

APRIL WITH YIC



Dear readers, we are happy to present the monthly newsletter, which will tell you about our organization activities done in April.

“OPEN YOUTH WORK RECOGNITION IN ARMENIA” PROJECT



Within the framework of the “Open Youth Work Recognition in Armenia” project youth sector expert, project manager Artur Najaryan and public policy expert in youth sector Anna Yeghoyan held meetings and discussions with a number of youth representatives. The main goal of the meetings was to discuss the model of open youth work in Armenia as an effective way of working with youth, the prospects of its investment, as well as the possible forms of further cooperation.

“UPSHIFT ARMENIA” ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT” PROGRAMME



On April 14, in the frames of UNICEF “UPSHIFT Armenia” adolescent development and empowerment programme a “Project Design” training course took place in Gyumri Technology Center.

46 adolescents from Shirak and Lori regions participated in the training.

10 teams, who passed the competition of community development youth projects, selected their mentors by lot. Until May 5 with their mentors teams will work on their projects defining the aim, objectives, actions, responsible persons, existing and required recourses.

«GET A BIKE, GET A LIFE» PROJECT



As you know YIC NGO has founded a social enterprise in January, which aims to develop cycling culture in Gyumri and provide affordable tourism services. The Enterprise will operate under the brand name BikeLife.



It is gladsome that other active citizens are also willing to develop cycling culture, who together with project manager Karen Terteryan have united around the common initiative.

The members of the initiative held a meeting with Gyumri deputy director Mr. R. Sanoyan to clarify the possibility of having bicycle routes in Gyumri and related issues. Mr. R. Sanoyan welcomed the initiative and expressed readiness to cooperate.



Wait for news in the near future.

In April, we have elaborated our service package and prepared our official website. Wait for their launch soon.

ERASMUS+ YOUTH. INFO CENTRE



On April 10, Erasmus+ Youth. Info Centre Armenia organized an informative meeting at Russian- Armenian University where students and professors attended.

During the meeting the manager of Info Centre Armenia Artur Najaryan and project coordinator Mariam Gharagozyan presented educational and retraining opportunities given to Armenian youngsters and representatives of Non-governmental organizations by “Erasmus+ Youth” and “European Solidarity Corps”. International volunteer from Czech Martina Hornickova shared her success story with the attendees.

“FRIDAY’S CAFÉ”



On April 12 another “ Friday’s Café ’ ’ of Gyumri "Youth Initiatives Center" NGO took place. This time the topic was Music.

In a warm atmosphere of “Friday’s Café” the participants learned Estonian, Czech, French, Slovakian and Armenian songs and tasted A CUP OF MUSIC.

The songs of "Jranerk" music band made the event more musical and beautiful.

"YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM"



The training course for youth workers who will be involved in the long-term partnership project "Youth Entrepreneurship Education in Hospitality and Tourism" took place in Telavi, Georgia.

The participants from Armenia were Mariam Saribekyan, YIC member and youth worker, Armine Baghdasaryan, lecturer at Shirak Regional State College, Arpine Nikolyan, project assistant at "Women For Development" NGO and Arman Gevorgyan, member of initiative "Sarapat as a touristic platform".

MOBILITY WITH YIC



This month we had one opportunity of mobility: International youth forum on reading promotion in CIS countries, which will be held on June 23-30 in Tajikistan.

We will inform you about the selected participants later.

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Since April, European Voluntary Service volunteer Pia Kai Sild has started an "Art and Craft" club at the "Youth House".

During this month, we have had a short-term ESC opportunities in France and Poland, as well as a long-term ESC opportunity in Poland.

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APRIL WITH "YOUTH HOUSE"



interesting stories with the youth at the centre.

On the occasion of the RA Citizen's Day, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs announced a contest among teenagers aged 14-18, and the winner was one of "Youth House" youngsters, who was given the opportunity to meet with the minister, to visit the ministry's departments and get acquainted with their work.

20 youngsters from "Youth House" took part in the annual "Flower Gathering" event at Tsitsernakaberd Memorial Complex.

Head of Spitak community Gagik Sahakyan and head of Spitak municipality's staff Anahit Gyulazyan were hosted at YIC and "Youth House" for the cognitive visit within the framework of the project "Recognition of Open Youth Work in Armenia".

Students of the "Sociology Department" of the Shirak State University had a cognitive visit and a practical lesson in the centre. They got acquainted with the activities of the "Youth House" and the methodology of the youth work.

The month summed up with tree planting by the youngsters and the team. The trees were provided by Armenian Tree Project.

Like all the other months, April was also very busy at the centre. Music, English, Discussion and Yoga clubs continue. The Computer club was over, the participants introduced the websites which they had made during the club. And YIC EVS volunteer Pia Kai Sild launched new “Art Club”.

During thematic week of “Business” the youngsters got acquainted with the peculiarities of social entrepreneurship.

One of the best project ideas selected within “UPSHIFT Armenia” project was presented by “Youth House” youngsters, who participated in the “Project Design” training.

This month the youngsters had a chance to have a study visit at the “Mkrtychyan Art Centre” where the artist Mary Mkrtychyan introduced the young people to her handmade works and embroidery portraits.

A study visit to “HayAr Jewelery” art studio was organized, where Artak Tadevosyan presented youngsters the jewelry made by him and shared some creative nuances.

On the occasion of the RA Citizen's Day, a study visit to “Sakharov Human Rights Protection Centre” was organized, where the youngsters talked with Seyran Martirosyan.

