

NOVEMBER WITH YIC

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

EVERYTHING ABOUT JAZZ

On November 5 in Gyumri "Youth Initiative Center" NGO a meeting-discussion on jazz, jazz history and types took place in collaboration with the "My Step" Foundation and the "State Jazz Orchestra of Armenia"

An interesting discussion was held with Artyom Naghdyan, Director of the "State Jazz Orchestra of Armenia" and Lilit Grigoryan, cultural program coordinator of the "My Step" Foundation, during which the participants learned a number of interesting facts about jazz. At the end of the meeting participants were given "Jamiroquai in Armenia" and "The Parov Stelar Band at Silk Note Festival in Armenia" concert tickets as a surprise



We are happy to inform that from 12-14 November «Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise» takes place in Nairobi, Kenya. The governments of Kenya and Denmark and UNFPA are co-convening the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, a high-level conference to mobilize the political will and financial commitments we urgently need to finally and fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, where 179 governments adopted a landmark Programme of Action which set out to empower women and girls for their sake, and for the benefit of their families, communities and nations.

The Armenian Delegation consists of the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Zaruhi Batoyan, Committee Chair of National Assembly, Standing Committee on Health Care and Social Affairs of Parliament of Armenia Narek Zeynalyan, National Assembly, "Civil Contract" party Lusine Badalyan, Deputy Ombudsman Artyem Sedrakyan, Ruzanna Torozyan from Winnet Armenia, Karine Kocharyan from Armenia Round Table Foundation and Mariam Gharagozyan from Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO



CHRISTMAS IN YIC



Christmas fairy tale is already in our office. Special thanks to our faithful and irreplaceable partner [Design Boutique](#) company.

PROGRESSING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN ARMENIA ON GOVERNANCE AND PEACE

Peaceful Change initiative and Youth Cooperation Center of Dilijan have organized a four-day study visit on Youth Policy and engagement in Scotland for civil society actors, government officials and MPs from Armenia under the framework of the project on "Progressing Youth Participation in Armenia on Governance and Peace", funded by the UK Government's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund.

We are glad to inform, that from Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" Anna Egoyan, a member of the YIC NGO and an expert of the youth sphere, participated in the educational visit.



TRASH SORTING

On November 21 the final event of the "Trash sorting" project took place in Spitak. It was one of 10 projects of "UPSHIFT Armenia" adolescent development and empowerment programme, 5 of which received funding from the "UPSHIFT Armenia" programme. The "Trash sorting" project was the 6th project which was financed by the Gyumri "Youth Initiatives Centre" NGO.

During the implementation of the program, participating teenagers installed trash boxes

both in the city and inside different organizations for sorting trash, 3 of which are for plastic bottles and 16 are for paper:

During the final meeting, the participants of the project shared their knowledge.

The aim is to contribute to the formation of a trash sorting culture within the city of Spitak.



Friday's Café

On November 29, Friday's cafe was held in YIC NGO. Our theme was on the environment, as November 29 was the day of the "Global Climate Strike".

In a special, warm atmosphere the participants of "Friday's Café" were acquainted with the damage caused in nature every day and how to deal with it, and through the help of games they learned how we have already tried to purify nature in practice ♻️

The good atmosphere was accompanied by delicious vegetable snacks prepared by our international volunteers



MOBILITY IN YIC

"Youth Entrepreneurship Education in Hospitality and Tourism" youth exchange has launched in November 1 in Telavi, Georgia ✓

The participants from Armenia are Student of Shirak State University College named after Mikayel Nalbandyan Shushanik Petrosyan, Students of Shirak State University Marine Nikoghosyan, Katerina Adamyan, Hermine Kirakosyan and Sharvik Petrosyan, Tatev Malkhasyan teacher of High School of Shirakatsi Branch of Haybusak University, student of Yerevan State University Anna Tadevosyan and student of Yerevan State Institute of Theatre and Cinematography Aghas Movsisyan.

Team leaders of the group are Arman Gevorgyan (co-founder of Friend's guest house) and Armine Baghdasaryan (lecturer at Shirak Regional State College)

We wish our team an interesting and productive project. ☺



We are happy to announce the launch of a study visit in Austria in the frames of the Erasmus+ programme to which Armenian delegation is represented by Argishti Mekhakyan - member of National Assembly of RA, who is also a member of YIC NGO, Nazeli Avetisyan - vice rector of Shirak State University, Astghik Yedigaryan - executive director of "Hayordyats Tun" community youth centre of Mother See of Holy Etchmidzin and Emma Baghdasaryan - assistant of Shirak Governor. Head of the Armenian delegation is Artur Najaryan - president of YIC NGO, a youth worker and youth expert.

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ study visit, the Armenian delegation in Austria met with representatives of the city authorities of Linz.

During the meeting, the officials presented details about the local youth policy, mechanisms of cooperation between the state-educational institution-public organization and joint programs, discussed possible ways of Austria-Armenia cooperation in the field of education, youth:



We are happy to announce, that Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO (YIC) is taking part in the KA2-Strategic partnership for youth in the frames of Erasmus+ programme supported by European Commission "Career Orientation Aimed at Community Happiness" (COACH) focused on cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practice. In the frames of the project the first international Training Course "Basic Youth Coaching" of the project launched in Czech Republic from the 11th November 2019. The participants of the project are YIC office manager Syuzanna Sekepyan, YIC members Roza Simonyan, Mariam Darbinyan and English club leader at Youth House Lilit Gabrielyan.



We are happy to announce, that "Colours of Youth Work" training course launched on November 18 in Bardejov, Slovakia ✓

The participants from Armenia are Emilyya Voskanyan, Programs assistant at the Northern Branch of the Eurasia Partnership Foundation and Anna Tepanosyan, volunteer at Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO and student at Shirak State University.

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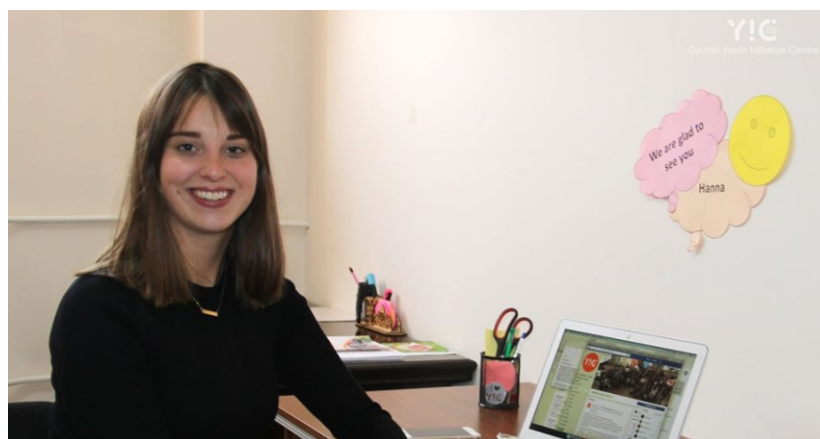


And also during this month we had the opportunity of one program within the framework of the Erasmus+ program.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

To YIC joined the volunteer of the ESC programme Hannah Pintson. Hanna came from Estonia in the frames of European Solidarity Corps programme to work with Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO for 7 months.

Welcome to our big and warm family!!!



NOVEMBER WITH "YOUTH HOUSE"

Every month at "Youth House" is full of exciting, substantial, educational and entertaining events.

The staff and the youngsters of the centre took a walking tour on November 2 in the following directions: Mayisyan, Hatsik, and Tsak Qar.

"Arevik" publishing-house cooperating with the US Embassy organized training about bullying on November 9. During the training, the youngsters learned about bullying as well as possible and impossible dangers caused by it. At the end of the training, the book "Each Kindness" written by Jacqueline Woodson was also presented and hold a place not only in our library but also was given as a present to all participants of the training. The training was conducted by education expert Misha Tadevosyan.

This month the series of our interesting, meaningful and instructive clubs has been complemented by two more: yoga and debate clubs. The youngsters of the centre visited "Ani Photoservice" on November 13, where they saw the interesting items (pictures) made by corks and knew about "Teymortak" and "My spinning top" games. The young people had the opportunity to learn and test how to get the thread from the plastic bottles. And the most striking part of the day was when the youngsters learned how to play one of the best childhood games "Spinning top". A certificate was given to Arevik Tadevosyan who did volunteering at the centre as a receptionist from May till October.

UNICEF Office in Armenia organized a National summit for children with representative teams from all regions of Armenia – 8-9th- grade girls and boys on November 18-20. The objective was to highlight and celebrate refreshed commitments made by decision-makers to realize child rights and showcase the work being done to include children as critical stakeholders.

Our students, who introduced the idea of "Community with our hands" during "UPSHIFT Armenia" Adolescents Development and Empowerment programme, also participated in the summit.

"The youth worker training" annual programme was held in Vanadzor in November. During the programme the centre coordinator Gayane Araqelyan and the youth worker Angela Djanoyan spoke about the topic of "open youth work" in Armenia as well as Gyumri's "Youth house" OYC as the first and unique open youth centre in Armenia. Vanadzor Technology Centre hosted a congress directed to the development of local and international cooperation on November 22, during which the centre coordinator Gayane Araqelyan spoke about the topic of "Open youth work in Armenia" as well as Gyumri's "Youth house" OYC .

We had an interesting and important meeting at the end of the month. Our youngsters met with Nazeli Baghdasaryan, a member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia as well as YIC local advisory board, who spoke about her multi-professional path and the importance of youngster's role in society.

