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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.

"AWARENESS OF ISSUES OF VULNERABLE GROUPS AND PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION" FOUR-DAY TRAINING IN GYUMRI



On April 25-28, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Awareness of issues of vulnerable groups and prohibition of discrimination" four-day training in Gyumri for representatives from "Nubarashen" Psychiatric Medical Center, Sevan Psychiatric Hospital, Lori Marz Psychoneurologic Dispensary, Gyumri Mental Health Center and Gyumri Medical Center.

On the first day of the training after gaining theoretical knowledge about main concepts, history, generations and fundamental documents of human rights, with Arthur Makaryan, lawyer of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, the participants carried out practical tasks during which they tried to create a new "island" with their preferred systems of governance and laws. After practical tasks the participants got acquainted with international treaties on human rights, freedoms and obligations ratified by the Republic of Armenia, fundamental principles of international and domestic laws, European Convention of Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights.

On the second day while introducing "Prevention of torture/Istanbul Protocol" topic A. Makaryan first of all presented the definition of torture according to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and in-state legislation. Afterwards he spoke about legal investigation and examination procedure of cases of torture. The participants were also thoroughly familiarized with physical and psychological evidences of torture and Istanbul Protocol. Anahit Chilingaryan, legal analysis and initiatives coordinator of HCA Vanadzor, started the presentation of "Manifestations of discrimination against minorities and means for fight" topic with a discussion about stereotypes and prejudices, then introduced the theory of equality and discrimination, types and protected grounds of discrimination. The participants also got basic knowledge about legal documents ratified by the Republic of Armenia, particularly Human Rights Universal Declaration and Human Rights European Convention. On the last day of the training the participants singled out the manifestations and causes of discrimination in our society and emphasized the following measures to fight against it: application of law, applying to human rights defenders, persistent work of law enforcement agencies, voicing cases of human rights violations and equality of law for all.



REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW GENERATION" HUMANITARIAN NGO PARTICIPATED IN "HEALTH, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE" PROJECT PRESENTATION WORKSHOP IN GEORGIA



On April 13-14, 2016 Nare Hovhannisyan and Artur Makaryan, coordinators of "Diversity and Equality" and "Legal" Departments of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, participated in "Health Finance and Governance" project presentation workshop in Georgia.

The USAID-funded project will be implemented by BSC Business Support Center Armenia in partnership with United Nations Association of Georgia (UNAG) and ABT Associates Inc. and aims at providing technical assistance to enhance the sustained managerial and financial operations of local NGOs who provide HIV and AIDs care

and treatment and otherwise serve the at-risk IDU and MSM populations.

BSC in cooperation with its partner UNAG, will use a multi-method approach and will utilize different delivery platforms to provide a blend of technical assistance such as training programs, coaching sessions and workshop events to assist the selected NGOs across key areas of organizational capacity in line with priority needs that will contribute to their sustained operations in the following areas:

Financial management, Resource mobilization, Internal management and governance, Advocacy and constituency-building, Networking and partnerships.

Moreover, an online communication platform will be established to ensure continued networking and support. This mechanism will also be used to share information, distribute technical resources and exchange ideas which will enhance the organizations' potential for sustainability.

"HUMAN RIGHTS OF LGBTI PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP" THREE-DAY SEMINAR IN GYUMRI



From April 28 to May 1, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Human Rights of LGBTI people and Leadership" three-day seminar, which was attended by representatives LGBTI people human rights defender organizations and LGBTI / MSM activists.

In the scope of "Leadership skills development of human rights defenders" topic the participants got acquainted with each other through bringing examples from their lives when they had demonstrated leadership skills. The

trainer Artur Makaryan presented four types of leadership (authoritarian, democratic, transsaksional and transformational). Afterwards the participants compared the leadership types with each other or tried to find their advantages or disadvantages. The participants were also introduced to main leaders who have succeeded in protection of human rights, such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Malala Yusufzay etc. After "Strategis outlook", "Public speech" and "Agreement acquisition or negotiation skills" topics they discussed main stages of team formation (Forming stage, storming stage, Norming stage and Performing stage). At the end their practised their knowledge in groups discussions and games.

In the scope of "Strategic planning of LGBTI movement" the trainer, Artak Aloyan, introduced the basics and concepts of strategic planning. Then the participants stated the vision and mission of the movement through group discussions. Through SWOT analysis they also differentiated the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and treats, as well as referred to political, economic, social and technical issues human rights defender organizations of LGBTI people and LGBTI / MSM activists.

Then the participants defined goals and sub-goals of LGBTI movement in Armenia, concerning legal amendments or development of draft laws, issues of LGBTI people education, partnership challenges of LGBTI organizations as well as creation of tolerance towards LGBTI people.



The complete version of LGBTI movement's strategic plan will be circulated among the participant organizations of the three-day seminar, as well as local and international institutions and organizations in the near future.

"Human rights of LGBTI people and Leadership" three-day seminar was organized in the scope of "Reinforcement of legislative mechanisms regarding protection of rights of vulnerable groups for rule of law", which is financed by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia.

CITIZEN VS. ORANGE ARMNEIA CJSC 2016



Citizen of the Republic of Armenia Sevan Shirvani applied to 'New Generation' Humanitarian NGO because the company Orange Armenia CJSC filed an application against Sevan Shirvani the amount of the confiscation. Of the cases had been Avan and Nor Nork administrative district court. But Citizen of the Republic of Armenia Sevan Shirvani did not participate in the examination of the case because it was not notified. However, Shirvan did not take a part in first instance, because he didn't get the writ. So with The Constitution, the Civil Procedure

Code he couldn't expressed its position, evidence, objections to do and to profit from his law required judicial rights. New generation Humanitarian NGO's, low department accepted the request and made an appeal. Making an appeal lawyer Artur Makaryan addressed violation of procedural and substantive legal norms of citizen, asking to change the decision and send the case for new trial. The appeal decided and made proceedings with presided K.Hakobyan, and judicature A. Smbatyan's and A.Hunanyan's participation. An appeal shall upheld . The Avan and Nor Nork districts similarities No. ԵԱՆԴ/3985/03/15, the Court of First Instance considered the payment order is revoked.

CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA 2016



On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, 17 May 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 opening remark was delivered by Sergey Gabrielyan, President of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO. S. Gabrielyan greatly thanked all the guests and other stakeholders and mentioned that the NGO highly appreciates the adopted policy of European countries and the United States in the establishment of democratic values and mechanisms of human rights

protection of LGBTI people in Armenia. Referring to achievements and experience of international cooperation of the NGO in the field of protection of rights of LGBTI people, the NGO President emphasized the importance of collaboration with Armenian authorities. "The International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia" aims to identify and raise issues of protection of rights and assurance of equality of LGBTI people worldwide. We, human rights advocates, express our solidarity to LGBTI people in Armenia and our commitment to more comprehensive cooperation with all the interested parties",- concluded his speech S. Gabrielyan.

Greeting speeches were delivered by Floor Nuiten-Elzinga, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia; Judith Farnworth, the UK's Ambassador to Armenia; Matthias Kiesler, German Ambassador to Armenia and Larisa Minasyan, Executive director of Open Society Foundations – Armenia. The speakers highlighted the importance of the day in terms of development and enforcement of mechanisms to protect the rights of LGBTI people and establishment of equality as well as referred policies to protect LGBTI rights in European countries and Armenia. The promotion of rights of LGBTI people and equality, the encouragement of decent life and respectful treatment are prioritized by foreign diplomatic agencies in Armenia, thus the speakers expressed willingness to share their experience and practice with other countries preparing anti-discrimination legislation - including Armenia, and their intention to promote equality and tolerance both nationally and internationally.



At the first session "Needs of sex reassignment surgery of transgender people: assessment of legal barriers", "Legal regulations of sex-change surgeries" and "Military service of GBT / MSM people in the Armed Forces of RA" reports were presented. The following findings were discussed with the representatives of diplomatic, international, state and non-profit institutions and organizations: needs of sex reassignment surgery; obstacles of their satisfaction, their consequences, preferable ways of addressing the systemic problems of the transgender community. A number of suggestions for legal regulations of sex-change surgeries were also presented, such as investment of legal norms, conditions for implementation of sex-change surgeries, possibilities to make changes in documents of transgender people, legal regulations of surgeries undergone abroad, legal settlements of confidentiality, as well as issues of military service of GBT / MSM people.

At the second session Izabella Sargsyan /Eurasia Partnership Foundation – Armenia/, Hayk Abrahamyan /Open Society Foundations – Armenia/ and Anahit Simonyan /Anti-discrimination Coalition/ talked about the means of prevention of discrimination by non-state actors in Armenia, as well as referred to the achievements and problems of non-governmental organizations in the process of eliminating all kinds of discrimination.

The conference was also attended by Jean-Francois Charpentier, Ambassador of the French Republic in Armenia, representatives from the US Embassy in Armenia, Delegation of the European Union to Armenia, Chamber of Advocates of Armenia, Office of the Human Rights Defender of Armenia, human rights defender organizations and Military Registration And Enlistment Office Of The Republic Of Armenia. Because of business trips or workload



representatives of Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health and National Assembly did not participate in the conference. At the end of the discussion the attendees summarized the main issues of protection of rights LGBTI people and noted that their gradual solution will definitely result in the creation of equality and defense for LGBTI people in Armenia.

AMBASSADORS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA 2016



Floor Nuiten-Elzinga

Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia

"Twenty years ago a friend of mine told his father that he was homosexual. Father's first question was - what can you do to correct it?" This is how our Deputy Ambassador Floor started her welcoming remarks at the conference Rights of LGBTI persons in Yerevan. It was organised by our Armenian partner organisation

"New Generation Humanitarian NGO" right on the IDAHOT, on 17 May. And all ended up well for Floor's friend as his father accepted him the way he is.



Judith Farnworth

Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Armenia

To mark IDAHOT 2016, HM Ambassador Judith Farnworth hosted a lunch for representatives of Armenian LGBTI organizations to discuss LGBT equality and to learn about their work. The Ambassador then gave an opening speech at a

conference organized by the "New Generation" NGO to discuss legislative changes for the protection of the rights of LGBT people. In her speech the Ambassador noted that "The UK Government is committed to non-discrimination on any grounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity. We are committed to promoting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. This isn't about special rights - it is merely about LGBT people being accorded the same dignity, respect and rights as all other citizens. Human rights are universal and should apply equally to all people.

The UK has one of the world's strongest legislative frameworks to prevent discrimination and we are ready to share our experience and practice with other countries preparing anti-discrimination legislation - including Armenia. The strongest, safest and most prosperous societies are those in which citizens can live freely and without fear of violence or discrimination and where ALL citizens can play a full and active role in society. That is why the UK government, including my own ministry the FCO, is intent on continuing its efforts nationally and internationally to promote equality and tolerance."



Matthias Kiesler

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Armenia

In his welcoming remarks the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Armenia Matthias Kiesler urged the participant organizations of the conference not to weaken their LGBTI people human rights protection efforts in Armenia bringing the example of Germany, which has a long history of promoting a number of aimed at protecting LGBTI people from discrimination and stigma.

SUPPORT TO THE "RIGHT SIDE" NGO ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA 2016



The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is observed on May 17 and aims to raise the public awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of LGBT communities worldwide, which in turn provides an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue with the media, policymakers, and wider civil society.

Ahead of The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO signed a sub-grant contract with the President of "Right Side" NGO Lilit Martirosyan to support an initiative aimed to celebrate the IDAHOT

with the interested parties.

On May 17, 2016 Representatives of local organizations and international diplomatic institutions attended the event organized by "Right Side" NGO, which helped to increase their awareness on the IDAHOT through watching videos telling about the meaning and goal of the day, LGBT activism locally and internationally, as well as issues of Armenian LGBTI community in Armenia. The opening ceremony of the "Right Side" NGO was also held during the event.



"YOUTH AND POLITICS" YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



"Youth and Politics" youth exchange project within the ERASMUS+ program was successfully implemented.

The first meeting took place from April 09 to April 18, 2016 in the Federal Republic of Germany, which was attended by participants from 7 countries: Estonia, Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Belarus and Armenia. At the meeting the participants discussed the

involvement of the participant countries' youth in the politics, found out current problems and got acquainted with the cultural values of the participant countries.



The second meeting was held in Odessa, Ukraine, where the same participants carried out sociological survey among young people of Odessa.



The aim of the survey was to find out the involvement of the youth in the politics and the level of their indifference.



The tools of the sociological survey and reporting forms were prepared by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO. "Strategic planning" and "Advocacy" topics were delivered by Sergey Gabrielyan and Arman Sahakyan. As a result of the project implementation strategic plans were developed which will be used in the participant countries to support the engagement of the youth in the politics and to build active civil society.

The full report of the sociological survey in Russian is attached below.

"HUMAN RIGHTS, TOLERANCE AND PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION" TWO-DAY TRAINING IN YEGHEGNADZOR



On May 26-27, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Human rights, tolerance and prohibition of discrimination" two-day training in Yeghegnadzor for about 20 representatives from Vayots Dzor Regional Administration, Yeghegnadzor Municipality, Territorial Employment Center, Aarhus Center, Civil Youth Center, Women's Regional Association, Primary School N2 after H. Hovhannisyan, Vayots Dzor Regional State

College, Vayots Dzor Regional Branch of the Armenian Red Cross Society and Yeghegnadzor Branch of the Armenian Relief Society.

After discussing general concepts, history, definition, protection mechanisms of human rights, in-state and international legislations with Arayik Zalyan the participants spoke up about main issues regarding human rights violations in the region and tried to find solutions together. At the second half of the first day they referred to freedom of speech and information, hate speech, defamation and abuse.

Hasmik Harutyunyan talked about prohibition of discrimination, particularly its definition, types and protected grounds, the obligations of the State in fight against discrimination, and need of adopting an anti-





discrimination law in Armenia.

Based on their theoretical knowledge acquired during the two days the participants practiced their skills on writing a complaint, its response as well as inquiry on the information, filled in thematic tests, discussed a number of tasks on human rights violations and organized a moot court based on ECHR precedential decision of "V.V. against Russia"

case through presenting the court, the plaintiff and defendant parties.

In evaluation forms the participants expressed their satisfaction with the content, organizational aspects, efficiency and accessibility of the training and mentioned that during those two days they were given an opportunity to think about the manifestations of discrimination in their environment and highlight the fact that everyone should be informed about their rights as well as be protected. Certificates of participation were given to all of the attendees.

The training was organized in the scope of "Human rights for diversity and equality" project financed by the Norwegian Helsinki Committee.

ONE-DAY TRAINING ON "HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIV"



On May 28, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Human rights and HIV" one-day training in Yerevan, aimed at the public awareness on human rights, as well rights of people living with HIV.

During the training the participants were introduced to 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. At the end the participants came up with a number inquiries, such as the obligations the State towards the international legal documents, measures to enhance the role of women in the political system, and legal protection of people living with HIV.

They were also provided with legal consulting concerning the issues raised during the training.