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THE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION OF "THE DANISH GIRL"



On February 4, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized the screening of "The Danish Girl".

The screening and discussion of the film was very active and full of different opinions. The participants exchanged ideas on the movie, its actors and their play. They also discussed the topic and issues of the film, as well as issues related to LGBTI, particularly transgender community in Armenia.

Although there were also some critical opinions about LGBTI and sex reassignment issues, at the end of the discussion the prevailing opinion was that all members of society, including LGBTI people and other vulnerable groups, should have equal rights and opportunities, since it is any democratic country's strategic plan in the field of human rights protection.

It is notable to add that some people criticized New Generation's initiative and posted on its Facebook page the following entry: "Is this how you bring up a new generation?" Whilst the screening was productive, since it brought together 40 youngsters from various educational institutions, non-governmental and other organizations.

"That I, Lili, am vital and have a right to life I have proved by living for 14 months," she wrote. "It may be said that 14 months is not much, but they seem to me like a whole and happy human life". The role of the first transgender person plays Eddie Redmayne.

FOUR-DAY TRAINING FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF CRIMINAL-EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONS



From February 10 to 13, 2016, "New Generation" NGO launched "Awareness of issues of vulnerable groups and prohibition of discrimination for democratic society" four-day training in Gyumri. 11 representatives from the RA Criminal-Executive Department and Nubarashen, Kosh, Artik, Armavir, Sevan, Abovyan and Vanadzor Criminal-Executive Institutions took part in the training.

During the four days the participants covered the following topics: "Prohibition of torture / Istanbul Protocol", "Discrimination against minorities, means for fight and prohibition", "Prohibition of discrimination in international documents ratified by the Republic of Armenia", "Human right / General concepts; definitions; local and international legal documents", and "Freedom of speech; Hate speech".

The training 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.

TRAINING ON HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS



On February 16, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO in the scope of "Human rights for diversity and equality" project organized a training on the topic of "European Convention for the protection of rights and fundamental freedoms". About 20 youngsters from different

educational, non-governmental and other institutions attended the training.

The training was conducted by Artur Makaryan, lawyer at "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO.

The participants started a discussion about the European Convention for the protection of rights and fundamental freedoms, then they talked about international human rights conventions ratified by the Republic of Armenia. The trainer presented precedential decisions of cases of the European Court of Human Rights, which are based on discrimination.

All of the participants thanked the organizers and expressed their willingness to participate in other training and initiatives organized by the organization.

DISCUSSION ON THE RA LAW ON ALTERNATIVE MILITARY SERVICE IN VANADZOR



On February 19, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO in the scope of "Reinforcement of legislative mechanisms regarding protection of rights of vulnerable groups for rule of law" project initiated and organized a discussion on the topic of the RA Law on "Alternative Military Service", which was held in the Vanadzor NGO Center's meeting hall.

The goal of the meeting is to increase the level of the public awareness on protection of rights of vulnerable groups and development of appropriate human rights protection mechanisms through relevant legislative changes. The discussion was conducted by Artur Sakunts, president of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office, human rights defender.

Representatives of non-profit organizations, mass media, as well as Vanadzor regional military commissariat were present at the meeting. An [article](#) about the discussion was published in "Lori Region" newspaper, February 24, 2016, N 13.

DISCUSSION ON THE RA LAW ON ALTERNATIVE MILITARY SERVICE IN GYUMRI



On February 19, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized a discussion in Gyumri on the topic of promotion of rights of vulnerable groups. President of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor office, human rights defender Artur Sakunts mentioned that the discussion is very important, because it helps to increase the awareness on the issues of vulnerable groups and means for their solution.

Videos on the discussions were broadcast in news programs of ["Tsyag"](#) and ["Shirak"](#) regional TV.

TRAINING ON PREVENTION OF HIV / AIDS AND IMPORTANCE OF HIV TESTING

On February 26, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized "Prevention of HIV/AIDS and importance of HIV testing" training, which aimed at increasing the awareness of the youth about HIV and AIDS.

The training conducted Sergey Gabrielyan, President of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO.

During the training glossary of HIV/AIDS and their differences, ways of HIV transmission and vital fluids, correct use of condoms and HIV testing and other useful information were introduced to the participants. The training was combined with interactive games and exercises. At the the "It refers also to those who seem to have nothing to do with it" video was shown. It refers to the importance of HIV prevention and testing. The video was translated into Armenian by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO. The training was organized in the scope of the " HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city" project, which is implemented with the financial support of the Global Fund against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and Mission East/Armenia.



WE EXIST: TRANSGENDERS



"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO financed "We Exist" project, which is implemented by "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO.

On January 24, 2016, "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO in the scope of the project organized a **flash-mob**. The goal of the flash-mob was to was to inform the people that transgender people exist in our society and are the full members of it.

The flash-mob was conducted in Northern Avenue of Yerevan City where the participants of the initiative distributed balloons on which it was written: "We Exist: Transgenders".

"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO had an **interview** with the president of "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO Lilit Martirosyan.



On February 04, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO published the **"Newspaper Iravunk (rights) and human rights of people with disabilities"** article, which particularly says: "The article published in the 16th page of the edition N2 of Iravunk newspaper (in translation Iravunk means "rights" is a form of obvious violation of human rights: violation of human rights of people with disabilities".

On February 05, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO released a statement /See [«Ահարոնյանի սպառնալիքը դատապարտելի է»/](#) critisizing the threatening statements of the leader the "Armenian Social Movement" Robert Aharonyan towards the president of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office President Artur Sakunts.



On 27/11/2015 the Court of General Jurisdiction of Kentron and Nork-Marash with the presiding judge Apinyan refused "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO's **claim** against Iravunk and obliged the NGO to pay 100.000 AMD to Iravunk for attorney related costs.

On February 23, 2016, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO sent an **appliment** to Ara Zohrabyan, Chairman of the Chamber of Advocates of RA to conduct disciplinary proceedings against attorney Garik Galikyan. The appliment particularly says: «...on February 19, 2016, Garik Galikyan, member of the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia and founder of Galikyan law office in Yerevan and its branch in the Netherlands, was asked to take part in one the most recent episode of «Կիսաբաց լուսամուտներ» (kisabac lusamutner / Half Opened Windows). During the show a gay man was brought on the air together with his mother to talk about the discrimination he faces in finding a job, based on his sexual orientation and gender identity / expression. While expressing his attitudes, Garik Galikyan publicly stated: "Whenever I see them [LGBT people], I will smash them, trample them, and yes – they must be burnt... "

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NEEDS OF SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE: ASSESSMENT OF LEGAL BARRIERS

"Needs of sex reassignment surgery of transgender people: assessment of legal barriers" research is conducted 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.

The research aims at reporting the needs and issues of sex reassignment surgery of transgender people in Armenia, such as legal or legislative barriers, consequences and preferable ways to solve systemic problems of transgender community.

MANIFESTATIONS OF ATTITUDES, HATE SPEECH TOWARDS LGBT PEOPLE, AND THE VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS IN THE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT OF RA

For the period of June 1- November 20, 2015 a research was conducted to explore the manifestation of attitudes and hate towards LGBT people in the online environment of RA and the violation of their rights. The research was conducted in the scope of "Human rights for diversity and equality" project, which is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee.



"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO in the scope of "Youth against discrimination" project, implemented with the financial support of the Open Society Foundations / Armenia published What is discrimination? educational brochure.