



# ALONG WITH TIME

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## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH SECTOR



Within the framework of the Memorandum of understanding between New Generation Humanitarian NGO and Bavarian youth council (BJR) Armenian state and non-governmental organizations as well as initiative groups had the chance to implement community development projects. With the help of the special edition of Along with Time you can get acquainted with the implemented projects.





## **MEETING-DISCUSSION ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS IN ARMENIA IS NEGLECTED WAS HELD**

Within the framework of Capacity building project DiverCity social-cultural, humanitarian NGO organized a meeting-discussion on The Protection of Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Armenia is Neglected. In the course of the meeting it was spoken about Human Rights of women, LGBTIQ+ and trans people, prioritization and protection of Human Rights in Criminal-Executive Institutions, the state of Human Rights of people of varying cultural backgrounds and public mentality about them, Human Rights of military servicemen, Human Rights of the sexually abused, about media field etc. A discussion was held in the auditorium after the speeches. The speakers were:

- Goharik Tigranyan from "Institute of Public Policy" NGO;
- The opening speech was delivered by Artak Adam, founder-president of "DiverCity" NGO;
- As well as Louisa Vardanyan, a lawyer and legal advisor of "PINK" Human Rights defender NGO;
- Lilit Martirosyan, the founder-president of "Right Side" NGO;
- Anahit Simonyan, founder of "Human Rights Research Centre" NGO;
- Nare Hovhannisyan, "Center for Legal Initiatives" NGO, president;

- Hovsep Khurshudyan, "Free Citizen" CISC NGO, president;
- Yuri Manvelyan, journalist, Epress.am;
- Arman Gharibyan, "Human Rights Power" NGO, cofounder;
- Siranush Davtyan, "Sexual Assault Crisis Centre" NGO, psychologist.

At the event the participants were given "Diversity of Society" easy-reading manual published by the Organization.

The project was implemented by DiverCity social-cultural and humanitarian NGO with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).



## **PEACE DIALOGUE NGO IMPLEMENTED THE "CIVIC JOURNALISM" PROJECT.**

Peace Dialogue NGO implemented the "Civic journalism" project. 21 youngsters representing the three northern regions of Armenia (Lori, Tavush, Shirak) participated in journalism and civic journalism, video and photography courses. For each new material to be learned, young participants in the workshop were given the opportunity to apply their knowledge in practice. After the training, the participants had the opportunity to implement their own journalism, civic journalism, photo, video or multimedia projects in their communities.

The project was implemented by Peace dialogue NGO and expenses of the participants during the preparation of their materials were covered with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## GYUMRI PROGRESS CENTER FOR CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT NGO IMPLEMENTED THE "PRESS CONFERENCE - OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH" PROJECT



Gyumri Progress Center for Civil Society Development NGO implemented the "Press Conference - Opportunities for Youth" project. The press conference was organized to cover the ongoing and ongoing youth programs of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR) and the New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO).

The following topics were discussed during the press conference:

- About BJR,
- About NGNGO,
- Joint projects of BJR and NGNGO,
- BJR's goals in youth development internationally,
- Overview of small grants,
- Youth exchange programs,
- Opportunities for young people.

The speakers were the head of New Generation Humanitarian NGO office and Executive Director of the Bavarian youth council. The meeting was held in an active atmosphere and ended with a question and answer session.



### **LIFE (LEADERSHIP, INFORMATION, FREEDOM, EQUALITY)**

The LIFE platform for CSWs from Yerevan and the regions of Armenia was held. The training was organized by the Right not rescue initiative. On the first day of the training, participants were introduced to the topic of "HIV and AIDS Prevention and the Importance of testing". Trainer-expert Hmayak Avetisyan presented the topic as a whole: HIV virus, transmission ways,

protection mechanisms, as well as the importance of testing. In the second half of the day, CSW community needs assessment was carried out, the results of which will be summarized in one document and presented to stakeholders. On the second day of the training the participants met with lawyer-attorney Anahit Mkrtchyan. The meeting was held in a pressure-free atmosphere, and the participants asked their questions to the expert and received answers. At the end of the training the participants received certificates. The project was implemented by Right not rescue initiative group with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## **TNASHEN DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED IN SHENIK VILLAGE OF ARMAVIR REGION.**



The project was aimed at creating informal education platform for the youth of Shenik village of Armavir region through various trainings, discussions, film screenings and exchanging experiences with interesting people. Discussions on leadership, teamwork, discrimination and equality, volunteering and activism took place in TnaShen. Community need assessment meeting was held, identifying the most important and urgent issues which need solutions. Motivational meetings with speakers from different fields were organized who shared their experiences with our participants and introduced new opportunities.

At the end of the project, our youngsters from TnaShen will come up with their own community development plan and try to reach the solutions. The project was implemented by the Youth activists from Shenik initiative group with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).



## **ON 24-26 OF JANUARY, 2020, DARBAS YOUTH CENTER HAS LAUNCHED A THREE-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT.**

On 24-26 of January, 2020, Darbas Youth Center has launched a three-day capacity building project. The project involved 12 young people from Darbas community. Participants had the opportunity to attend the trainings the topics of which had been offered by them. On the first day, David Amiryany spoke about several computer programs. On the second day, Karine Nahapetyan introduced contemporary Armenian writers.

The participants analyzed a short story of a modern Armenian writer and received modern Armenian writers' books at the end of the course. On the 3rd day they raised some community issues and tried to think solutions to them, besides they had chance to get acquainted with some S/Es that have changed something in their community. At the end of the day, the participants received certificates and planned their future steps.



The project was implemented by Darbas youth center initiative group with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).



## **LIFE LEADERS SCHOOL WAS HELD IN VANADZOR.**

On January 24-26, the Successful Journey Youth Initiative group organized LIFE Leadership School in Vanadzor. The project was designed for youth from NGOs in the regions of Armenia. Throughout the project, the youth had the opportunity to learn about leadership, develop communication skills, and learn non-violent communication techniques.

During the three-day program, the participants had opportunity to hear, get acquainted with the topics and apply the skills learned through various practical exercises.

The aim of the project was to create in the Community Center an integrated platform for contemporary and open educational methods in order to stimulate beneficiaries' aspirations towards knowledge and self-development as well as form an active group of Dilijan residents who are motivated to develop society. As a result, 12 young people have gained the competence to initiate small positive changes in their local community by implementing their own social initiatives. The participants engage in participatory decision making at family and community levels by applying tools learned



## **THE PROJECT ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE YOUTH IN DILIJAN WAS HELD**

during the program to needs identification, project management, and active citizenship. Activities of the project included: Workshops on active citizenship, human rights and equality, cultural diversity and tolerance, volunteering; Workshops on project management; Implementation of small projects (sub-granting to local projects); Reflection forum.

## **LUSASHOGH WILL HAVE A PUBLIC PARK**



The public park in Lusashogh village in Ararat region of Armenia will open soon in this spring. The youth and youngsters of Lusashogh village have been building a public park within the framework of Let your light shine initiative that will become a recreational area for community youth. Residents of the community will have the opportunity to enjoy their free time in a beautiful park, which will open its doors in this spring after the area has been made into green. The project was implemented by Let your light shine initiative with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## ON FEBRUARY 1, TRAININGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE BUILDING FOR LOCAL YOUTH TOOK PLACE IN BERD

On February 1, trainings on human rights and peace building for local youth took place in Berd. In the introductory part of the training, the goals and activities of the Frontline youth network NGO were presented. The importance of youth involvement in community development was discussed. The conflict resolution types were presented with Practical exercises and activities. An interesting discussion took place on the connection between peacebuilding and human rights. It was noted that peace is a key precondition for the normal existence of human rights. They also talked about human rights theory and main directions, legal regulations.

We expressed our gratitude to the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) Berd office for hosting the training. The project was implemented by the Frontline youth network NGO with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).



### CIVIC AWARENESS...



As part of the initiative, the Noyemberyan Newsletter Facebook group has been established, where young volunteers from Noyemberyan regularly post community news, information on community issues, as well as educational and informative content on a variety of topics. Since the day of registration, more than 1,000 participants have joined the group, including youth from different communities, community leaders, MPs, councilors, Tavush regional administration staff and representatives of international organizations.

This Facebook group aspires to become the largest informational platform in the Noyemberyan region,

where community leaders and businesses will also be able to post articles and organize online public discussions.

The idea behind creating a group is to present the opinions of people with different interests and interests in a civilized manner and to organize public discussions. The project has contributed to the enhancement of youth media literacy and has created a favorable environment for their participation in solving community issues.

The project was implemented by the CCD NGO with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).



## **VANADZOR № 35 INCLUSIVE KINDERGARTEN WAS REPLENISHED WITH NEW INCLUSIVE PROPERTY.**



Within the framework of the grant program and co-financing, the kindergarten was equipped with new, colorful and inclusive chairs, wardrobes and tables. The age and needs of children attending kindergarten were taken into account when making purchases, with particular attention to children with disabilities. The new property makes the kindergarten environment more inclusive and positive, making it easier for inclusive children to use the property. The project was implemented by № 35 inclusive kindergarten of Vanadzor with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## **"THE PLANET OF OUR HISTORY"**

On the 14th of February the theatrical performance titled "The Planet of Our History" took place in the city of Gyumri. The purpose of the performance "The history of our planet" was to promote the idea of tolerance and peace, love and respect among the three generations of Gyumri - teenagers, young people, middle-aged and the elderly people. The theatrical event was dedicated to tolerance, peace-loving topics, such as prevention of discrimination, peaceful resolution of conflicts. The performances will be continuous.



Was selected Saroyan's "War" story, staged by RA Honored Artist, actor and director of Gyumri Drama Theater Hovhannes Hovhannisyán. The actors were selected from the beneficiaries of the organization who performed excellently. The event participants, members, beneficiaries, guests of the Arax charitable NGO, were impressed not only by the play of non-professional actors, but also by the importance of tolerance, peace-building, prevention of discrimination, the importance of the information shared with the participants about the peaceful resolution of conflicts, which is No to war, No to discrimination.

## WE ARE VISIBLE



Colorful house NGO implemented We are visible project, in the framework of which young trans\* activists organized a public awareness event.

Leaflets on trans\* issues were distributed, posters were stuck in the city. Balloons with the slogan "I am a trans\* person and I am visible" were released into the air.

The event was attended by allied to show their solidarity to trans\* people and support the community.

The event was another occasion for trans\* activists to remind the public about the existence of trans\* people, their free self-expression and human rights.

The event organizers plan to hold a similar event on March 31, Trans\* Visibility day.

The project was implemented by the Colorful house social-cultural and human rights defender NGO with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## YOUTH CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A youth camp for young people aged 16-30 from Yerevan and the regions of Armenia was organized.

The first day of camp started with the team building exercise, the participants got to know each other and learned the benefits of teamwork. Young activists were also introduced to the topics of leadership and volunteering, and participants were introduced to a number of volunteering opportunities. The day continued with the theme of conflicts and resolution.

The second day was dedicated to the prohibition of discrimination, the recognition of violence and torture. In the second half health topics such as HIV prevention, were discussed. On the third day of the camp, participants learned project design and management, and also how to apply their knowledge in practice. At the end of the camp, participants received certificates.

The project was implemented by Time for development initiative group with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).





## LIBRARY-ANTI CAFE



The library-anti cafe of Vedi in Ararat region of Armenia was furnished. There is a lack of recreational areas in Ararat region and especially in Vedi. A number of young people in Vedi came together on the idea of having a library-anti cafe to form a non-formal platform that will ensure youth employment and enable them to use their free time effectively in Vedi. The library-anticafe provides not only leisure, but also education:

book discussions, language groups, media literacy courses and debates take place.

Various art events are organized to enhance the cultural life of the city.

Within the framework of a grant project the library-anti café has been replenished with new furniture that will allow any event to be held in a comfortable and pleasant environment.

The project was implemented by Library-anti cafe initiative group with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

From January 15 to February 15, 2020, the Active Youth of Spitak Initiative implemented the "City park renovation" project, which was attended by members of the initiative and a number of volunteers. The aim of the project was to improve the recreation in the city park. Not only members of the Initiative but also volunteers participated in the project, which also helped identify active youth in the city and increase their initiative. During the program, the participants prepared and installed 4 new benches that will serve the citizens for many years.

At the end of the project a meeting was organized, during which the project coordinator Edgar Kocharyan thanked all the participants. The participants expressed willingness to get involved in other projects as well.

The project was implemented by the Active Youth of Spitak Initiative with the financial support of New Generation Humanitarian NGO from the funds of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

## THE ACTIVE YOUTH OF SPITAK INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED THE "CITY PARK RENOVATION" PROJECT.



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