

# ALONG WITH TIME #24

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Monthly magazine "Along with Time" contains comprehensive description of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO's activities during the given month.



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## Our services

### Legal

- Legal Consulting
- Formation of legal documents
- Representation of criminal and civil cases in the courts
- Strategic litigation

### Healthcare

- Pre- and post-test anonymous counseling on HIV
- Anonymous HIV and STI testing
- Provision of condoms and lubricants

### Technical assistance

- Provision of space for organizing meetings and events
- Social assistance to families in need
- Provision of consulting to CSOs and assistance in the form of sub-grants

**All provided services are free of charge.**

## RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS FOR APRIL 2017

English Club  
Development of a charitable project (Meeting-Discussion)  
Sexuality, Transgenderness, Intersex (Training)  
Meditation day  
Rainbow Kitchen  
Human Rights Club

April 13 / 20 / 27

April 05

April 07 / 12

April 15

April 22

April 26



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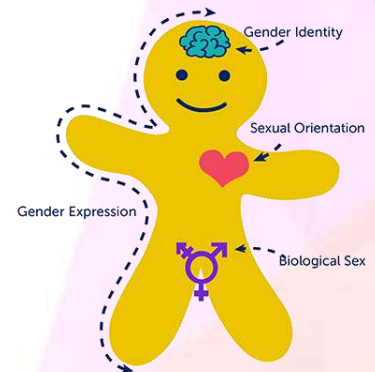
On March 6, 2017 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized the second meeting of the free English language course, which was conducted by Nare Hovhannisyan, representative of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO.

The course is for beginners who want to learn English and will last 2 months /every Monday and Wednesday at 18: 00 pm., in the office of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO/.

During these 2 months the participants will get basic English knowledge.

### *Training on "Sexuality and Transgenderness"*

On March 3, 2017 was organized training "Sexuality and Transgenderness" in "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO office which was held by Eva. All participants were enthusiastic and were interested in participation of such kind of the training. As a result the topic is one of the most demanded and actual among LGBTI+ and MSMs. During the training, Eva highlighted the participants, what is sexuality and its components. They talked about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression forms and intersex. Then was talked about the mental and physical health and interconnections of transgenderness. Participants filled in the test which was designed to find out how much the training was productive with new information and knowledge.



### *"How to respond the hate speech in online domain" meeting and discussion*



On March 4, 2017 was organized discussion "How to respond to hate speech online domain" in "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO office. It was held by journalist Arman Gharibyan

The participants spoke about what is the hate speech manifestations in the online domain, whether to respond to hate speech and if it's worth then how.

Each of the proposed options discussed which content was more appropriate to respond to the hate speech. Then participants were asked to set up "Combating hate speech" action group to fight against any hate speech. The first group will decide whether there is the hate in each speech or not, if there is you need to choose the appropriate methods and to make work classification.

The participants were very enthusiastic and eager to organize similar meetings frequently.



On 8 of March 2017 organized a meeting in “New Generation” Humanitarian NGOs office with project manager of the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health / ECOM / Yelena German, and Defense expert on legal issues Yuri Yurski.

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At the beginning of the meeting “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO’s president Sergey Gabrielyan introduced the history of the NGO, referring to the organization’s mission, its goals and directions.

During speech of projects Sergey Gabrielyan emphasized the obstacles that NGO faces in atmosphere of intolerance towards LGBT persons by the various governmental agencies.

Then program coordinators of the NGO Nare Hovhannisyan and Artyom Movsisyan spoke about LGBT+ people rights, and prevention of HIV among MSM prevention projects, particularly highlighting organization achievements in the field of LGBT+ and MSM rights and advocacy. The NGO outreach workers talked about the features and performance of the work with MSM people.

The guests were interested in the research that the “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO initiated to highlight the reasons for the manifestation of hate speech against LGBT+ persons key sectors in Armenia and sex change legal regulation needs issues.

Then the “Eurasian Coalition On men Health” / ECOM / Project Manager Elena German introduced Ukraine’s experience of theHIV prevention services among MSM people and history and goals establishing of ECOM.

At the end ECOM Defense expert on legal issues Yuri Yurski provided a seminar on topic “Sexuality and transgenerity”, especially emphasised issues of intersex persons.

### *Training on the topic of tourism and its basics*



On March 10, 2017 Sevan Shirvani, president of “United Way” NGO, tourism specialist, conducted a seminar on the topic of “Tourism: basics of tourism” in the office of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO.

The participants were introduced to the definition, essence and structure of tourism. They discussed types of tourism, such as internal, inbound and outbound, and also talked about the types of tourism which are functioning in Armenia. It was very interesting for the participants to learn about tour agents, tour operators and tour managers. Later on the participants played a group

activity. They were very active and motivated, since the topic was interesting.



## *Launch of the “Right to health” three-year project*

We are glad to announce that on behalf of “New Generation” Humanitarian and “Right Side” HRD NGOs the presidents Sergey Gabrielyan and Lilit Martirosyan signed a memorandum of cooperation for implementation of “Right to Health” three-year project.

The long-term goal of the project is to contribute to the increase of the number of men who have sex (MSM) and trans\* persons using HIV-related service.



*The project's objectives are:*

- Contribute to the growth of the number of MSM and trans\* people in decision-making processes within the framework of the national action on HIV-related services sector.
- To assist in developing the capacity of organizations which are dealing with the MSM and Transgender problems.
- Promote the development of favorable conditions for services related to HIV, through actions directed to elimination of stigma and discrimination against MSM and transgender people and human rights, advocacy.

The Project is funded by the Eurasian Coalition On Male Health (ECOM).

## *Training course about youth exchange program ERASMUS +*



ERASMUS +, which was conducted by Sofia Piradyan.

In the beginning of the program S. Piradyan asked questions to participants about the project to understand the information level about the mentioned project, then introduced the ERASMUS + program, its mission and goals.

Then S. Piradyane presented the current projects and procedures which are implementing in Armenia. Also talked about ERASMUS+ budget and budget transparency.

On 14th march of 2017 in “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO’s office provided a training course about youth exchange program

*Subgrantees meeting in Tallinn, capital of Estonia, organized by Eurasian Coalition on Male Health /ECOM/*



Sergey Gabrielyan and Lilit Martirosyan, presidents of "New Generation" Humanitarian and "Right Side" NGOs, from March 14 to March 16, 2017 participated in subgrantees meeting in Talin, capital of Estonia, organized by Eurasian Coalition on Male Health /ECOM/.

The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

Capacity building of NGOs Development of regulations of financial statutes

Assessment of risks and their reduction

Accessibility and quality of right to health among trans\* people and MSMs.

The approximate numbers of MSMs in Armenia and beneficiaries of the "HIV and AIDs prevention and awareness raising among MSMs in Shirak, Lori regions and Yerevan city" project were presented at the meeting.

The participants also discussed issues related to the absence of anti-discrimination and sex-change laws. They also talked about the fact that LGBT+ people are prohibited to donate blood since they are included in risk groups who are not allowed to become blood donors.

*Training "HIV/AIDS prevention Importance of HIV testing", "Human Rights and HIV", "Concepts of Human rights and protection mechanism"*



On March 18 2017 in frames of "HIV/AIDS prevention and raising awareness among MSM of regions Shirak, Lori and Yerevan city" "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO implemented one day training named "HIV/AIDS prevention Importance of HIV testing", "Human Rights and HIV", "Concepts of Human rights and protection mechanism"

Training aimed to promote HIV and AIDS prevention among young people, raising their awareness and discovering the importance of HIV testing, as well as raise awareness about human rights and the rights of people living with HIV.

Participants learned about HIV and AIDS terms, difference between them, transmission of HIV and vital fluids, condoms properly use way, the importance of HIV, then introduced human rights and fundamental freedoms, the stages of development of human rights, international agreements adopted by Republic of armenia, also referenced to legislations of RA about "tprevention of disease caused by HIV".



In frames of topic “Legal status of citizens in enforcement agencies” participants learned about how to communicate with enforcement bodies, and Human rights violation cases of them.

Participants received theoretical knowledge with practical examples then used it during discussions, group games and activities.



### *First Meeting of Steering Committee of ECOM*



The first meeting of the new Steering Committee (SC) of ECOM took place in Kyiv, Ukraine, on February 19-21, 2017.

The meeting agenda included development of a common vision of the SC work, discussion of ECOM’s draft strategic plan for 2017-2021, as well as adoption of practical documents necessary for ECOM and its Secretariat. Secretariat staff and strategic planning consultants also participated in the SC meeting as observers.

An important result of the meeting was the discussion of the draft strategic plan that will give a vision of ECOM’s goal to develop in the coming years. After finalizing the comments and suggestions, the draft strategic plan will be sent for discussion and approval by the General Meeting of ECOM. On February 20, Oleg Eremin from Belarus was elected the Chairperson of the Steering Committee. Oleg has vast experience in HIV prevention including among MSM. He is one of the leading experts in HIV/AIDS in EECA and now heads

the Association of HIV-service nongovernmental organizations of Belarus “BelSet Anti-AIDS”. “ECOM is on a new spiral of its development, and the chairperson has an important role in the process oversight,” Oleg said. “Now we really need a working Steering Committee where everyone feels involved regardless of their respective region.”

In addition, SC considered working issues and technical aspects, approved the 2017 annual budget of ECOM and the draft Statute on ECOM’s Secretariat. As ECOM started the regional program “Right to Health” with the support of the Global Fund, the organizational capacity of the principal recipient is an important aspect of the successful program implementation and will be the key to the stability of the entire coalition.

“I am very pleased with the work,” said Igor Medvid, SC member from Ukraine, summing up the results of the three-day work. – The agenda was very full and tight, we discussed many issues, but the main thing is that now ECOM reached a qualitatively higher level, at last it really is a regional organization with many opportunities.”

Sergey Gabrielyan, SC member from Armenia, agreed: “It was exciting to work in one team, to get opinions and thoughts, to apply them to one’s own country. It was especially important that people who gathered here were not afraid to speak out, they openly discussed challenges and shared opinions. People here do not work just to check the box, so it was very interesting for me throughout these three days.”

## *Training on human rights, prevention of discrimination and hate speech in Artashat*



On March 23-25, 2017 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized a three-day training in Artashat (Ararat region) on "Human rights, tolerance and prevention of discrimination". Topics covered during the training were human rights, discrimination, freedom of speech vs. hate speech.

Hayk Hayrapetyan, lawyer at "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, conducted the training, which was attended by representatives from Ararat Regional Administration, Artashat

regional employment agency, local non-governmental organizations and teachers of primary and secondary schools.

On March 23 in the scope of "Human rights" topic the trainer talked about general concepts, history and definitions of human rights, in-state and international legislation, European Union, European Council, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights.

During the last two days the participants were introduced to "Prevention of discrimination" and "Freedom of speech vs. hate speech" topics and got basic knowledge on definition, types and protected grounds discrimination, in-state and international legal documents related to prevention of discrimination, positive obligations of the state in human rights protection process, basis of lawful restrictions of human rights, definitions of defamation, slander and hate speech.

The training was organized in the scope of "Human rights for diversity and equality" project which is implemented with the financial support of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee.

## *March 31 is International Transgender Day of Visibility*



March 31 is an annual holiday occurring on March 31 dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.

The [VIDEO](#) speaks about the discrimination against transgender persons in Armenia.