

SEPTEMBER WITH YIC



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

"OPEN YOUTH WORK" PROJECT

On September 5, within the framework of the program "Formation of open youth work in Armenia", the course "Open Youth Work" was launched in Gyumri.

In the course of the visit there was a component of the educational visit regarding open youth work, it was aimed at developing the opportunities of actors involved in youth work.

The event was attended by people working with young people, implementing programs for young people, employees of organizations and volunteers, employees of local governments and subordinate structures from different communities of the Republic of Armenia.

Leading experts of the youth sphere of Armenia Anna Egoyan and Arthur Najaryan were the leaders of the courses.



The Course entitled "Open Youth Work" organized within the framework of the program, during which the participants got acquainted with the history of youth work, types of activities, tools, principles of open youth work and their application, then applied the acquired knowledge in practice, making a study visit to the open youth center "Youth House".



On the last day of the seminar, the participants met with the acting head of the youth policy Department of the RA Ministry of education and science Rosa Hakobyan, during the

meeting, the progress and further actions of the program" formation of open youth work in Armenia" were presented, a number of issues related to youth policy and work were discussed, after which an agreement was reached on further actions and programs.



The program is implemented by Gyumri "Youth Initiatives Centre" with the assistance of the Ministry of ECSS of the Republic of Armenia and "NGO Center" and "Armenian youth forward" NGO.

OUR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

To YIC were joined by two volunteers from the ESC.

Melissa and Elena arrived in Armenia from Germany and will carry out European volunteer work in Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO.

Welcome to our big and warm family!!!



On September 28, an informal farewell meeting of Martina Hornickkova, who arrived from the Czech Republic in Gyumri within the framework of the EVS program, was held.

Martina has been volunteering for one year at Gyumri “Youth Initiative Centre” NGO. She was leading English club and Yoga club in the “Youth House”. She organized workshops on youth work and social work, assisted in organization of different projects like the “Friday’s Cafe” International Youth Day and different clubs in the “Youth House” etc. During the event, EVS Coordinator Mariam Gharagozyan awarded the volunteer with a Certificate of Appreciation and YouthPass for his work.



ARMENIA-GERMANY SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

On September 7, in the frames of Armenia-Germany school exchange programme Memorandums of Understanding were signed between Gyumri “Youth Initiative Centre” NGO and Shirak State University High School SNCO, Gyumri Photon College, Gyumri N25 Primary School SNCO and Gyumri N1 High School SNCO.



In the frames of the Memorandum 8 pupils and 4 teachers from the above mentioned educational institutions will participate in Armenia-Germany school exchange programme which will take place in Berlin from 12 to 23 September, 2019.



On September 17, in Berlin, within the framework of the "Armenia-Germany "school exchange program, the Armenian delegation visited the famous German special school" Karl von Lin", where about 1,200 students with disabilities study.

The 13-member Armenian delegation got acquainted with the activities of the school, the educational program, working approaches and tools, as well as had the opportunity to participate in practical classes on the correct use of wheelchairs



The aim of the project is to promote cooperation between schools in Armenia and Germany, ensure exchange of experience between pupils and teachers and formation of intercultural and inclusive education.

The project is implemented by Gyumri “Youth Initiative Centre” NGO (Armenia) and “Vorstand Acht e.V.” (Germany) with the support of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.

OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

On September 7, 2019 a non-formal meeting took place at YIC office with volunteers involved in the organizing activities of the International Youth Day events. Volunteers shared their impressions and made new proposals.

At the end Gyumri YIC NGO handed certificates to volunteers for active participation and support in organizing activities of IYD events.



And also we are glad to inform the coordination of volunteers of the events dedicated to 28 anniversary of the Independence Day of Armenia was trusted to YIC NGO.



“UPSHIFT ARMENIA” ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME FIRTS GRADUATION



September 11, in the frames of UNICEF “UPSHIFT Armenia” adolescent development and empowerment programme first graduation event took place in Gyumri Technological Center.

Event launched with a photo expo of adolescents, after which 5 teams who won and financed competition of community development youth projects submitted results recorded during the six-month training path.



In graduation event was also present governor of Shirak region Tigran Petrosyan, who importance of adolescent participation in community development and wished the program duration and new achievements.



The day ended with a concert, that strengthened the impressions of those present. *"UPSHIFT Armenia" Adolescents Development and Empowerment programme is implemented by Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO in cooperation with UNICEF Armenia.

GET A BIKE GET A LIFE

September was full of enthusiasm for the YIC NGO's project "Get a bike, get a life" SE. Members of the Gyumri YIC NGO cycling club received representatives of the "Federation of Amateur Cycling and Cycling tourism" of Armenia and a group of Yerevan cyclists at the office of THE organization.

After the lessons on the exchange of experience and skills, all participants of the meeting were on a bicycle to the monastery complex Marmashen.

On September 22, 7 members of the club took part in the Cycling festival "Bikeathon Yerevan", the experience gained is planned to be applied next year for the organization of the baikaton in Gyumri.

We ended the month with the chosen route to Jajur. The aim of the campaign was to reveal the colors of Minas Avetisyan, as well as to feel the breath and power of autumn winds.

And those who did not know how to ride a bike, we note that in August-September, we actively conducted a series of video practical lessons on Cycling, which will continue until the end of October. If there are still people who don't know the bike, you have a month. To learn about the following events, go to the program [page](#) and join the campaign.



MOBILITY WITH YIC

Ten mobility programmes took place in September.

The first is the Erasmus+ international course entitled "Youth work with a difference" for youth workers in Malta.



The next is the international youth exchange program Erasmus+ called "Cultu (Ru)ral Challenge", held in Ozal (Croatia), for the purpose of cultural exchange.



The international youth exchange program "Wild style: live outdoors, love outdoors" was held in Tramonti, Italy.



We are glad to inform that the meeting on establishing partnership within the framework of the Erasmus+ program started on September 9, which takes place in the Ukrainian city of Yanoshi.



On September 15, the international course "Conflict Resolution-Move Fast and Say Yes" on the topic of management of conflicts started in Kobuleti (Georgia).



And on September 16, the international youth exchange program "From Migration to Integration" was launched in the Croatian city of Lasinja.





The international course "Power to You (th)" started on September 22 in the Irish city of Galway.



From September 22 "fish or fishing?" the international course was held in the Georgian city of Akhaltsikhe.



The last program is the international course "Art of Conflict Management: Achieving Solutions for Life, Work and Beyond", which started on September 23 in Kobuleti, Georgia.



And also during this month we had the opportunity of three programs within the framework of the Erasmus+ program.

One of them is an international course on photography in Italy, another is an international course on youth work in Slovakia and the last one in Georgia is an international course on conflict management.

"Teens4Change_Tavush" MEETING ADOLESCENT «UPSHIFT ARMENIA» WITH PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS

On September 14, the participants of the "Teens4Change_Tavush" program met with the participants of the "UPSHIFT Armenia" youth development and support program in the open youth center "Youth House".

At the beginning of the meeting the participants of the "UPSHIFT Armenia" programme shared their experience, told about the progress of programs that solve community problems, then Tavush young men got acquainted with the activities and life of the first open youth center in Armenia - "Youth House", then walked around the city and saw the results registered by the graduates of the " UPSHIFT Armenia " programme.

The goal of the program "Teens4Change_Tavush " is to give 15-18-year-old participants living in Tavush region knowledge and skills about technology and entrepreneurship, through which community problems will be identified and technological business solutions for them will be offered.

* "The name " Teens4Change_Tavush "is implemented by Girls in Tech Armenia and UNFPA in cooperation with Arevik social and educational center of Tavush diocese.



YIC is 10 y.o

Exactly 10 years ago, on september 22, an informal initiative created by a group of Gyumri young people with experience in the field of youth work, and launched about 9 months, the YIC received legal status by registering as a public organization.

During these years, YIC, remaining true to its activities and goals, has always tried to promote the development of young people and young people, contributed to the formation of their personality and citizen-consciousness.

We are confident that we succeed and are grateful for the trust of young people.

Heartfelt congratulations to the YIC team, members and all young people.

We are grateful to all persons and structures-partners who have passed with us this way.

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SEPTEMBER IN "YOUTH HOUSE"

In our centre September was full of important, amazing and interesting events. At the beginning of the month, we had the training course about "Open Youth Work" organized in the framework of "Open youth work in Armenia" project. There were representatives from different NGOs of Armenia, who were participating in the training course. During the course, the participants had the opportunity to visit "Youth House" OYC where they got acquainted with the centre, with the opportunities, services that the centre provides for the youngsters. They also organized several thematic workshops for the youngsters of the

centre. The participant Vahe Khachikyan, who is the coordinator of Vanadzor's InfoTun NGO centre, donated the game "TIMaget" to the centre.

On 19 September, an open-air meeting was held in Gorky Park. The centre's staff and the youngsters did teamwork exercises, discussions. The environment was very pleasant for both of them.

The thematic week of this month was dedicated to European Sports Week, which was full of sports games, quizzes and workshops.

We are very happy for the achievements of our youngsters and it is also worth mentioning that Zarmuhi Psteyan who is one of our beneficiaries had participated in "Leadership School" programme a few months ago and she organized a workshop about "Communication" for our youngsters promoting youngster's ability for communicating correctly and literally.



CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

We are very happy, because we have already raised more than 1000 EUR.

We will continue fundraising for the "Youth House" in order for more youngsters to live their dreams. To accomplish this, we need an additional 16,820 EUR.

If you want to donate please [follow this link](#) and help us share it among your friends.

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