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This magazine is released on monthly basis which highlights the comprehensive description of the activities of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO during the given month.

"HUMAN RIGHTS, TOLERANCE AND PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION" TRAINING IN IJEVAN



In June 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO in the scope of the "Human Rights for Diversity and Equality" project organized "Human rights, tolerance and prohibition of discrimination" training in Ijevan for representatives from Tavush Regional Administration, Territorial Employment Center, Civil Youth Center, Primary School N 5, College, and students from Tavush Regional State College, Ijevan branches of the European

Regional Educational Academy and Eurasia International University.

Participants were attending the training with great enthusiasm, because, as they said, the topics were educational and relevant to current issues. They also suggested to organize such courses very frequently not only in Ijevan, but also in other cities of the region, and cover other topics, such as gender issues, violence against women, human rights sexual minorities.

"If we follow the law, the life will be fair and beautiful. Let be the rule of law",- wrote one of the participants on the evaluation form.

The trainers, Artur Makaryan and Arayik Zalyan, presented the topics of "Human rights", "Prohibition of discrimination", "Freedom of speech and information" and "Hate speech".

Based on their theoretical knowledge acquired during the training, the participants first played "Granting the right" group-game, which helped to cover all the articles listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and European Convention of Human Rights. Then they discussed a number of tasks on human rights violations and tried to find out whether there was discrimination against the applicants, and how they were resolved by the European Court of Human Rights.

They practiced their skills on writing a complaint, its response as well as inquiry on the information, filled in a thematic test about prohibition of discriminations, and also organized a moot court through presenting the court, the plaintiff and defendant parties and found out whether there were reasons to restrict the freedom of speech in the given task.



Certificates of participation were given to all of the attendees.

"BUDGETING ADVOCACY AND ASSESSMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND PRIORITIES ON HIV TESTING, PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT" WORKSHOP



On June 21-23, 2016 The president of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO Mr. Sergey Gabrielyan participated in "Budgeting advocacy and assessment of investments and priorities on HIV testing, prevention, care and treatment" workshop in Kiev, Ukraine. The meeting was conducted in the scope of two regional projects of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network:

1. "Collaboration for equal access to HIV related services in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" which is implemented by the Union of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia in

cooperation with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, in the scope of the new financing model of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

2. "Health is possible to buy if resources are invested» led by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network and funded by Robert Karr Fund in consortium with the following 3 organizations.

- Eurasian Harm Reduction Network
- the Union of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Eurasian Coalition on Male Health

The aim of the meeting to familiarize participants with the goals and objectives of regional programs, coordinate HIV prevention, care and treatment services, collection of the budget and further analysis and initiate joint work processes related to financing of HIV services cooperation and to form collaboration among the implementing organizations.

During the 3 days there were discussions about Eurasian Harm Reduction model of budget advocacy, what kind of arguments we need for the budget effectiveness, data collection and investigation of specific problems, etc. Grant management, deadlines, staff, purchases, reports, work plan for the first year and expected results and project report forms were discussed as well.

The representatives of the NGO's partner organization – "Rights Side" Human Rights Defender NGO, Ara Melkumyan took part in the meeting as well.

Starting from July, 2016 "New Generation" and "Rights Side" NGO will launch first official collaboration in the scope of the "Health is possible to buy if resources are invested" project by undertaking the local initiatives of the latter in Armenia.



TRAINING ON "INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE"



Artur Makaryan and Nare Hovhannisyan, employees of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, participated in capacity building training on "Internal management and governance" from June 22 to 23, 2016 in the scope of the "Health, Finance and Governance" project implemented by Business Support Center.

The goal of the training was to support and provide technical knowledge and skills the NGOs on internal and human resources management.

During the two days of the training the following topics were covered: NGO management, strategic planning, SWOT, PESTLE and Field Force analysis, human resources management, the role of the job interview, efficient management of work, measures to evaluation of job performance, content and development of job manual.

"DIVERSITY-2016" MASS MEDIA ANNUAL CONTEST



"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO announces "DIVERSITY-2016" Mass Media Annual Contest for the best composition on LGBT related issues. The purpose of the award is to unify the potential of the Mass Media representatives who raise the LGBT related issues and to support them.

The application is open to all interested Mass Media representatives and independent journalists from Yerevan and 10 regions of Armenia.

Participation Requirements:

- Submit TV programs, radio programs, media publications and internet articles on LGBT issues published released from January 01, 2016 to October 31, 2016.
- Media ethics and authorial attitude should be followed in the materials,
- The content of the material should be accessible to the public,
- The selected topic should be exhaustive and should contain comprehensive information on the issue,
- The required language is Armenian (the English version is voluntary).

A jury, consisted of specialists and journalist-experts, will choose the Winner. The winner will be awarded with 100,000 AMD. Encouragement awards will be given to two applicants as well. The application form and other details of the contest are available on the Organization's at ngngo.net.

THE PROBLEMS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS REMAIN ACTUAL IN CRIMINAL-EXECUTIVE INSTITUTIONS



On June 28, 2016 The Group of Public Observers Conducting Public Monitoring of Penitentiary Institutions and Bodies of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia held a press conference in “Media Center” on the topic of “The protection of prisoners’ rights in Armenia: summary of visits of the first 6 months of 2016”. The press conference was attended by the Chairman of the Public Monitoring Group Arayik Zalyan, observers Robert Revazyan, Ruben Sargsyan, Sergey Gabrielyan and Ara Kharagyozyan.

Sergey Gabrielyan, President of “New generation” Humanitarian NGO, referred to the continuing discriminatory attitudes and storage conditions of the most vulnerable groups in Criminal-Executive Institutions. “Vulnerable groups are those, who do not cave to criminal laws, people with health problems, homosexuals, drug users or people receiving methadone treatment. They are more likely to experience discrimination” – noted S. Gabrielyan. The group has clear resources, recommendations to the relevant authorities, but the changes implemented by the Ministry of Justice and other agencies are too small, that they do not address issues identified by the Prison Monitoring Group. “We can say that the solutions somehow include discrimination against vulnerable groups. If the prisoner is homosexual, drug user, or has disabilities, his problem is not considered that important. And discrimination against these groups are displayed in a more extreme form in criminal-executive institutions.

At the press conference the attendees also summerized the visits of the Group. In general, the group has made 57 visits, during these visits they worked with 88 convicted or detained persons. Visits were made on the basis of alerts and reports. 57% of the visits were made to Nubarashen, Armavir, Abovyan, Vardashen, Kosh and Sevan Criminal-Executive Institutions and Prison Hospital. The main problems were related to medical services, criminal case, early decisions, self-injury and suicide cases, issues related to food and hunger strikes. Some of these issues have been solved by the Group, the others are in process. Referring to the availability and quality of health care and Hrachya Gevorgyan’s case, Arayik Zalyan noted that any systemic problem has not been solved in Criminal-Executive Institutions. The change will be possible only if there is a political will. Ara Gharagyozyan presented the incident happened in “Nubarashen” CEI on June 12 and special measures taken by CEI employees, and Robert



Revazyan talked about non-statutory and hierarchical relations that exist in Criminal-Executive Institutions.



At the end of the conference Gabrielyan said that the existence of criminal laws hinder the work of the Prison Monitoring Group also from the perspective of voicing current issues of the prisoners, because they are feared. As a result, monitoring group faces many obstacles, but the struggle will be more effective if the Prison Monitoring Group and prisoners demonstrate interests and willingness to cooperate.

"PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AND USE OF DEFENCE MECHANISMS" WORKSHOP



Since may 1st, 2016 implemented "More awareness, Less Discrimination: capacity building and empowerment of vulnerable groups and CSOs for elimination of discrimination" program. The project is implemented with the financial support of the Open Society Foundations – Armenia. The overall goal of the project is to increase the visibility of groups subject to discrimination and bring them to the frontline. The end of the

project is november 30, 2016.

During two months the project has achieved visible and significant results. Working groups have been established with 6 NGOs working with targeted beneficiaries.

- “Agat” NGO
- Helsinki Citizens' Assambly of Vanadzor NGO
- “Real World Real People” NGO
- “Unison” NGO
- “Collaboration for democracy” NGO
- "New generation" humanitarian NGO

Planing to learn the best international practices of safe spaces, Small scale grants will be provided to the beneficiary groups starting from June.

On June 10, 2016 “New Generation” humanitarian NGO implemented a "Prohibition of discrimination and use of defense mechanisms" workshop training under the "More awareness, Less Discrimination: capacity building and empowerment of vulnerable groups and CSOs for elimination of discrimination" program.



A workshop/training was following a purpose to develop the capacity of target groups, raise their awareness of the importance and consequences of the fight against discrimination. As well, as introduce participants the concept of prohibition, its types, and context and basic principles of European law against discrimination. It was an important goal of the workshop/training the discussion of the need to adopt legislation against discrimination. During the workshop/training partisipants learned "The need of adopting an anti-discrimination law in Armenia", "The legal obligation of the

State to combat discrimination", "Prohibition of discrimination as a guarantee of equal protection of human rights" and other themes.

During the workshop/training, there was a discussion about human rights European Convention articles.

There was organized interactive game – “court game”, which was following the purpose to use all the skills and knowledges in a practice and to see if participants get the new information well.

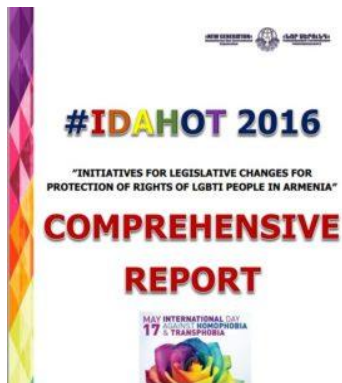
"ADVOCACY AND COUSTITUENCY BUILDING" TRAINING



From June 29 to 30, 2016, Artur makaryan and Nare Hovhannisyan, employees of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO participated in "Advocacy and Constituency Building" training organized by "Business Support Center" in the scope of the "Health, Finance and Governance" project.

First of all, the participants were introduced to advocacy definitions, and differences between Advocacy and other concepts. Then they learnt about target groups and beneficiares, advocacy levels, strategy and tactics, goals and objectives, as well as advocacy action plan through teamwork and group discussions.

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, May 17th, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Initiatives of legislative changes for protection of rights of LGBTI people in Armenia" conference which aimed at raising the level of public awareness on the necessity of those legislative changes that contribute to the development of protection mechanisms of rights of LGBTI people and their integration into the

society.

The conference was organized in the scope of "Reinforcement of legislative mechanisms regarding protection of rights of vulnerable groups for rule of law" project funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tbilisi, Georgia.

SELF PROTECTION ACTIVITIES BY "NEW GENERATION" HUMANITARIAN NGO

Taking into consideration the negative impact of the status on the society, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO sent a letter to the Head





of the Police of Armenia Vladimir Gasparyan, where it is particularly written: " We are concerned that the public threats and claims for hate speech can be converted into real actions – hate crimes based on discriminatory approach towards the LGBTI community and human rights defenders.

Honorable Mr. Gasparyan, please take into consideration this report and provide with legal procedure to ensure the security of the Organization and its employees, as well as the free and unbending application of their rights ratified by the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia.

NEW WAVE OF HOMOPHOBIA



On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia May 17 2016 after the conference "Initiatives of legislative changes for protection of rights of LGBTI people in Armenia"

organized by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO and other events organized by other organizations, stop-g7.com website was created on the Internet which spreads threats and hate speech towards LGBTI people in Armenia. Its articles are shared by particular people on different Facebook pages. The website is bilingual: Armenian and Russian. They have published "The US Embassy in Armenia propagands homosexuality", "The operation of perverts and their supporters in Armenia", "The participation of the ambassadors of the Great Britain and Germany in the closed event of perverts" and "Defender of perverts Lara Aharonyan, President of "Women's Resource Center" in Armenian and Russian, which weren't commented on the website but on the Facebook pages of stop-g7.com and Pan-Armenian Parental Committee had about 366 likes, 212 shares and 143 comments.

On May 28 the "Armenian World" published "Only with the help of the society's resistance it would be possible to prevent the legalization of degeneration in Armenia" interview with founder-member of "The restoration of sovereignty" initiative Hayk Ayvazyan, which was reprinted on <http://armsovereignty.com/>, shared on the Facebook page of the Pan-Armenian Parental Committee and had about 32 likes, 3 shares and 2 comments.

In response LGBTnews.am published "A false wave of homophobia or why are noising the marginal" article, where the author tried to determine the reasons of the above-mentioned publications.

The FULL REPORT is available at ngngo.net.

SEMINAR-TRAINING IN VANADZOR ON THE TOPIC OF "IT REFERS ALSO TO THOSE WHO SEEM TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT"



One-day training on "Human rights and HIV"

"It refers also to those who seem to have nothing to do with it"

On May 14, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized one-day training in Vanadzor /Lori region/ on the topic of "Prevention of HIV/AIDS and importance of HIV testing" and "Human rights and HIV". The slogan of the

training was "It refers also to those who seem to have nothing to do with it".

The goal of the training was promote prevention of HIV and AIDS among young people aged 18-30 through raising their awareness, emphasizing the importance HIV testing, increasing people's awareness on human rights. During the training the participants were also introduced to the glossary of HIV/AIDS and their differences, ways of HIV transmission and vital fluids, correct use of condoms and importance of HIV testing. Later on they also learnt about human rights and fundamental freedoms, human rights generations, international documents ratified by Armenia, and also the provisions of the ACT of the Republic of Armenia on Prevention of Disease caused by HIV.



The training was organized in the scope of the "HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and Yerevan city" project, which is financed by "Mission East" Humanitarian Aid Organization, Armenian Branch from the financial resources of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.