life to do good to people or as he would say "to shine a light on those who come". This recognition is proof that he had someone to shine a light on. Thank you."

At the dinner, "Iskra philanthropy" certificates and recognitions were awarded in several categories.

The gala evening of philanthropy was attended by honored guests, who presented certificates of appreciation and recognition of **sparks of philanthropy**.



The philanthropy gala evening in Konjic was an opportunity to thank those who contributed to the improvement of life in the city through their work and commitment. Philanthropy is important to the community because it helps solve social problems, improve the quality of life and create a better future for all.

The recipients of the award have shown through their actions that philanthropy is important and can make a difference. With their donations, volunteer work and other forms of support, they helped to improve the lives of many people in Konjic.

We will soon bring stories for our readers about the exploits of these good people of Konjic.

The organizers of the philanthropy gala evening expressed their gratitude to all award winners for their noble work. They said that they will continue to support philanthropy as an important form of social engagement in the future and thanked all the donors of the **"Promotion of Philanthropy in Konjic"** project.

The project is supported by the **Government of the United States of America** through the **USAID BiH** activity **The power of the local - Our community is our responsibility**, in cooperation with the **Tuzla Community Foundation**.



CEREMONY VIDEO LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/vipk.konjic/videos/997154864825215>

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UMiD for teaching and professional staff of secondary schools: A story that does not leave anyone indifferent

The third module "**Learn, Think and Act!**" (UMiD) training for teaching and professional staff of secondary schools in BiH is a continuation of the inspiring adventure that 24 motivated professionals engaged in education in Bosnia and Herzegovina embarked on at the beginning of June.

During the third module of UMiD for teaching and professional staff of secondary schools, a great team of participants deepened their understanding of service learning and successfully came up with a common definition of this concept. Through interactive sessions and teamwork, the participants were given a clearer recognition of different approaches to service learning, elements and standards of service learning, but also the connection of these elements with their own curricula.



All previous training modules have contributed to the concrete planning of service learning and empowered participants to apply new methods in their teaching practices, thus contributing to the development of the community and the common good.

As coffee is always a good reason to discuss different topics in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the participants had the opportunity to socialize with the Institute's general director, **Jasmin Bešić**.

The training program for teaching and professional staff of secondary schools arose from the need to support teachers in the development of competencies needed for planning and implementing experiential learning, and better connections within the educational community. The teaching profession is key to shaping the future of young people, and through this training program, they become change agents who will support the development of their students and the communities in which they work.

Although the **UMiD** training for teaching and professional staff of secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina has been completed with the third module, this does not mean that it is over. In the coming period, the **Institute for Youth Development KULT**, together with this extraordinary group of professionals, will open doors to new opportunities and hopes for better education in Bosnia and Herzegovina through the program of local civic initiatives.



In anticipation of Orange Day - we don't keep quiet about violence!

The Institute for Youth Development KULT organized the event "Meeting the Orange Day" with the aim of awarding symbolic prizes to the winners of the competition for the best artistic and literary works on the topic "Don't be silent about violence!"

This event celebrated not only art and literature, but also the power of youth, the power of creativity and the power of community.

The invitation to submit art and literary works on the topic: "Don't be silent about violence!" was an opportunity for students of primary

and secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina who are thinking about socially beneficial changes and ways to contribute to solving the problem of violence against women and girls and in that way be initiators of positive changes.

This socializing and gathering was completed by a short video that the visitors had the opportunity to watch, which was recorded by a primary school student. The video shows, unfortunately, a very gloomy picture of Bosnian society when it comes to this topic.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT has been pointing out the problem of violence against women and girls for years and every 25th of the month marks the Orange Day - the day of the fight against violence against women and girls. Through various campaigns and activities, the Institute informs the public about the presence of violence against women and girls, educates young people about gender equality and the rights of women and girls in society, as well as ways to report and prevent violence, and advocates the best solutions to stop or reduce violence against women and girls.

The event "**Meeting the Orange Day**" was an opportunity to jointly raise awareness about the importance of opposing all forms of violence. The Institute strives to promote the steps it is taking to make our community a safer place for all of us.



With local success stories to motivation, new ideas and networking

The two-day NGO Meet Up entitled "**Local success stories - It is possible!**" brought numerous new acquaintances, opportunities for networking, motivation and new ideas for the progress of civil society organizations. The event was attended by around 50 representatives of non-governmental organizations from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, who shared their thoughts and experiences, along with discussions



with motivating panelists whose organizations are making significant positive changes in the community today.

The event opened with words of welcome - an address by the representative of the USAID Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Karl Wurster**, and the executive director of the KULT Institute for Youth Development, **Ajka Rovčanin**. In a relaxed atmosphere, the participants talked to the panelists of the first panel called "Stories from our environment". **Ines Kavalec**, director of the Service Center "**Give us a chance!**", **Naida Kokić**, representative of the "**Source of Hope**" organization, and **Samir Mahmić**, representative of the Institute for Youth Development **KULT**, brought very connected life and organizational stories, but also challenges, to the participants. During the second panel entitled "**Investing in the development of youth entrepreneurship: profit or cost**", the participants talked with **Adela Ramić**, representative of **Mozaik StaruUp** studio and **Senajid Đoza**, director of the **Impakt Foundation**, and the final message of the panel is that entrepreneurship is still a pledge for the future and that supporting young people can really bring changes in society!

After the panel, the participants had the opportunity to visit the premises of the "**Source of Hope**" Foundation and witness another positive idea of supporting the growth and development of young people, through fostering education and an integrative approach to knowledge transfer.

The second day of the event started with a meeting with **Lana Novalić**, representative of **Balkantina**, with whom the participants discussed the importance of cooperation between the business sector and non-governmental organizations.

The event ended with a visit to the **Center for Education and Training Nahla** and socializing with its employees.





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Project: "All the ideals in the world are not worth the tears of one child"

Ministry of Labour, Social Policy and Refugees of ZDK CANTON

Our association was formed with the aim of providing assistance and creating better conditions for children's education and life. We want to help children and young people to be in focus, to advocate for their rights themselves and to make their voice heard. Every child has the right to life, health and the development of their potential.

The project activities that we will carry out are primarily 12 workshops with the students of our school, which will be accompanied by the creation of panels, artistic and literary works. All these workshops will be organized by professional staff. The formal academy will be held in the school's gymnasium on November 20. In addition to the appropriate program dedicated to Children's Day, workshops will be presented, panels made by students about children's rights. As part of the project activities, two group visits of children to the Book Fair in Sarajevo and a visit to a theater performance will be organized.

Educational workshops are focused on children and young people raising their voices on important issues for their generation, such as education, discrimination, violence, and calling on adults to react. The aim and purpose of the project is for children and young people to have a different perspective from adults and to bring new and creative solutions to the problems they have to deal with growing up. The role of children and young people is one of the foundations of civil society. Our association is responsible in working with them as partners and initiators of change. In addition to the rights guaranteed by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, it is very important to create the conditions for the voice of children and young people to be heard and respected. An important segment of our activity is to monitor children's health, support all activities that contribute to improving the health and life of children and young people. On the occasion of World Children's Day, our association, whose members are mostly educators, supports the activities of children and young people. We make ourselves available and support children and young people to talk about their problems and needs. We strive to help their opinions be better heard and to inspire them with good practices for the engagement of children as advocates and creators of solutions.





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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 talked about autumn and worked with materials from nature such as leaves, branches and cones and made interesting creations and life forms. The youngest participants enjoyed the creative part and modeling fun objects. The group continued with music workshops, practicing rhythms and repeating songs learned in the previous months. Participants continued to learn and write numbers; this month they learned to write numbers up to 19. They did warm-up exercises and yoga for children, and every Thursday they danced, played sports and practiced reading and listening to stories. 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: peace, democracy, mental health and social networks. 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 gradually resumed their practice routine and re-engaged with the musical material they had previously covered during the guitar workshops. Participants are also introduced to new musical materials (etudes, songs, scales, solos, etc.).



Samba workshops



Two international volunteers, Simon and Jonathan, attended this month's workshop. As they both play trombones, it was a lot of work but also fun when including these two instruments in already written compositions. Also, as of this month, we have three new but unfinished compositions (Dying Sun and two as yet untitled compositions).



European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages is an initiative for the promotion of language learning, launched by the Council of Europe in 2001 in cooperation with the European Commission. Since then, this day has been celebrated throughout Europe every year on September 26. Youth organization Svitac symbolically marked this day! We made a beautiful tree with our youngest participants and wrote the word "happiness" in more than 25 languages! Our international and local volunteers also helped to teach 10 words in English – big/small, quiet/loud, slow/fast, young/old, day/night. This workshop was a lot of fun for our youngest - they really liked decorating the "Happiness Tree" and cutting out speech bubbles. International volunteers Yasmine, Noama, Simon and Jonathan were also invited to the gymnasium for a presentation on languages, prepared by the students of this school.

"Language is not just words. It is the culture, the tradition, the unification of the community, the whole history that creates what the community is. Everything is embodied in language." - Noam Chomsky



International Children's Day

Youth organization Svitac marked International Children's Day with a creative and interactive workshop for participants up to seven years old. The participants watched a video about children's rights such as the right to education, family life, health, play, etc. In the creative part, they colored a paper chain in the symbolic shape of happy children, and local and international volunteers made a heart-shaped motivational message for them written in English and B/H/S, which says "I have the right to be a child"!



World Food Day

We talked with our youngest participants about the healthy food pyramid, and we were positively surprised by how much they knew! After countless examples about fruits, vegetables, cereals, sweets, and the task on the worksheet, we treated ourselves to apples, carrots and bananas. World Food Day is celebrated every year on October 16, encouraging action for the future of food, people and the environment, and awareness of hunger. In 1979, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) declared October 16 as World Food Day.



International Day of Nonviolence

The International Day of Nonviolence is celebrated on October 2, the day Mahatma Gandhi was born, one of the leaders of the Indian independence movement and the originator of the philosophy and strategy of nonviolent resistance. Youth organization Svitac symbolically marked this day with participants 4+ at a creative workshop. We started the workshop with our youngest by talking about violence in general, and they watched an educational video adapted to their age. The video talked about how to fight against peer violence and how to develop empathy. Together with local and international volunteers, the group also created a cute scarecrow that has super powers, fights against bad people and violence and helps children.



World Values Day



World Values Day is an annual campaign to increase awareness and practice of values around the world. Values are what is most important to us. They motivate and guide us and they are the reason we do the things we do. The youngest participants of the Svitac Youth Organization marked this day at an interesting workshop. In the first part, we talked with them about some basic values such as friendship, honesty, kindness, knowledge, learning, love, loyalty, peace, self-respect and wisdom. After that they made flowers out of paper, on which these words were written.

We ended the workshop by taking photos and playing in the park, and enjoying the beautiful weather and sunshine.

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



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Conference „Kazani: Thirty Years Later“

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the murder of Sarajevo citizens in Kazani near Trebević, the Association for Social Research and Communications (UDIK) in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation BiH (FES) and the Civil Peace Service Forum of BiH (forumZFD) organized on Friday October 27 a conference that aimed to contribute to the development of a culture of memory and peace building through the perception of memorialization in Kazan, whose example would help young people, political structures and activists to more easily cope with the problems of memorialization in their community. The conference was attended by young people, local politicians, journalists, the academic community, the non-governmental sector, and victims' families. Sarajevo was chosen as the location of the event, as the environment where the crimes took place; but also as a place of coexistence between different ethnic groups.



Civic initiative for remembrance and commemoration



GISK

In order to continue to promote the active role of young people in society, as well as the importance of cooperation between the governmental and non-governmental sectors, UDIK launched a network called the Citizens' Initiative for Remembrance and Commemorations (GISK). The goal of this initiative is joint civil and political engagement in the culture of memory, increasing social cohesion and diversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Be part of our initiative and contribute to a better coexistence in your environment with your engagement. Send applications to e-mail:

prijava.gisk@gmail.com.

In October, UDIK continued the implementation of project activities, which include, among other things, tours of local places of remembrance, as well as the preparation of a study on which experts engaged in the project are working.



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Humanitarian organization “Partner” implements „Learn to Assist” project

Training for workers, support for users

The main activities of the project are workshops, two groups of workshops. The first group are peer support workshops for our users, and the second group of workshops are training workshops for caregivers/personal assistants

The humanitarian organization "Partner" with the financial support of the City of Banja Luka implements the "Learn to Assist" project. The main activities of the project are workshops, two groups of workshops.



The first group is peer support workshops for our users (people with disabilities and old and frail people) led by **Ivo Matošević**, our prominent member and activist. We can say that the basis of these workshops is to listen, understand and try to help those who are in a state of need. The aim of the workshops is to improve the quality of life of our users.

„Through these workshops, our users present their problems that they face in their everyday life, and I undertake as an obligation to advocate for the solution of these problems. The most common problems faced by our users are architectural barriers, as well as financial problems, because the finances they receive are not enough to finance their monthly obligations.” said Matošević and reminded that during his activist and humanitarian work he solved a large number of such problems, helped those in a state of need to overcome some financial difficulties, exercise some of their rights that they didn't even know they had, and the like.

As part of the "Learn to Assist" project, four workshops were held for users of the services of the Humanitarian Organization "Partner", and one workshop was held for patients of the Institute for Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Orthopedic Surgery "Dr. Miroslav Zotović" in Banjaluka.

The second group of workshops are training workshops for caregivers/personal assistants intended for our workers - personal assistants/caregivers who have started doing this work and have not received training. The aim of the training through eight workshops is to first of all acquire practical skills that will be useful to workers in their daily work.

"The practical part of the training was conducted by occupational therapists and physiotherapists. The practical part included the way of dealing with people with different forms of disability - performing transfers from and to the bed, to the car, handling orthopedic aids, explaining the differences between mechanical and electric wheelchairs, taking a protective position... Also, the workers received basic practical and theoretical information that should facilitate their work with blind people, for which it turned out that there is a significant need, taking into account the number of our users who are blind and partially sighted people" they state from the humanitarian organization "Partner" and remind that "Partner" in cooperation with JU "Centar for social work" Banja Luka has been providing personal assistance services for people with disabilities since 2007, and home assistance for the elderly since 2013. For the purpose of providing these services, the Organization has 36 employed personal assistants/caregivers who provide services for 31 users of personal assistance and 75 users of home help.



Ljiljana Mandić is a caregiver/personal assistant who has undergone this training. Ljiljana emphasizes that the practical skills and theoretical knowledge she had the opportunity to hear and see are very helpful for her future work.

"Every day I am in the field and face different situations, and no matter how much we learn to do something routinely, it is good to hear from experts and see how it is correct and how best to act in a certain situation, in order to protect both ourselves and the user," he points out. Ljiljana.

In addition to acquiring practical skills for working with people with disabilities and the elderly and infirm, another important segment is the provision of psychological support to caregivers and personal assistants, so two workshops were dedicated to psychological support and mental health. We recognized that it is important to empower workers to understand the essence of their vocation and work, to approach users with empathy, without pity, with respect and appreciation, to learn how to listen and be supportive, but also to clearly define their professional boundaries.

The project "Learn to assist" is implemented in the period from July 1, 2023. until November 30, 2023 and financial support for the implementation of the project was provided by the City of Banja Luka.

INFO / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DONORS / CALLS

1. USAID/INSPIRE: Support for the activities of the LGBTIQ community in BiH

PUBLIC CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Call label:	20.04.0-N2.3-9107
Name of the Call:	Support for the activities of the LGBTIQ community in BiH
Call publication date:	October 24, 2023
Deadline for submitting project proposals:	November 19, 2023, until 23:59

Public call for submission of project proposals

Through the Support Program for the Protection of Human Rights (USAID/INSPIRE), the American Agency for International Development (USAID) empowers citizens and authorities in BiH to improve the protection of human rights and provide better services and employment opportunities to marginalized groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Marginalized groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina face great challenges. That is why it is crucial to continuously provide support to those in need, including members of the LGBTIQ community.

USAID/INSPIRE invites non-governmental organizations registered in Bosnia and Herzegovina (associations and foundations established according to the laws on associations and foundations in BiH) to submit their project proposals within the component for providing support to the activities of the LGBTIQ community in BiH.

Public institutions, government institutions, economic societies, religious organizations, political entities, as well as international non-governmental organizations that do not have their representative office registered in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the laws on associations and foundations in BiH cannot apply for the Public Call.

Organizations that were selected according to the last published Public Call 20.04.0-N2.3-6949 cannot apply to this Public Call.

All project activities must be realized in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Project proposals can be submitted for the entire or partial amount of funds needed for the implementation of the nominated project. The amount of the proposed administrative part of the budget (salaries, contributions, taxes, overhead and office expenses) cannot amount to more than 40% of the total budget.

The minimum amount of funds requested from USAID/INSPIRE cannot be less than 50,000 BAM, and the maximum amount of funds requested cannot exceed 150,000 BAM. The duration of the project cannot be shorter than 12 months or longer than 17 months.

All questions regarding this public call should be submitted exclusively via the e-mail address: application@usaidinspire.ba (subject/subject: 20.04.0-N2.3-9107, Inquiry) until 8 November 2023. years. On Friday, November 3, 2023, starting at 11:00 a.m., an online info session related to Public Call 20.04.0-N2.3-9107, Support for LGBTIQ community activities in BiH will be held. The link to attend the online info session is here: <https://s.usaidinspire.ba/infosesijaLGBTIQ>

The full text of the Public Call as well as all the necessary forms are available on the online grant management platform APPLY at the link: <https://s.usaidinspire.ba/JPLGBT24>

Applicants are requested to 19.11. 2023 by 11:59 p.m. submit a draft project proposal in electronic form, with all required attachments, after registering as an organization on the online grant management platform APPLY. As part of the application, they should fill in all the information about their organization and select the component to which they are applying within the USAID/INSPIRE program, after which they will immediately receive an automatic e-mail as a confirmation of receipt of the application. Draft project proposals that are not submitted in the specified manner and by the specified deadline will not be considered.

Note: All potential applicants should access the registration on the online grant management platform APPLY as soon as possible, in order to familiarize themselves with the conditions and technical settings of the application, via the link: <https://s.usaidinspire.ba/apply>. Please save that link to your bookmarks if you intend to apply to USAID/INSPIRE now or in the future, and you can find detailed instructions on the registration process at the link: <https://s.usaidinspire.ba/applyti>

Applicants are requested to carefully read the text of the Public Call before starting the application process and before submitting their project proposal.

You can download the full text of the public call in PDF format at this link: https://kult.smapply.io/protected/r/FkmBTc_C-GJ6iD28zx8OmGt9aaA1UsJakkvTqKa2iWeakGipTrUVdsEIM8nBdVakZso6jaLynYdXOX8jxIOHhA==/USAID_INSPIRE_RfA_LGBTQI_FY4_puni_tekst.pdf

2. Aquarius is hiring - JOB COMPETITION - Content creator

Who are we?

Aquarius Banja Luka is the longest-standing and most successful full-service advertising company in the country, founded way back in 1993. In our three decades of existence, we have created countless campaigns, events, TV spots, websites for local, regional and global clients.

From telecommunications and auto industry through EU projects and IT giants to FMCG and real estate segments, we have done everything!

Over the years, we have also developed our own side-projects such as Demofest and the award-winning prime-time series Hotel Balkan, Meso, Kostić and (coming soon) Koža.

Who are we looking for?

An experienced content creator who will play a key role in shaping our clients' digital presence and telling their unique stories on digital channels.

Key Responsibilities:

- communication with clients,
- close cooperation with the agency team,
- creating analyzes and performance strategies on digital communication channels,
- coming up with ideas and creating content for digital communication channels, including creating photo and video materials for content needs on social networks,



- active monitoring of trends, algorithm updates and best practices for each social network,
- communication with followers and cooperation with influencers,
- reporting on achieved results.

Qualifications:

- proven experience in content creation, ideally in an agency or similar environment,
- skills in using content creation tools and software,
- experience in recording and editing videos for Instagram and TikTok,
- excellent written and oral communication skills, and knowledge of the English language,
- creativity and ability to think outside the box,
- strong project management and organizational skills,
- knowledge of trends in social networks and requirements specific to each platform,
- a passion for storytelling and the ability to adapt content to different industries,
- desire for growth and development with the Agency.

In addition to 4 working days a week, they expect a stable income and an opportunity for advancement, but also the possibility to work with some of the most important BiH brands and foreign clients, together with a team of over 50 of the best experts and creatives.

Send your application to office@aquarius.ba or via the form below, no later than November 16, 2023.

In addition to the CV, the application should contain a portfolio with links to the social networks of your previous clients with a clearly stated period in which you created content for them.

More information: <https://aquarius.ba/konkurs-za-posao-content-creator>

3. Apply for the French Government Scholarships for 2024

Choose from 3,500 public and private higher education institutions throughout France and obtain a degree issued by the French state and recognized worldwide.

With 400,000 international students from all five continents in 2022, France ranks among the top five countries for the number of foreign students in the world. Choose from 3,500 public and private higher education institutions throughout France and obtain a degree issued by the French state and recognized worldwide.

Every year, the French government awards study scholarships (master's and doctorate) as well as scholarships for short scientific and research stays in order to support the mobility of Bosnian students to France. Competition for scholarships for the academic year 2024/2025. It is intended for all students from Bosnia and Herzegovina who have achieved good results during their studies and are interested in continuing their studies in France.

We ask all interested students to carefully read the competition text for each category. The deadline for sending applications is December 22, 2023 at 12:00 (noon).

To increase your chances of being selected and to make the most of your stay in France, learn the basics of the French language or improve your knowledge in group or individual French lessons at a French institute. Find more information [here](#).

For any additional information, you can contact the Campus France offices:

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Additional information and forms

- [Master's scholarship competition](#)
- [Application form Master](#)
- [PHD scholarship competition](#)
- [Application form PHD](#)
- [Competition for short scientific research stays](#)
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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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