

Dear friends,

We present to you **the June** issue (number **301**) of the monthly informative Bulletin of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla and the Youth Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

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

If you would like to be on the mailing list for the next editions of the monthly bulletin, 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







ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN JUNE



"YOUTH ACTIVISM FOR CHANGE" IN PODGORICA – MONTENEGRO

In the period from May 31 to June 2 of 2024, in Podgorica, our Mirela Biković and Slobodan Blagovčanin successfully completed the implementation of the three-day training "Youth Activism for Change", organized by ADP Zid Podgorica.

They started with a quiz, learned through examples of good practice, did exercises and energizer games, and created content that changes awareness of important issues for young people in Podgorica.

The training was intended for young volunteers of ZID Podgorica.









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CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina

In June, we continued with our regular activities as part of the "CAT – Bosnia and Herzegovina" initiative.

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

If you still do not follow our cats – we invite you to do so at: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Web Portal</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Youtube channel</u>.

Subjektivni osjećaj kad shvatiš u kakvoj državi živiš, a ne seli ti se nigdje:







Youth Group of ORC Tuzla

This month's meeting of the Youth Group was held on June 22. Despite the rain and thunder, it passed with a lot of laughter and jokes. The new member of the Youth Group, **Vedran Lucic**, was presented with the work done so far, as well as the basic principles of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla. With a pleasant conversation about upcoming projects, we brought this month's meeting to an end, and agreed on the upcoming painting of murals as well as some other gatherings.









7th Festival of Contemporary Women in Tuzla

From June 6 to June 9, Nadina Mehić had the opportunity to volunteer at the 7th Festival of Contemporary Women, organized by Radio Kameleon Tuzla. As part of the festival, she also attended mentoring sessions "How to succeed as an NGO" mentored by Emina Osmanagic (IPDBIH), where she exchanged experiences with other session participants when writing projects and how to interest young people in volunteering and activism, "How to think differently", by Professor Nermina Mujagić (FPN UNSA), as well as "The most concrete about digital marketing", by Željka Gajić (Folder of education BiH).





ORC and volunteering

In June, we also opened a call for volunteers for a three-day mural painting in Tuzla. This project will take place on the **14th Kaleidoscope festival** in cooperation with **the City of Tuzla** in the period **from 25th to 27th July** this year. The mural is being painted in Tuzla, in the park near the **"Bacača disaka"**. For all volunteers, ORC Tuzla will provide food and refreshments for the duration of the painting, as well as thanks for participation.

Sign-up Link

We wish all volunteers and organizers a great time!!



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YML - Youth Media Literacy

A special part of the YML - Youth Media Literacy program, organized by Perpetuum Mobile Banja Luka, were online campaigns. The idea was that in addition to three theoretical modules on the topic of media literacy, young people would have the opportunity to try out the acquired knowledge practically through campaigns that they implemented on social networks. The contest was held in Banja Luka on June 26. The jury agreed that the winning team was the girls from the group "Klik Kritičar", that is, their campaign, whose mentor was Mirela Biković. Congratulations to the girls, as well as their mentor who guided them through this entire process. A team called "Šta se dešava? was mentored by our Slobodan Blagovčanin.





Youth group ORC Tuzla at the Youth Speak Forum



On June 29, members of the Youth Group ORC Tuzla: Adnana Mulalić, Alisa Baralić, Almedina Dulović and Mia Zec with coordinator Nadina Mehić had the opportunity to attend the 10th Youth Group of Tuzla. Youth Speak Forum was organized by AIESEC.

They had the opportunity to listen to the panel discussion "Gender Equality: Youth as Catalysts for Change", which featured speakers by Zerina Mandžo-Čolić (UN WOMEN), Damir Maglajić (Executive Director of the Bit Alliance), Berina Belkić Tepić (Director of the Marketing, CRM and Contact Center Sector at NLB Bank), Dobrila Močević (Prime Communications). As well as a keynote led by influencer Marko Vuletić called "Head through the Wall".









On the way to the 15th Bedem Fest

Online voting is open through which you can vote for your band from the published list of bands from Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the meantime with **ProFuturo Nikšić**, we are eagerly waiting for the young bands that will perform at this year's Bedem Fest.

Online voting for bands runs **from July 1 to July 10 at 11:59 p.m.** We invite you to participate and choose the band you want to see and hear at the Bedem Fest in Nikšić.

You can vote at the following link: https://bedemfest.com/contest/on-the-road-to-15th-bedem-fest/



















REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF ORC AND HCA TUZLA

During June, 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 interesting for young people and youth activism in BiH on a daily basis to the network's mailing list (omladina@orctuzla.ba), as well as 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, educations and other information related to youth activism in BiH. Our project team has also continued to apply for projects.

HCA/ORC PLANS FOR JULY 2024

- ❖ Development of projects of the youth group of the Youth Resource Center
- Continuation of activities within the framework of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian ALF network
- Continued work on projects, fundraising...
- ❖ Participation in mural painting activities in Tuzla. This project will take place on the **14th Kaleidoscope festival** in cooperation with **the City of Tuzla** in the period **from 25th to 27th July.** The mural is being painted in Tuzla, in the park near the "Bacača disaka".

And yes, sign up:

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ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH NETWORK OF BIH



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Daily workshops



The Svitac Youth Organization continued with daily interactive and online activities. Younger participants did creative and educational things adapted to their age, with the help of local and international volunteers. This month, they talked about the human life cycle, plants, ladybugs and bees, and watched informative and educational videos. The youngest participants enjoyed the creative part and modeling of fun objects (e.g. small ladybugs, bees, flowers, spring decorations, various plasticine items). The group continued with music workshops, rehearsing rhythms and songs. The

participants continued learning the Cyrillic alphabet by practicing writing the letters \mathfrak{T} , \mathfrak{E} , \mathfrak{K}

Alice in Wonderland, The Magic Beans). In English, German and Turkish language workshops, they learned words related to family, urban/rural infrastructure, world food and greetings. The goal of these educational activities is for children to develop imagination and to 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 behavior. All workshops are



implemented with an educational visual method with images and video.

Ages 13+ participated in discussions/workshops on the following topics: peace, understanding, cultural diversity, inclusion, solidarity, speaking and lobbying, youth careers, financial management, methods of dealing with difficult situations and pop culture from the USA. In this way, we want to provide young people with a safe and neutral space, in which they can express their opinions.

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 practice scales, arpeggios, chords, and cadences in multiple keys and bass lines in a variety of genres.





In the past period, two new musical ideas have emerged: "Close Enough" and "J.S.Fach. We continued on composing melodic parts for two trombones to existing arrangements.



Music Workshops (Junior Group)

The band continued to work on a new composition of their own (Ready Freddy).



World Parents' Day

Since the 1980s, the international community has become increasingly aware of the importance of the family. The General Assembly adopted a series of resolutions proclaiming the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families. Children should grow up in a family context and in an atmosphere of support, happiness, love and understanding for the full and harmonious development of their individuality.

The Svitac Youth Organization marked this day with the youngest participants by talking about the importance of a safe space with parents and family. Our team of local and international volunteers has prepared an educational and creative workshop with activities of drawing, coloring and creating a house with doors. When the door is opened, a happy family can be seen inside.

The workshop was held in the premises of the Youth Center of Brčko District.



World Environment Day

World Environment Day, also known as "Eco Day", is celebrated every year on June 5. Unfortunately, we are all aware of the side effects of climate change, air pollution and habitat loss for many species, including humans! By marking this day, the United Nations encourages awareness and action to protect the environment.





The Svitac Youth Organization marked this day with the youngest participants. They watched an educational video about ecology in English (adapted to their age) and learned some keywords such as plastic, paper, water, nature, air, pollution. Our volunteers also talked to them about recycling and waste disposal. There were also three boxes with the words paper, plastic and food waste. Their task was to separate the waste into three teams as quickly as possible. The group also created a symbolic poster about the environment.





World Day Against Child Labour

The United Nations celebrates the World Day Against Child Labour every year on June 12. We celebrated this day with a group of 15+. Jonathan, an international volunteer presented this topic through a discussion; What is Child Labor: "Work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and dignity; it is harmful to both physical and mental development." We are all aware of what child labor leads to - economic exploitation and often deprives children of their right to education and health care - restricting their basic rights. One of the participants stated that acting (children in show business) is not considered child labor, so the discussion continued deeper. The group was looking for solutions and ideas on how child labor could be stopped: through education, creating safe spaces, strengthening the law, protests, educating parents and families.



World Refugee Day

June 20 is celebrated as World Refugee Day in an effort to draw attention to the precarious circumstances faced by those forced to flee their homes around the world. We marked this day with ages 8+ and 15+. Jonathan spoke to a group of young people about the history of World Refugee Day, the global agenda for 2024 and the tools that can be used on the issue. The group also discussed finding solutions to the refugee crisis, keeping an open mind and solidarity. Internally displaced persons were another topic of conversation in the group. We also talked about this topic with a group of children aged 8+. The style of the conversation was adapted to their age, and they talked about their experiences about what they had seen on TV or if they had seen refugees in their city. They also expressed their desire to make a colorful poster with the house and the children that surround it, with a symbolic message: "The house should be a safe place for all of us!"

In July, all activities of the Youth Organization Svitac are planned.



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Mentoring for work integration to develop the full potential of an individual for a sustainable labour market



The Institute for Youth Development KULT held an event entitled "Mentoring for Work Integration: Developing the Full Potential of an Individual for a Sustainable Labor Market". The aim of the event was to present the approach of social mentoring - mentoring for work integration, through which it seeks to encourage the development of professional and social skills of marginalized and hard-to-employ young people and thus strengthen the economic sector.

Social mentoring as an innovative approach in the social protection system in Bosnia and Herzegovina offers numerous benefits, and one of them is the creation of a platform and direction for further strengthening institutional support and economic development of local communities. Marginalized and hard-to-employ young

people are an important segment of our society and it is very important to work on equalizing their opportunities in the labor market.

During the events, panels and discussions, various topics were discussed, such as: cross-sectoral partnership approach to encourage employment of marginalized and hard-to-employ groups of young people, mentoring for development and employment, challenges and specific needs of BH. labour market and how social mentoring – mentoring for work integration shapes the labour market and responds to the needs of employers.

"Social mentoring is one of the hands that will hold our society together and make it cohesive. So many things change our society every day, different things happen, but inclusion and integration are the only choice - we have to include all these young people because they have potential. These potentials need to be discovered and connected with employers, and this is the key advantage of this program. In this whole process, their potentials are transformed into tangible results", said Naida Kokić, a representative of the "Source of Hope" Foundation and one of today's panelists.

The event was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT within the project "Social Mentoring of Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina", as part of the regional project "Social Inclusion of Disadvantaged Groups in the Western Balkans (SoRi III)", implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.







Building a strong political image and networking is the way to success in local elections

A group of young politicians, members of various parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina, has begun their training through which they will Learn, Think and Act for a better position of young people in our country.

Through 2024, the Institute is working with 18 young politicians to become active in advocating for Youth issues in the communities where they operate. The first training as part of the training also focused on preparing for the 2024 local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Through training, the Institute wants to support young politicians to build a recognizable and positive image that will allow them to stand out in local elections. Through various workshops and lectures, participants focused on personal communication skills, their own confidence in dialogue, debating and argumentation. In the field of political image, participants will continue to explore branding and strategies for a good election campaign, and how to adequately communicate with the electorate.

UMiD for Youth Political Leaders (UMiDp) is the Institute's program for youth political leaders from 18 to 30 years of age, who come from different political parties and different local communities. Through 15 days of training, young politicians acquire knowledge and skills that help them improve their activities, especially in the field of youth rights. During the training, they have the opportunity to learn theoretically and practically about the political system of BiH and its activities, improve their knowledge for active advocacy for a better position of young people. Through training, they build their political image that is different, more innovative and more peer-friendly.



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New Youth Strategy of the Municipality of Ilidža – Institutional cooperation between the government and young people to development through the realization of jointly defined development interests

The Municipality of Ilidža is an example of a community that continuously takes care of its young people, and expresses its commitment to issues of importance to young people through continuous work on the development of strategic documents. Youth strategies, following the guidelines and practice of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, make it easier for local community authorities to keep the position of young people in focus in a structured, planned and constant way and work on improving their position.

With the signing of the Agreement, the long-term fruitful cooperation between **the Municipality of Ilidža** and **the Institute for Youth Development KULT** continued to improve systemic care for young people and create an environment in the local community that supports young people to reach their full potential.

The Youth Strategy for the period 2025-2029, with the accompanying action plan, will be the fifth strategic document for the youth of the Municipality of Ilidža, which is also the first municipality in Bosnia and Herzegovina to create the first Youth Strategy back in 2006.

"The Institute, with the support of the European Union, will support those communities that are making changes, and the Municipality of Ilidža is an example of a community that does not only infrastructural improvements, but also constant social changes and improvements," said Jasmin Bešić, Director General of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

The opportunity for the Institute for Youth Development KULT to support the Municipality of Ilidža in the development of a youth strategy was provided within the project "Let's Design, Create and Adopt Youth Policies". The project "Let's Design, Create and Adopt Youth Policies" is funded by the European Union and implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT in partnership with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), the Youth Council of the Federation of BiH, the Network of Youth Centers for Animation, Development and Training of the Republic of Srpska (M.O.C.A.R.T.) and the Association of High School Students in BiH.









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Youth Club 'Dijamant' Jajce participated in the NCM project John Paul II

Youth Club "Dijamant" Jajce has successfully started cooperation with the NCM John Paul II, by participating in a seminar in Sarajevo, dedicated to the topic "Protection of Children from Violence in Sports". Three representatives of the club attended this seminar, where they had the opportunity to listen and learn from experts on the topic for the first time. They transferred the acquired knowledge to the members of the club, organizing a series of educational and sports events in order to raise awareness of the protection of children from violence in sports.



One of the most important events organized by the Youth Club "Dijamant" as part of this project was a sports volleyball tournament called **"Sports Bridges for Youth Inclusion".** Over 200 participants from different ethnic groups, regardless of nationality and religion, participated in this tournament. Participants came from cities in the area, including Ključ, Jajce, Prozor and Donji Vakuf, as well as members of the Association "Vodopad ljubavi" with developmental disabilities and ŽOK "Jajce-Nansen".





The tournament provided an opportunity for participants to show their competitive and team spirit in volleyball activities, but also to socialize, exchange information and experiences. Young people were able to experience the joy of a joint competition with the aim of achieving a common goal – the promotion of sports as a means of healthy upbringing and healthy lifestyles.

The aim of the volleyball tournament was to bring together young people from different backgrounds and encourage them to discover the richness of diversity among themselves through sports competitions, overcoming prejudices and getting to know each other.

Previous activities received the support of NCM John Paul II.Sarajevo

The team for the implementation of activities from the Youth Club "Dijamant" is proud of the success of this project and looks forward to future similar initiatives.

"TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES"

Youth Club Dijamant Jajce is implementing a project called "TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES". The aim of the project is to partially address the economic vulnerability of women and young people with lower financial status in the municipality of Jajce. Through a multifaceted approach that includes education, support for women's entrepreneurship and the promotion of democratic values, the project seeks to create positive social change.

The core of this initiative lies in the empowerment of women and young people through comprehensive activities, such as specialized entrepreneurial workshops for women and young people, education on democratic processes, and youth events and cultural engagement such as exhibitions and debates. By fostering an environment that supports active participation in the community, project activities aim to lay the foundations for a sustainable future.



The planned activities, including lectures and educational workshops led by experienced professionals, will provide practical knowledge and skills, train participants for success in entrepreneurship and deepen their understanding of more active participation in the democratization of women and youth through democratic principles. The project is poised to have a lasting impact, shaping a community that is economically resilient, politically engaged, and firmly committed to democratic values.

The planned project activities are crucial for raising the economic status of women and youth in the communities of Jajce, addressing the need for economic empowerment and strengthening democratization through political activism. The community faces socio-economic challenges that disproportionately affect these groups, hindering community development. The initiative aims to create





opportunities for economic progress, active community participation and the promotion of democratic principles.

Women and young people in the surrounding communities have limited economic opportunities, and the project seeks to bridge this gap. Targeted entrepreneurial workshops provide practical skills and knowledge necessary for the establishment and management of successful companies, fostering a sense of action and self-efficacy.



The project recognizes the importance of harmonizing democratic values for sustainable development. Educating participants about democratic processes contributes to the creation of an informed and engaged citizenry, which is crucial for the overall well-being of the community.

Essentially, this project is necessary to catalyze positive social change in Jajce. It goes beyond immediate economic benefits to empower individuals, promote inclusiveness, and contribute to the long-term stability and progress of the community. The multilateral approach of the project is designed to create a holistic impact on different aspects of the lives of women and young people in Jajce.



In the previous period, the team for the implementation of the planned project activities realized several educational, educational and interactive lectures and workshops. Previous activities have received support from the Government of Australia - Embassy in Vienna.

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INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DONORS / CALLS

1. Annual Public Call for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)

We are pleased to inform you that the Embassy of Canada for Hungary, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina has published an annual public call for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The CFLI program supports smaller-scale but high-impact projects, designed and created primarily by local partners, that align with the following thematic priorities of Global Affairs Canada:

- Inclusive governance, including diversity and LGBTQI+ democracy, human rights and the rule of law.
- Peace and security, with a focus on conflict prevention and peacebuilding.
- Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

The public call, as well as a description and information on how to apply, are available at: <u>The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Bosnia and Herzegovina (2024)</u>. The deadline for submission of applications is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>July 24</u>, <u>2024</u>, <u>23:59 CET</u>.

We hope you will consider applying for funding from the CFLI and look forward to our possible cooperation.

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2. Public Call for Grants for Media Projects Published

With the aim of supporting #kvalitetno journalism, the Western Balkans Media for Change project is launching a Call for Applications for individuals, media outlets, organizations and initiatives from the Western Balkans.

To find out more and sign up https://www.britishcouncil.ba/.../applications-calls/call-1

This call is open until **December 31, 2024 at 24:00.** The applicant may submit the application(s) during the entire period of this Call.







3. Open call for applications for volunteering at the Female art rising festival





Do you like art? Organization? Do you want to work in a dynamic and creative environment and gain new knowledge? Do you want to contribute to the community?

If your answer to any of these questions is YES, apply online to volunteer at the Female Art Rising festival, which will be held from September 17 to 21, 2024 in Sarajevo.

The festival is an opportunity for teamwork in a creative and dynamic atmosphere, working with professionals from the cultural sector, acquiring additional skills and knowledge in the organization of cultural events, acquiring knowledge from all spheres of art and contributing to the community.

Young people aged 16+ can apply for the call (for minors, the consent of parents/guardians is required).

Description of tasks:

- Assisting in the organization of festival events, preparation and realization
- To be available to the participants and guests of the festival
- Welcoming and informing the audience
- Logistical support to the festival team

What we expect from you:

- Responsibility and reliability
- Flexibility and willingness to work in a team
- Communicativeness and kindness
- Attending educational sessions
- Compliance with the rules and regulations of the festival

How to apply?

- You can apply online at https://www.far.ba/novosti
- The deadline for applications is: 31.07.2024.

All volunteers will receive a certificate of volunteering after the realization of the festival. Candidates whose applications are accepted will be contacted via email.

For further information, please contact us at volontiraj@far.ba Sign up and become a part of the Female Art Rising festival team!



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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