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## Dear friends,

We present to you the **February** issue (number **297**) of the monthly 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 youth and NGO sector (donor calls for projects, conferences, seminars, tuition fees, scholarships, etc.).

If you want to be on the mailing list for the next editions of the monthly bulletin, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact us. The monthly informative Bulletin, as well as the archive of previous editions can be found on the website of the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

[www.orctuzla.ba](http://www.orctuzla.ba)



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## ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY



### International training in Palermo, Italy

The first week of February, our **Suzana Dušanić** spent in sunny Palermo, Italy, at an international training within the **EU-CARES** project, focused on addressing collective trauma and supporting the process of reconciliation among young people from countries affected by the war using storytelling techniques that encourage active participation, constructive dialogue and critical thinking.

Participants had the opportunity to test different and interactive storytelling techniques, processed in eToolkit that will be published after the project. In the coming period, workshops in eight partner countries await you, where young people from different communities will have the opportunity to independently test prepared techniques.



### CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

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 do not follow our cats – we invite you to do so at:

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



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poslušnu rodbinu i  
prijatelje, pa više nemaš  
koga uvaliti na budžet:







## "When little hands agree" – Youth group ORC Tuzla

As a break from learning and exams, our volunteers used to meet and socialize on February 16, 2024 and talk in more detail about potential activities and initiatives of the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla.

In addition to planning activities, they discussed more active participation in activities and projects of local organizations in Tuzla, and showing support to activists.

Expect interesting activities and innovative projects of our young activists in the coming period!



## MIRAI 2023/24 Visit to Japan on peacebuilding

13 MIRAI participants of the "Peacebuilding Group" from the Western Balkan countries and a representative of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), a partner organization of the MIRAI program-Western Balkans, successfully completed the exchange program in Japan from 14 to 20 February 2024, including our **Own Suzana Dušanić**.

On their first day in Japan, they received a briefing on the "Western Balkans Cooperation Initiative" by the Deputy Director of the Department for Central and South Eastern Europe, the Bureau for European Affairs at the Ministry of



Foreign Affairs At JICA, they learned about their dedicated support to peacebuilding around the world and in the Western Balkans. In Hiroshima, they plunged into the reality of the atomic bombing and the trajectory of reconstruction, and visited the Miyajima World Heritage Site. They also had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture through the experience of Japanese calligraphy.

MIRAI participants fostered mutual understanding through intellectual exchange and discussion of diversity and inclusivity in today's education and its achievement with students of Sofia University under the guidance of Professor Komatsu Taro. Thus, mirai participants gained insight and got acquainted with the topic of peacebuilding. In addition to the expert area, they enjoyed the Area of Asakus.

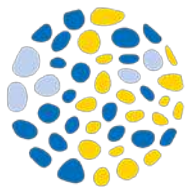


On the last day, they attended a joint reporting session with MIRAI "Science and Technology Group" about their discoveries and acquired knowledge in Japan and action plans at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Together, they made a visit to parliamentary Deputy Foreign Minister **Mr Fukazawa Yoichi**.



**Mrs. Akiyama Mari**, Director of the European Policy Department, Director of the European Affairs Bureau, gave kind comments on their presentations. Before the end of the session, **Ms. Kobayashi Hikari**, Director of the Youth Exchange Department at the Department of International Exchange of the Japan Center for International Cooperation (JICE) presented the participants with THE MIRAI JICE certificates.





# Anna Lindh Fondacija Bosanskohercegovačka mreža



## On-line meeting of ALF Head of networks

On February 15, the ALF held its first online meeting of Head of Networks (HoN) for 2024. The event brought together heads of civil society networks and representatives from 42 Euro-Mediterranean countries, where they participated in constructive and fruitful discussions on the Network Engagement Scheme (NES), and the ALF shared its public policy work packages.



## Conference "Misinformation and Malignant Foreign Influence" in Sarajevo



At the end of February, our **Mirela Biković and Slobodan Blagovčanin** decided to mark with an expert conference organized by BIRN BiH. During the conference and panel discussions, the topic of the importance of recognizing disinformation and the malign influence of Russia on Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region was discussed. Prominent speakers were:

**Denis Džidić, Neil Kavanagh**, British Embassy Sarajevo, **Yaroslav Simonov**, Embassy of Ukraine to BiH, **Predrag Kojović, Sead Turčalo, Siniša Vukelić, Marko Drajić, Ledion Krisafi, Mzroslava Markova, Viktoriia Romaniuk, Ivan Fischer and Marija Ćosić.**

Thanks again to BIRN BiH for the invitation.



## Festival of Peace in Vitez

Our volunteer **Asja Suljić** participated in the Festival of Peace in Vitez from February 22 to 26, organized by the Center for Post-Conflict Research. During the 4 days of the multimedia-educational program, the topics of minority rights, cultural and religious diversity of the city of Travnik and the importance of encouraging peace and coexistence within different communities are included.



## REGULAR ACTIVITIES ORC AND HCA TUZLA

During February, we worked on the maintenance and development of communications and coordination within the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina ([www.orctuzla.ba](http://www.orctuzla.ba)). Within that, we distributed information interesting for young people and youth activism in BiH on a daily basis on the mailing list ([omladina@orctuzla.ba](mailto: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 BiH. Also, our project team continued to apply for projects.

## HCA/ORC PLANS FOR MARCH 2024

- ❖ Preparation and implementation of joint activities within the ALF BH Network – "ALF Days" in Banja Luka;
- ❖ Preparation and maintenance of on-line education of members of the ALF network of BiH within the call ALF – ALF in motion"
- ❖ Preparations of a group of young people to go to Niksic, within the partnership project "Bedem fest"
- ❖ Continuing to work on projects, fundraising...



## ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH NETWORK OF BIH



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### Daily workshops

The youth organization Firefly continued with daily interactive and online activities. The younger participants did creative and age-appropriate educational things, with the help of local and international volunteers. This month they talked about friendship, desert and polar animals, the term "camouflage", and why the fur of polar animals is white. The youngest participants enjoyed the creative part and modeling of fun objects (e.g. mini theater scene, peacocks, migratory birds and aliens made of colorful decorative paper, feathers and wooden sticks). The group



continued with music workshops, rehearsing rhythms and songs. Participants continued to learn Latin by practicing writing the letters E, F, G, H, I and J. They did warm-up exercises and yoga for children, and



every Thursday they danced, played sports, and practiced attention and concentration by reading and listening to stories (Peter Pan, The Little Mermaid and The Emperor's New Clothes). In english, german and turkish language workshops, they learned words related to hobbies, school equipment, winter clothes, playground and sports. The aim 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.

Age 13+ participated in discussions/workshops on the topics: cultural diversity, friendships, alternative education (Waldorf, Montessori schools), and the impact of influencers on young people. In this way we want provide young people with a safe and neutral space, in which they can speak their minds.

In 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

Participants continued to rehearse scales, arpeggios, chords and cadences in multiple tonalities and bass lines in different genres.



## Samba workshops

The group continued to work on a new musical idea and rehearse compositions from the past period.



## Music workshops (younger group)

The participants started working on a new rhythmic idea and continued to rehearse the composition they had been working on for the previous two months.



## International Mother Language Day

On February 21st, the International Mother Language Day was celebrated by the Youth Organization Svitac. First announced by the UNESCO Foundation more than 20 years ago, Mother Language Day aims to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. For our Mother Language Day activity, our team decided to make a poster showing different jobs written in English and b/h/s. This activity aimed to create useful associations and similarities between languages through drawing, learning and playing. The youngest participants started by coloring people of different professions. After that, we made a poster, using a balloon, and we wrote certain words. The choice to use people and professions not only engaged participants, but also allowed them to create positive associations between professions



and languages. Our team and participants had fun during this activity, and the poster was full of beautiful drawings.



## World Day of Social Justice

In 2007, the General Assembly proclaimed 20 February as the World Day of Social Justice, inviting member states to dedicate this day to promoting national activities in accordance with the objectives of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.



The youth organization Svitic also marked this day with interactive workshops. We talked to our participants about the concept of justice/injustice, and we talked about different societies and cultures. Especially with the youngest we talked about honesty and friendship. We also made a poster with symbolic messages. Older participants discussed trolling (deliberately presenting inaccurate data, insulting, interfering with communication) on social networks/internet based on racial nationality or economic status. With this discussion, we wanted to encourage young people to talk about this topic and to oppose injustice in every segment of life.

For March, the continuation of all activities of the Youth Organization Fireflies is planned.



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## Inclusion of young people through sports bridges: Project of the Association 'Dijamant' from Jajce and 'Centre for Rural Development – SEE'



# SPORTSKI MOSTOVI ZA INKLUZIJU MLADIH



The team for the implementation of planned project activities in the previous period implemented a session of educational, creative, entertainment and sports activities.

In addition to online education on inclusion, project activities provide young people with education on healthy lifestyles and physical activity. The organization of creative and sports tournaments in volleyball and indoor football includes teams composed of young people from both countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina - Jajce and North Macedonia - Struga, and the partner is

the struga rural development center, with the aim of emphasizing international friendship and sports cooperation. Young people also have the opportunity to get acquainted with different cultures and traditions, which will enable a better understanding of diversity and strengthening links among young people. During the activities of sports matches, young people from Macedonia will visit Jajce - BiH, which will further strengthen international cooperation and understanding.





Young people are preparing for sports activities i.e. International tournament in Jajce, and is planned for April 27, 2024 through online and offline training. Online platforms allow you to share video training skill and exercises, so that everyone is involved, regardless of location. Online workshops will connect sports activities with discussions and projects, where young people will work together on topics that promote inclusion, tolerance and diversity.

Through its planned activities, the project brings together young people from different countries through educational, sports, recreational and entertainment activities and other initiatives, in order to promote social inclusion, diversity and international friendship. Young people from both associations are connected through online sessions in order to get to know each other, exchange information about their interests and form teams for joint work and prepare for the upcoming meeting in Jajce.



**This activity received support through RYCO's recently published open call for CSO project proposals entitled "RYCOnnecting You(th)".**



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## Institutional youth care is a priority of another local self-government in the Una-Sana Canton: The City of Cazin creates a youth strategy

The research on the position and needs of the youth of the city of Cazin was done by the Institute for Youth Development KULT in partnership with **the Youth Council of the City of Cazin**, and the results and analysis of the research will be the basis of the development of the first strategic document for young people in Cazin.

Young people make up 23.3% of the population in the city of Cazin, which makes this local self-government one of the communities with the largest share of young people. The city of Cazin is one of the most developed communities in the Una-Sana Canton, but also in BiH, and in the past period there has been a significant relationship and support to youth work, through support to the Youth Council or projects for youth in the local community. In addition, the City of Cazin supports young people through the award of scholarships and other subsidies in the field of education, employment and sports.

By developing a strategy towards youth and conducting research on the position and needs of young people, the City of Cazin has opted for improving programs for young people that respond to the needs of this population.

Young people have a significant role in the process of drafting the document, in addition to the institutions of government and the City Administration, and their participation in the working groups will be presented through the representative of the Youth Council of the City of Cazin. Youth participation will be ensured through various formats of events in the coming period, about which young people will be informed through communication channels of the City and the Youth Council.

The Youth Strategy of the City of Cazin will cover all relevant areas for young people such as education, employment, security, social and health care, sports and culture, as well as activism, volunteerism, information and participation of young people in decision-making.





## Young people from Sweden ended a two-week study visit to BiH overwhelmed with positive impressions

That the mobility of young people for the purpose of learning and understanding different topics in practice really makes sense was confirmed by a group of students from Global College High School in Stockholm, who spent the previous two weeks researching different aspects of Bosnian society.

Global College high school is attended by about 700 students studying in social sciences, arts, economics, and natural sciences programs. The school has experience working on global issues with a focus on human rights and sustainability issues. As part of the final year, young Swedes attending this prestigious educational institution go on a study visit to the selected country, and during their two-week stay explore the different contexts of the country in which they reside. The study visit takes place with the intention of meeting young people and talking to local actors in order to get different perspectives, and to write their final (graduation) thesis based on experience.

Institute for Youth Development KULT, in partnership with Global College, has been diligently preparing and planning a study visit since the middle of last year, which enabled 28 young Swedes who have chosen BiH as a country to visit, meet and talk with local institutions, organizations, citizens and citizens in order to get different perspectives on geographical, social, I would like to see the economic and political context.



Hardworking and well-prepared young people have spent the past two weeks, divided into thematic groups, among other things, researching important topics such as the position of women in BiH. society, the position of minorities, the position and opportunities for young people especially in terms of education and opportunities in the labor market, as well as public spaces and historical narratives.

The visit was complemented by a meeting with the newly appointed Ambassador of Sweden to BiH, H.E. Helena Lagerlöf and the Head of the Department for Development Cooperation of the Embassy of Sweden in BiH, Mrs. Eva Smedberg, who gave students a broader picture of the support that Sweden has been providing for decades back to BiH through various development programs.

Before returning to Sweden, young people had the opportunity to reflect on the overall experience, where they assessed it as really valuable and important, not only in the context of research for graduation work, but also in the context of, as they stated, warmth, friendliness, motivation, as well as individual and collective efforts by which individuals, citizens, citizens and organizations tirelessly fight for new opportunities, better position and rights of specific categories in society.

## Through orange lens: Annual report for 2023

Violence against women and girls represents a gross violation of basic human rights and discrimination and is a widespread social problem in all countries of the world, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, unfortunately, is no exception. Our country was the sixth country to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, also known as the Istanbul Convention, in order to combat and prevent any form of gender-based violence.



With the aim of raising awareness and taking action to end violence against women and girls, the United Nations Secretary-General's 2030 campaign to end violence against women (UNiTE campaign) declared every 25th of each month as Orange Day. As a bright and optimistic color, orange represents a future free of violence against women and girls.

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 Orange Day. More than 539 participants joined the efforts of the Institute for Youth Development KULT for the prevention of violence against women and girls in 2023, through participation in 12 different activities and campaigns.

Thirteen domestic and foreign NGOs, as well as sixteen domestic and foreign institutions of government and institutions joined the activities.

Full report on activities aimed at preventing and preventing violence against women and girls in 2023 see [HERE](#).

The Institute continues to celebrate Orange Day in 2024, and if you want to join us, please contact us via e-mail: [razija.zukanovic@mladi.org](mailto:razija.zukanovic@mladi.org).



# INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DONORS / CALLS

## 1. ACTION: FILMS FOR FUTURE! – PUBLIC CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF SHORT DOCUMENTARIES

**Documentary film competition with young people for environmental protection and environmental change**

Title: Films for the Future! The Institut français and the Goethe-Institut, in cooperation with 16. Telemach Youth Film Festival Sarajevo organizes a competition of ideas on environmental protection and environmental change for young filmmakers in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Students from BiH aged 14 to 18 can apply until April 1 by sending a short documentary (1-5 minutes) that draws attention to environmental problems in their city and presents ways of solving problems. The competition is funded by the Franco-German Cultural Fund.

The authors of the **best 12-15 films** will be invited to a **3-day workshop at the end of April** with **documentarians and representatives of environmental organizations** from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and France, where they will deal with the topic of environment, protection and environmental changes and learn the basics of filmmaking. At the end of the workshop, the participants present their scripts, of which 5 are selected for implementation and receive a subsidy for the production of a short documentary film.

Short documentaries will be produced as school projects under the guidance of local filmmakers and mentors **until the end of June**. All films will be presented at **the 16th International Film Festival. Telemach Youth Film Festival Sarajevo** in **July 2024**

### Culture and environmental change

ACTION: FILMS FOR THE FUTURE! aims to raise awareness of young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina about the consequences of environmental pollution and climate change and the importance of environmental protection for the future of their country and the entire planet through cultural education. By documenting the environmental problems on film, they are contributing to environmental protection and calling on viewers to take action. In addition, the project serves to promote young filmmakers and to publish the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Submit your application, which includes a short film shot by phone or camera lasting 1 to 5 minutes (sent as a WeTransfer link) and a document with your name, surname, date of birth, place of residence and synopsis of a film of up to 500 characters **until April 1 (23:59)** with the subject "**ACTION: FILMS FOR THE FUTURE – Application**" to the [bewerbungen-sarajevo@goethe.de](mailto:bewerbungen-sarajevo@goethe.de)

If you have any further questions about the public call, please contact Ayla Korajac: [ayla.korajac@goethe.ba](mailto:ayla.korajac@goethe.ba)



## 2. New cycle of the Public Call for participation in the IMPACT Accelerator in the area of Tuzla Canton

Do you want your business to grow? We are opening a new cycle of the Public Call for participation in the IMPAKT Accelerator in the Tuzla Canton – a program that will bring a new dimension of success to your business.



Through an intensive support program, we will connect you with top experts, mentors and investors.

You will get the opportunity to develop your idea, advance your business model and access to capital. Our goal is your success! Do not miss the opportunity to learn from the best in the profession, to have access to business networks and services that can take your business to the next level!

Sign up today, and read more information at

<https://bit.ly/3V3nlnv> And <https://impact.ba/impact-akcelerator/>

The IMPACT Accelerator is carried out in cooperation with [the Ministry of Economy of Tuzla Canton](#).

### 3. Public call for allocation of funds from the Budget of the City of Tuzla for 2024 for the support of projects of non-profit organizations.

Through the Department of Culture, Sports, Youth and Social Protection, the City of Tuzla has published a Public Call for allocation of funds from the Budget of the City of Tuzla for 2024 for the support of projects of non-profit organizations, which is open until March 20, 2024.

The full text of the Public Call, with associated forms, can be downloaded at the following links:

[Public call for allocation of financial resources from the Budget of the City of Tuzla for 2024 for the support of projects of non-profit organizations](#)

The subject of the Public Call is the allocation of financial resources from the Budget of the City of Tuzla for 2024 for projects of non-profit organizations from the following grant positions:

1. Grants to non-profit organizations - associations, organizations and foundations
2. Grants for the implementation of the Action Plan for Roma of the City of Tuzla
3. Grant for other national minorities
4. Grants to non-profit organizations - sports
5. Grants for youth projects
6. Grants for the implementation of the Action Plan for Children

Support will be provided for projects of non-profit organizations, which are implemented in priority areas determined by valid strategic documents of the City of Tuzla. The allocation of financial resources will be carried out in accordance with the Methodology for transparent financing of projects of non-profit organizations according to the standards of the European Union – LOD methodology.

#### [Guidelines for applicants](#)

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Department for Culture, Sport, Youth and Social Protection



## 4. TELEMACH Foundation - Public call for proposals for the Regional Grants Program 2024

Telemach Foundation's regional grants program is a platform for supporting the development of local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is primarily intended for financing educational projects and environmental projects in smaller local communities, for which such sources of support are limited.

The applicant is an exclusively registered association or foundation (according to current laws in the Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brčko District, operating in small local communities (up to 50,000 inhabitants). The amount of support per approved project cannot exceed 5,000 KM regardless of the number of partners in the project.

All submitted projects that pass the technical selection will be evaluated by an expert committee in the further process, and in relation to 4 key criteria:

- Changes to which the implementation of the project will contribute (maximum number of points 12)
- Involvement of the local community in the project (maximum number of points 3)
- The area of the project (maximum number of points 2)
- Capacity of the project applicant (maximum number of points 1).

Applications to this Public Call must be submitted exclusively in electronic form, in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Application Package.

More information at:  
<https://telemachfondacija.ba/projekt/program-regionalnih-grantova/>

**The deadline for submission of applications is 19.03.2024. 23:59h.**



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, activity information, job vacancies, appeals for help or support, press releases and all other non-commercial advertisements, you can contact one of the below addresses.

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

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