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Introduction

TPO Foundation has continued, throughout 2019, a series of successful programs and projects focused on children and young people education, violence prevention, leadership and gender equality. The final phase of the three-year *Peer and Gender-based Violence* project supported by the the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway successfully ended with a final conference in Mostar in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the HNC. Thirty-one primary schools were partners in this project implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of the Sarajevo Canton, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Central Bosnia Canton .

Through the activities of the EMIL (Ethos of Multireligious and Intercultural Learning) program, we have opened up opportunities for the implementation of new projects, activities and initiatives such as working with teacher institutes and schools to train trainers for trainers (TOT) with the goal of strengthening intercultural and interreligious competences of teachers, then designings of didactic materials for teachers: “Manuel for Strengthening Intercultural and Interreligious Competences” and regional cooperation with Croatia and Serbia to promote ETOS (ethics, tolerance, openness and solidarity) values.

The Nira Leaders program, as the continuation of the Creative Dialogue Initiative, has proven to be very important for young people, especially students, but also women who acquire leadership skills to initiate change in their community. After trainings on personal and professional development, young people and women received support for the implementation of local civilian initiatives in Tuzla and Zenica. Also, Socrates Cafes were organized in Sarajevo, Zenica, Tuzla and Mostar, and representatives of the TPO Foundation participated in the First Global Cafe led by Christopher Phillips from the US.

TPO Foundation participated with the Turku University of Finland in the #AGAINNEVERAGAIN project. As part of this project, an international conference was held, an online platform was designed, and a Symposium was held in Finland, attended by an associate of the TPO Foundation.

In cooperation with IMIC Zajedno from Sarajevo, the TPO Foundation organized two panel discussions within the “Fer diskursi” initiative on topics of current issues such as justice, ethics and religion, feminism, etc. As every year, International Women’s Day was celebrated, on March 8, 2019, but this time in Ilijaš, by the initiative of a student who wanted to send a message to her city about the importance of equality between women and men.

Finally, we accent that the TPO Foundation has published two books: *The Bosnian Labyrinth: Culture, Gender and Leadership* and *Sociology of Gender - Feminist Criticism*, and the Final Baseline Report: *Peer and Gender-Based Violence in Primary Schools in BiH*.

I thank the TPO Foundation team for their successful cooperation.

Program director

Zilka Spahić Šiljak

About us

TPO Foundation (Transcultural Psychosocial Educational Foundation) advocates for gender equality, dialogue and peace through partnership of civil society, academic institutions and government. It stands for freedom of consciousness and thought, regardless of identity or affiliation. Bridging the gap between academic and activist, governmental and non-governmental and religious and non-religious worldviews, TPO is a leading organization in inclusive approaches to education for peace, gender equality and leadership. TPO Foundation focuses mostly on young people and women, because these two categories are marginalized in our society and their participation in public life and equal representation in places of decision-making need to be supported through various affirmative measures and activities.

TPO programs are implemented through several strategic areas:

Education - Cooperation with universities and other organisations in implementing BiH education reform. Establishment of education centres in cooperation with educational and cultural institutions offering programs for intercultural, multi-religious and civic education, predominantly for women and youth. Preparation of curricula, syllabi, and training materials in cooperation with state institutions and other organisations.

Research - Assessments in the field of education, human rights, gender equality, dialogue, and peace building with the purpose of preparing adequate policies and specific project activities, always taking into consideration gender perspective and specificities of the cultural context.

Gender equality - Promotion and implementation of local and international standards on gender equality through various types of education and raising awareness about these issues in local communities. Special focus is on development of local gender-inclusive communities that respond to the needs of both women and men.

Public Advocacy - Advocacy for changes in action policies and adoption of new policies with the aim of developing a democratic civil society and gender equality, but also raising awareness of the society about the importance of active involvement and participation of citizens in decision making processes. Advocating for gender sensitisation of BiH legislation.

Capacity Building - Empowering individual capacities of women and youth, as well as organizational capacities of local organizations, in areas of gender equality, human rights, economic empowerment, dialogue, and peace building. Support to education reform, health care, and social rehabilitation by training professionals and promoting user's initiatives, and providing psychosocial support to women, children, and youth.

Intercultural Dialogue - Promotion of intercultural dialogue, peace building, and reconciliation in cooperation with relevant NGOs, both national and international. Organization of public debates, round tables, and workshops, as well as meetings of artists, academics, and NGO activists capable of providing respective solutions for common action and co-existence. Organisation of meetings in small local communities with the aim of gathering representatives of divided communities in BiH and opening a dialogue.

Achieved Results

- Over 150 pedagogues and teacher attended Antistress seminars which helped them in stress relief in their private and professional life;
- The Action Plan was developed in cooperation with the ministries of education in three cantons: Herzegovina – Neretva Canton, The Central Bosnia Canton and The Sarajevo Canton, and implemented in 31 schools in those cantons. All teaching staff from 31 schools was involved in the implementation of the Action Plan activities aimed at school administration, the school community, the local community, students, teachers and parents;
- More than 1000 children and 2000 parents attended workshops on the importance of emotions, emotional development and emotional intelligence;
- More than 5000 children participated in student workshops organized by their teachers;
- More than 30 pedagogues and teachers educated during the Second Summer School on the topic of: “Marriage and Family: Global Challenges in Local Context of BiH”;
- Promotional material was designed, printed and distributed to schools, teachers, students and parents across the country.
- Campaign ‘16 days of activism against gender based violence’ realized in more than 45 primary and secondary schools reaching several thousand people getting informed and being involved in campaign;
- More than 100 video materials collected during contest on the topic of “Gratitude” so per three primary school pupils and high school students were awarded;
- Research on the success of the ‘Peer and Gender Based Violence’ project was conducted and that produced The Final Baseline Report: “Peer and Gender Based Violence in Primary Schools in BiH”, printed in 300 copies;
- An exhibition by artist Neven Misaljević entitled “TPO Town” was held as part of the conference: “Peer and Gender Based Violence: from Reaction to Prevention” to show the value of the PGBV projects from an artistic point of view;
- The activities of the PGBV project through the Action Plan were integrated into regular and extracurricular programs;
- Cooperation has been established with the wider community, i. e. Centers for Social Work, Centers for Mental Health, Police, etc;
- The awareness about violence prevention is improved especially cyber violence;
- Strengthened and educated 12 teachers for multicultural and interreligious competencies;
- 10 etos initiative projects realized;
- 7 new Etos Schools during 2019 joined the etos initiative network;
- Socratic dialogues promoted by 20 Socrates Cafes held in Tuzla, Mostar, Zenica and Sarajevo;
- Published 2 books: *Bosnian labyrinth: Culture, Gender and Leadership* and *Sociology of Gender: Feminist Criticism*;
- 4 book promotions held;

- Educated 80 young people and marginalized women on personal and professional development;
- More than 100 video materials collected on the topic of “Gratitude” during “16 days of activism” campaign;
- More than 2000 pupils of primary and secondary schools from all around BiH were included and regularly attending the ETOS School Projects Activities.

Towns and Places Where TPO Foundation Has Implemented Activities during 2019



Mostar, Ilići, Gnojnice, Blagaj, Pazarić, Tarčin, Srednje, Ilijaš, Rakovica, Zenica, Tuzla, Travnik, Jajce, Bugojno, Gornji Vakuf - Uskoplje, Novi Travnik, Vitez, Kačuni, Fojnica, Busovača, Živinice, Husino, Vareš, Bila, Nova Bila, Tešanj, Gračanica, Bihać, Turbe, Han Bila, Kiseljak, Gradačac, Međugorje, Čapljina, Rama - Prozor, Brčko, Orašje, Opara, Dejčići, Vogošća, Visoko, Jablanica, Konjic.

PROJECT I. Peer and Gender Based Violence

TPO Foundation implemented a new cycle of the program activities in period January – December 2019, under the last year of three-year project „Peer and Gender based Violence - PGBV“, which was supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway and implemented in cooperation with three cantonal ministries of education in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Thirty-one primary schools were partners to the project, which was supported by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton, Herzegovina–Neretva cantonal Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, and Central Bosnia cantonal Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport.

Activity 1. Antistress seminars for pedagogues and teachers

Antistress seminars aimed to empower pedagogues and teachers from the three cantons in how to raise awareness and relieve stress that affects their work and life on a daily basis. Participants had the opportunity to learn methods for coping and releasing different types of stress as well as techniques for overcoming emotional problems. The workshops on emotions were led by pedagogue and psychologist Snježana Petraš. Professor Zilka Spahić Šiljak introduced the mindfulness to participants, meditation and other techniques that help with stress management.



Antistress seminar for pedagogues and teachers from Central Bosnia Canton (CBC)



More than 40 teachers and pedagogues from 11 primary schools attended the Antistress Seminar in CBC, held on February 27 and 28, 2019.

Antistress seminar for pedagogues and teachers in Sarajevo Canton (SC)

Two seminars held on March 6, 2019 in Sarajevo, were attended by 35 teachers and pedagogues from 10 schools in Sarajevo Canton.



Antistress seminar for pedagogues and teachers of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (HNC)

Antistress seminars were held in Mostar on March 28 and March 29, 2019 with 40 teacher participants.



Activity 2. Workshops with parents and pupils

All participants of the Antistress Seminar in all three cantons (CBC, SC and HNC), practiced acquired knowledge and skills. Using the 'Emotional Diary', they did workshops with parents and pupils in their schools. Since project participants from all three cantons stated that it is most difficult to work with parents, the goal of these workshops was to involve parents in school activities and program development.

Workshops with parents and pupils in Central Bosnia Canton (CBC)





Workshops with parents and pupils in Sarajevo Canton (SC)

Workshops with parents and pupils in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (HNC)

Activity 3: Action plans

The TPO Foundation, with the support of the Ministries of Education of the Sarajevo Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Central Bosnia Canton, has integrated Action Plans in 31 schools in these three cantons, all with the aim of combating peer and gender-based violence. Key activities were focused on school administration, the local community, teachers, professional assistants, students and parents and were implemented into the regular educational program in the project participating schools. The authors of the Action Plan in Central Bosnia Canton are: professor of Pedagogy and Psychology Snježana Petraš and PhD Šejla Džanan. The authors of the Action Plan in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton are: BA of Pedagogy and family system therapist Edna Haznadarević and mr. sci Andreja Pehar. The authors of the Action Plan in Sarajevo Canton are: MA Melisa Mizdrak, and psychologist Elma Omersoftić.





Activities of the Action Plan in Central Bosnia Canton (CBC)



Activities of Action plan in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (HNC)



Activities of Action Plan in Sarajevo Canton (SC)



Activity 4. The Second Summer School – Marriage and Family – global challenges in local context of B&H

As a part of Project "Peer and Gender Based Violence" The Second Summer School for the pedagogues and teachers from three Cantons (Herzegovina-Neretva, Central Bosnia and Sarajevo Canton) was held in Sarajevo from August, 30th to September, 1st 2019. During the Summer School, participants gained knowledge and skills in the field of marriage and family in sense of modernity challenges from PhD Asim Peco. Mr. sci. Andreja Pehar shared with the participants the knowledge and experiences on how to raise for emotional maturity. Responsible parenthood, behavioural styles of the youth, and how to bear with 'difficult' parents was a field that pedagogues of the Summer School payed attention, so teaching assistant Đenita Tuće shared her knowledge and experience to them. Through the field of social construction of gender identities, partnerships and emotions in contemporary narratives, the Summer School participants were led by doc. dr. Merima Jašarević. The last day of the Summer School was dedicated to marriage and family in Jewish, Catholic and Islamic context. The lecturers were: mr. sci. Elma Softić Kaunitz, PhD Sanda Smoljo and mr. sci. Nermina Baljević.

More on link: <http://www.tpo.ba/b/novosti/190817%20LjskVrsNas2.html>



Activity 2: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender – Based Violence International Campaign

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign is an international campaign that starts on November 25th - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10th - International Human Rights Day. The TPO Foundation supports the International Campaign for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence through various activities. The activities are aimed at raising awareness of violence against women, the causes of gender - based violence, and advocating for non - violent and dignified behavior toward women. In partnership with primary and secondary schools throughout B&H, workshops on 'Gratitude' have been implemented, involving teachers, students and parents to contribute together to combating peer and gender -based violence, violence prevention and women empowerment. To the schools that were involved in this campaign, the TPO Foundation donated 'Houses of Gratitude' into which students inserted messages of gratitude, thus raising awareness of the importance of the blessings they already have.



More on links:

<https://www.facebook.com/OSIijeJakovljevic/posts/1508948932592380>

<https://www.facebook.com/TPOFoundation/posts/1442310505916569>

<https://www.facebook.com/TPOFoundation/posts/1444128849068068>



Activity 6. Best video competition on the topic of 'Gratitude'

Within the campaign '16 days of activism against gender - based violence', the TPO Foundation has launched a best video competition on the topic 'Gratitude' for elementary and high school students. Based on about 100 videos received, the jury consisting of: Maja Abadžija (President), Fatima Bilčević (Member 1) and Zoran Ćatić (Member 2) decided the three best videos on the topic of 'Gratitude' for the elementary and secondary school categories according to the criteria: author's work, idea and technical realization.

In the elementary school category, the best video awards got: 1. Uma Kurt, 2. Eldar Sulejmanović and 3. Gabrijel Miloš.

In the high school category, the best video awards got: 1. Adna Hadžihasanović, 2. Ajsel Kaniža and 3. Marija Milanović.

More on link: <http://www.tpo.ba/b/novosti/191213%20KonkPPP19.html>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmP6TejGn-hpzZboZcLgDbzioqDMPNhtI>



Activity 7. The Final Baseline Report: "Peer and Gender Based Violence in Primary Schools in BiH"

The Final Baseline Report aimed to examine the success of the three-year Peer and Gender-Based Violence project in 31 schools in three cantons: SC, HNC and CBC, highlight positive practices that contributed to addressing violence and alarming institutions and school communities to the new challenges young generations face. The study also encourages taking new steps to identifying and suppressing any potential threats that result in violence against children. Although the results of the study say that awareness of violence in the participating schools is higher, that more violence is reported, that physical violence is significantly reduced, that the triangle of teacher-student-parent cooperation is strengthened, that there is cooperation between the school community and insti-

tutions, and that gender issues are no longer unknown, yet there are challenges that school communities cannot adequately resist. One of the biggest challenges is cyber bullying and insufficient information literacy of teaching staff and parents.

The final Baseline report in PDF format can be found at the link: <http://www.tpo.ba/b/dokument/Vrsnjacko-i-rodno-zasnovano-nasilje-u-OS-u-BiH-zavrсна%20baseline-studija-web.pdf>

Activity 8. Conference 'Peer and Gender-Based Violence: From Reaction to Prevention'



TPO Foundation, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the HNC, organized a conference 'Peer and Gender Based Violence: From Reaction to Prevention' on December 12, 2019 at the Cultural Center Mostar. The results of the TPO Foundation's three-year project, under the same name, were discussed at the conference. Participants shared their experiences, knowledge, skills, beautiful moments, friendships that were gained through work, effort and dedication through this project. The conference was the occasion to tell another positive story, which lasted for three years in three cantons: SC, HNC and CBC. In this story, educators and teachers played the main role and did their best to learn the way how to help children in their schools to recognize and do not commit violence.

Over 120 people attended the conference together with HNC Minister of Education, Rašid Hadžović, representative of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway - Ognjen Grujić, director of the Mostar Pedagogical Institute - Enisa Gološ, 30 educators, pedagogues and teachers. Also, the conference was attended by students from all three project participating cantons. Everyone was able to follow the course of the project implementation and its results.

More on links:

<https://www.bljesak.info/sci-tech/obrazovanje/najslabija-karika-u-lancu-suradnje-protiv-vrsnjackog-nasilja-su-roditelj/295184>

<https://starmo.ba/vrsnjacko-nasilje-roditelj-najslabija-karika/>



Activity 9. Exhibition 'TPO Town'

As part of the conference 'Peer and Gender Based Violence: From Reaction to Prevention' held on December 12th 2019, the 'TPO Town' exhibition by author and designer Neven Misaljević was presented at the Mostar Cultural Center. 'TPO Town' is a metaphor for building everything that makes TPO Foundation projects special and recognizable. Thanks to his talent and specialty, Neven Misaljević left a mark on the promotional, didactic and publication materials of the TPO Foundation projects and created the 'TPO Town'.



PROJECT II. Nira Leaders

About Project

NIRA Leaders for Change is a civic initiative, which will mobilize primarily youth to be empowered with relevant personal and professional skills but also to use these skills in community change. Civic activism of Nira Leaders in the form of building social capital, empowering youth to practice democratic procedures and intermediation and facilitation between citizens and state will enable maintaining active peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The main goal is to build a culture of civic leadership in BiH and the region in order to increase youth active participation in politics and community life. The youth must acquire new skills to be competent in participating civic and political life of BiH and the region. Nira Leaders will use all of the existing artistic and communication materials that TPO Foundation produced during ICDE initiative but also will use new approaches in youth education for representation and lobbying.

Nira leaders for change focused its key activities in the following areas:

- a. Personal skills: Self-awareness and self-management skills
- b. Social skills: communication, conflict resolution and transformation, advocacy and lobbying skills
- c. Designing local and regional civic leadership actions for change in cooperation with civic, political and business leaders and governmental representatives.

Activity 1. Two - day personal development training

In collaboration with the University of Zenica and the University of Tuzla, TPO Foundation was running two trainings: Training of personal skills and Training of professional skills. Students got a chance to learn from experts in these fields and acquired leadership skills and project application skills. There was a call for applications opened and young leaders and marginalised women were able to apply for the trainings. (tpo.ba)

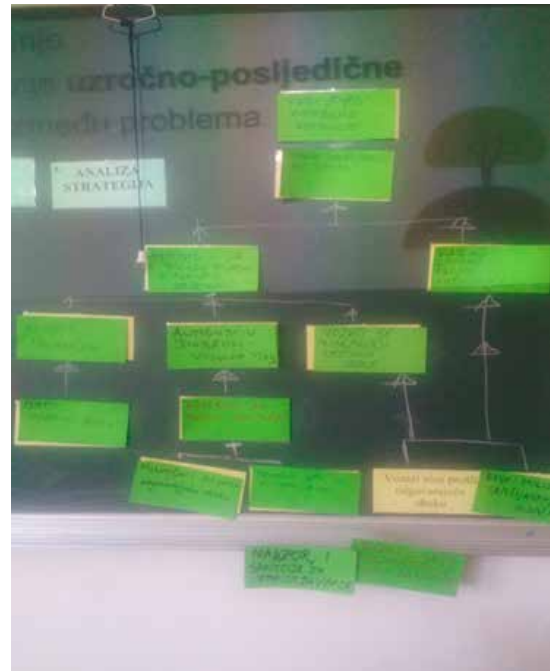


During March, April and May 2019, TPO Foundation has held two sets of two - day long personal development trainings in Tuzla at the Faculty of Philosophy. The participants were students attending the University of Tuzla and members of the Female Association "Our Voice" (Naš glas) from Tuzla. Another two sets of two - day long personal development trainings were held at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zenica. The participants were students attending University of Zenica and members of the Association "ZADA" from Zenica. The coach for the personal development trainings was Amra Delić, a specialist in neuropsychiatry and psychotherapist. 80 young people and women completed the personal development trainings in Tuzla and Zenica.



Activity 2. Two - day professional development training

During March, April and May 2019, TPO Foundation has held two sets of two - day long professional development trainings in Tuzla at the Faculty of Philosophy. The participants were students attending the University of Tuzla and members of the Female Association "Our Voice" (Naš glas) from Tuzla. Another two sets of two - day long professional development trainings were held at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zenica. The participants were students attending University of Zenica and members of the Association "ZADA" from Zenica. The coaches of the professional development training were Elmida Sarić (project coach) and Džejna Bajramović (business trainer) 80 young people and women completed the professional development trainings in Tuzla and Zenica. After completion of the trainings, students got certificates.



Part of Media Presentation:

<https://unze.ba/poziv-na-nira-lideri-trening-za-studente-i-studentice-univerziteta-u-zenici/>

http://www.ff.untz.ba/index.php?page=V_37_2019

<https://www.tuzlainfo.ba/index.php/novosti/item/17052-veliki-interes-studenata-na-filozofskom-fakultetu-tuzli-odrzan-zavrzni-trening-nira-lideri>

<https://unze.ba/prvi-nira-trening-za-studente-univerziteta-u-zenici/trening-nira-lidera-2/>

<https://zenicainfo.ba/2019/03/16/dvodnevni-trening-nira-lidera-na-pravnom-fakultetu/>

<https://tntportal.ba/cjelodnevni-trening-nira-lidera-za-studente-i-studentice-univerziteta-u-zenici/>

Activity 3. The International Women's Day Titled "How Can We Speak of Gender Equality?" Celebrated in Ilijaš

On March 7, 2019 TPO Foundation and the municipality of Ilijaš organized an event under the title: "How Can We Speak of Gender Equality?" with student Indira Smajlović's initiative. Speakers on the event were Vildana Selimbegović - editor in chief of "Oslobođenje", doc. dr. Zilka Spahić Šiljak, Ankica Tomić - The Head of the Department for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Security of BiH, Mersida Mešetović - First Brigadier in the Armed Forces of BiH and members of the Association "Mothers of Enclaves Srebrenica and Žepa". The moderator was Enisa Mešetović. The rock band "Meteori" for this occasion performed the song "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, which was a trademark of the very beginning of the feminist movement in history. At the end of the evening at the Business Center, the TPO Foundation presented the same titled exhibition. The inspiration for the exhibition are the messages and sayings that are still being pointed out to women and which discourage them to face their rights even though women are legally equal with men in BiH.



Media presentation:

<https://radioilijas.ba/povodom-osmog-marta-u-ilijasu-organiziran-program-vrijedimo-li-isto/>

<https://www.oslobodjenje.ba/vijesti/bih/zene-odgovaraju-vrijedimo-li-isto-438461>

Full video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C5aeh9tL1Q&feature=youtu.be>



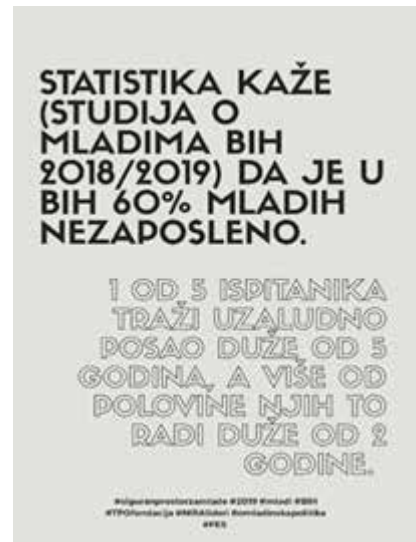
Activity 4. Nira Leaders Civic Initiatives

The TPO Foundation has supported civic initiatives of young people and women in Tuzla and Zenica with the aim of improving the building of democratic society and civic values and empowering for positive change in local communities.

Activity 4.1. Project: „The Safe Space for Youth“

The main idea of the project was to give the youth their own space they deserve to address the problems of the new generations. It lasted from August to November 2019. The coordinator of this project within the NIRA Leaders Project was Nerdžis Čaplja, student of the University of Zenica. The project is a continuation of the Public Speech realized in 2017 as the part of the SMART project organized by the UNZE Student Union.

Group of young people from Zenica took the action and tried to address problems in the local community but they faced passivity of the youth with whom obviously must be worked harder in order to activate them.



Media presentation:

<https://www.facebook.com/siguranprostorzamlade2019/>

<https://www.zenicablog.com/siguran-prostor-za-mlade-da-li-zenica-ima-siguran-prostor-za-mlade/>

<http://zenicainfo.ba/tag/siguran-prostor-za-mlade/>

<http://superinfo.ba/fokus/siguran-prostor-za-mlade-rijesi-problem-mladih-i-kreiraj-promjenu/>

IG profile: @siguranprostorzamlade



Activity 4.2. Project: “Days of Anti - fascism in Tuzla, 2019”

Project “Days of of Anti - fascism in Tuzla, 2019” is signed by Tarik Smajlović and Mirnes Ćerimović. The project was co-financed by the city of Tuzla. The main idea of the project was to pay attention of the youth about the rise of the nationalism and fascism that can result by new conflicts in future. Through activities such as drawing graffiti on the topic of antifascism, making a short documentary, workshop “Antifascism and activism”, Street Action against climate change, Antifa informal gathering, Public panel: (anti) fascism today, and others, the project showed the importance of thinking the anti - fascism. Taking into consideration that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a law-abiding country and where discrimination on any basis is very frequent, the project “Days of Anti - fascism in Tuzla, 2019” is a story worthy of our attention. Therefore, we, as a society as a whole, not just the TPO Foundation, should provide more space for young people to point out the anomalies of the system in which they live and who are actively fighting against it.



Media presentation:

Short documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ve35V2AwhuY&feature=youtu.be>

Bruchure available at: http://tpo.ba/pict/news/191129%20NLiderAFTz/BROSURA_Dani%20antifaszizma%20u%20Tuzli%202019.pdf

<https://www.facebook.com/events/grad-tuzla/dani-antifa%C5%A1izma-u-tuzli-2019/2449293691852327/>



<https://tztz.ba/ba/dogadaji/dani-antifaszizma-tuzla-2019/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=092qqY27uCA>

<http://bhstring.net/tuzlauslikama/tuzlarije/viewnewnews.php?id=89707>

Activity 4.3. Project: “Prevention and Protection of Women’s Health”

Project “Prevention and Protection of Women’s Health” was implemented from August to November 2019. The project coordinator was Zilha Nadžak in front of the Association. The project was aimed at women in small local communities in ZDC, especially in rural areas, to promote civic activism. The main objective of the project: Improving women’s health and preventing cancer.



Media presentation:

<https://www.072info.com/udruzenje-zada-zenica-predavanje-u-lokvinama-prevencija-i-zastita-zdravlja-zena-svi-ste-pozvani/>

<https://www.072info.com/udruzenje-zada-zenica-predavanje-u-donjoj-vraci-prevencija-i-zastita-zdravlja-zena-svi-ste-pozvani/>

<https://www.facebook.com/566413710045352/posts/2855218691164831/>

Activity 4.4. Project: “The Young Creatives”

Project “The Young Creatives” was realized from August to November 2019. The project coordinator was Ilma Zilić in front of the Association. The project was intended for children of preschool and school age whose parents are unable to pay for kindergartens and workshops due to financial problems. The main objective of the project was to enable children to socialize, to draw and to spend free time purposely and to learn new things they have not had the opportunity to do before. 50 children were involved in the project, aged 5 to 12. The children learned the decoupage technique, tailoring of bags and cell phone cases. They socialize with their peers, spend their free time developing their own skills and learning something new. At the end of the workshops, the children did not want to go home. They asked their parents to stay more and wondered the workshops last longer. The little girl Sara was so happy to be attending the workshops, that she said that the workshops were the best part of her summer vacation. For children, the favorite part of the workshops was painting with acrylic colors because they had never done such thing before. For some children, these workshops were the only touch with art.



Media presentation:

<https://www.zenicablog.com/udruzenje-za-da-realizuje-projekat-pod-nazivom-mali-kreativci/>

<https://www.zenicablog.com/tag/mali-kreativci/>



Activity 4.5. Project: “Building a Parental House”

Project “Building a Parental House in Zenica” was implemented from August to November 2019. The project coordinator was Muamera Husetović in front of the Association. The main goal of the project: Considering the fact that a large number of children get sick in the Zenica - Doboj Canton and that there is no possibility for parents to stay with their children in the hospital because there is not enough space, it is important that children have parents close to themselves when they are ill and lying in the hospital for the sake of reducing stress and enabling



better and faster recovery. Many people were delighted with the idea of the project “Building a Parental House” and were bringing friends and parents to sign the petition. Some even offered donations. The only problem that has arisen is that certain people support the idea but are distrustful of providing their basic information and signatures.



Media presentation:

<https://zenicainfo.ba/2019/09/18/clanice-udruzenja-zada-intenzivno-rade-na-formiranju-roditeljske-kuce-u-zenici/>

<https://www.072info.com/sudbina-bolesne-djece-u-rukama-zenicana-prikupljanje-potpisa-za-izgradnju-roditeljske-kuce-jos-dan-i-sutra/>

<https://www.sarajevograd.ba/pocelo-prikupljanje-potpisa-za-izgradnju-roditeljske-kuce-u-zenici/>

<https://hayat.ba/roditelji-djece-smjestene-u-kb-zenica-primorani-spavati-u-atomobilima/13508/>

<https://avaz.ba/vijesti/bih/515560/zenica-na-korak-do-roditeljske-kuce>

Activity 5. Socrates Cafes

For the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina, TPO Foundation organizes Socrates Cafe. Socrates Cafe is a place where the topics are different social phenomena. The founder of Socrates Cafe is Christopher Phillips from the USA. There is no argumentation nor debate in Socrates Cafe, but revealing and questioning the phenomena by using Socratic method. Philosophy became an elite science again so TPO Foundation wants to get it back to the streets, cafes and other places that are open for every person willing to be included into the community of the social phenomena inquiry.

Activity 5.1. 20 Socrates Cafes across BiH

During October, November and December, TPO Foundation held 20 Socrates Cafes with more than 400 attendants. It was organized per 5 Socrates Cafes in Sarajevo, Mostar, Tuzla and Zenica. In Sarajevo, "Kamerni Teatar 55" (Chamber Theatre 55) was the space for this occasion, in Mostar that was cafe bar "Vinyl", in Tuzla it was cafe bar "Coffee Zone" and in Zenica it was cafe bar "Bonaparte".



Activity 5.2. The First Online Global Socrates Cafe

It was held on October 9, 2019. The TPO Foundation Team joined the discussion with Christopher Phillips and other members from all around the globe on the topic "How Can We Give Peace a Chance?".



Part of Media Presentation:

<http://bhstring.net/tuzlauslikama/tuzlarije/viewnewnews.php?id=90187>

<https://unze.ba/sokratovi-kafei-u-zenickom-kafe-baru-bonaparte/>

<https://vijesti.ba/clanak/463872/prvi-put-u-bosni-i-hercegovini-sokratovi-kafei>

<https://radiokameleon.ba/2019/10/17/sokratovi-kafei-druzenje-uz-filozofiranje-znam-da-nis-ta-ne-znam/>

<https://www.catbih.ba/en/prvi-put-u-bih-sokratovi-kafei/>

<http://ba.n1info.com/Video/Info/a383368/Sokratovi-kafei-povratak-filozofije-na-ulice.html>

<https://www.bljesak.info/sci-tech/flash/sokratovi-kafei-u-mostaru/288637>

<https://nf.unmo.ba/novosti/sokratovi-kafei-u-mostaru.aspx>

<https://www.haber.ba/vijesti/bih/769572-tpo-fondacije-realizuje-dogadjaj-sokratove-kafe-pri-lika-za-studente-da-diskutuju-o-aktuelnim-drustvenim-problemima>

<http://www.ksc-sarajevo.com/index.php/14-vijesti/484-posjet-narodnom-pozoristu-sarajevo>

<https://www.facebook.com/SocratesCafeChristopherPhillips/>

<https://kakanj-x.com/tpo-fondacije-realizuje-dogadjaj-sokratove-kafe-pri-lika-za-studen-te-i-mlade-da-diskutuju-o-aktuelnim-drustvenim-problemima/>

Full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLE3vfQ_Q34&feature=youtu.be

Activity 5.3. Three Brochures about Socrates Cafes

During May 2019, nine people worked on writing the three brochures which would bring closer the idea of Socrates Cafes to the general public. The brochures were actively used during 20 Socrates Cafes.

Brochures available at:

<https://unze.ba/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Sokratovi-kafei-Brosura-1.pdf>

<https://unze.ba/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Sokratovi-kafei-Brosura-2.pdf>

<https://unze.ba/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Sokratovi-kafei-Brosura-3.pdf>

PROJECT III. EMIL

About Project

In order to create and to strength responsible political, economic, cultural or religious actors in BH society, EMIL program was focused to contribute to a intercultural and interreligious learning across divided education system and increase social consensus on the universal ethical values as a precondition for the reconciliation and better future of BH society and regional cooperation. With the existing network of teachers, civil society and faith-based actors with EMIL (Ethos of Multireligious and Intercultural Learning) program, TPO Foundaton is planning to reach more teachers, pupils, parents and members of local communities in order to build etos of mutual understanding and trust.



Activity 1. EMIL TOT Trainings

TOT trainings on “Strenghtening the intercultural and inter-religious competencies” have been held through 2019 and participants are more strengthened for work with teachers in schools. The process of certification will be done in 2020. These trainings were organized in coordination with the Ministries of education, science, culture and sport of 5 cantons: Herzegovina – Neretva, Central Bosnia, Tuzla, Zenica – Doboј and Sarajevo that suggested those professors. The coaches for these trainings were Zilka Spahić Šiljak, Sedžida Hadžić, Ana Marija Raffai and Otto Raffai.

Media Presentation:

<http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190815%20Emil1EN.html>

<http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190815%20Emil2EN.html>

<http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190922%20Emil3EN.html>



Activity 2. SAPERE Philosophy for Children and Critical Thinking

Professor Mathew Lipman from the Columbia University (USA) created P4C program in the 20th century and it is currently implemented in over 60 countries worldwide. TPO Foundation organized the second and third SAPERE training which was led by Prof. Dr. Patricia Hannam, who is a senior SAPERE course instructor and county inspector/adviser for RE, History and Philosophy in Great Britain.

The focus of SAPERE trainings for 2A and 2B levels were on developing critical thinking, philosophical concepts and ethical values. Prof. Dr. Patricia Hannam facilitated the trainings in which participants discussed expert articles on P4C and held inquiries in order to advance their understanding of 4Cs (four essential principles of the philosophy for children): creative thinking, critical thinking, collaborative thinking and caring thinking.

Each TOT SAPERE attendant has done per three inquiries in schools and universities, prepared per two essays on the contextualisation of critical thinking in Bosnia and Herzegovina and passed the exam for 2B SAPERE level Certificate.



More available on link: <http://etos.ba/novosti/level-2a-and-2b-sapere-course-trainings-held-in-sarajevo/371>



Activity 3. Etos School Projects

The TPO Foundation, in partnership with the Global Ethic Foundation from Tübingen, started a long-term educational initiative: "A Global Ethic in School: Integration of a Global Ethic into the Educational Structures and Processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina." As a part of Etos initiative in last 6 years the project "World Etos in School" was integrated in BiH and during 2019 TPO Foundation has supported 10 projects of ETOS TOT trainers (being long term TPO associates). Next 10 projects as part of Etos initiative were supported:

1. Alma Ahmethodžić, ETOS initiative: "Equal in Diversity - Let's Get to Know and to Live the World", High School for Textile, Leather and Design, Sarajevo
2. Selvira Mašnić and Sedžida Hadžić, ETOS initiative: "Towards Understanding with Knowledge", The Third Gymnasium Sarajevo and "Maarif Koledž" Sarajevo
3. Sabahudin Ćeman, ETOS initiative: "Diversity Enriches", "Musa Ćazim Ćatić" Gymnasium, Tešanj
4. Đula Borić, ETOS initiative: "Paths of Understanding", The Combined Secondary School Zenica
5. Munevera Rahmanović Hrbat, ETOS initiative: "Intercultural and Multireligious Understanding", Primary School "Brčanska Malta", Tuzla
6. Amela Petričević, ETOS initiative: "Man Counts on Man", Primary School "Breške", Tuzla
7. Semir Salihović, ETOS initiative: "Multireligious Dialogue through Art", Gymnasium Dobrinja, Sarajevo
8. Berminka Hrelja, ETOS initiative: "My Inner World", Industrial High School Centre, Sarajevo
9. Mirza Jahić, ETOS initiative: "Ethos in the Classroom - A Way of a Better Tomorrow", Medical High School, Tuzla
10. Sanela Mesihović, ETOS initiative: "Mostar - More Than Tolerance", Secondary Civil Engineering School, Mostar

All about projects available at: <http://etos.ba/en>



Activity 4. Widening the Etos Schools Network

Realising the fact that there is a disrupted ethos of multiculturalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and there are many local communities being strictly homogenized since the last war, the ETOS initiative is an extremely important step towards establishing dialogue and towards rebuilding the broken bridges of friendship. Therefore, our publications, along with Living Values: Global Ethos in the Local Context of BiH, imply human contact and the full meaning of the acronyms of ETOS implemented in practice: ethics, tolerance, openness and solidarity, while people actively involved in this story significantly encourage it and make it better by forming the ETOS label of their school. New schools that applied to enter the process of certification for Etos school:

1. The Secondary Medical School, Tuzla
2. Institution for Nurture and Education of the Persons with Psychical and Physical Disabilities in Tuzla
3. The Second Gymnasuim, Sarajevo
4. The Third Gymnasium Sarajevo
5. The Catholic School Centre St. Joseph (sv. Josip) Sarajevo
6. The High School of Metalwork, Sarajevo
7. The First Bosniak Gymnasium, Sarajevo.



Activity 5. ETOS Conference in Stuttgart (Germany)

On November 15, 2019, TPO team including Project Director Zilka Spahić Šiljak and Project Coordinator Azra Nezirić attended the ETOS Conference in Stuttgart, Germany with other Foundations and School Representatives from all over Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Bosnia.

Activity 6. Writing and Preparing the Manual "Strengthening the Multicultural and Interreligious Competencies".

The Manual is intended for TOT teacher trainings that will be conducted in cooperation with the pedagogical institutes and schools during 2020.



PROJECT IV. Fair Discourses / Fer diskursi

About Project

A group of citizens, mainly young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina, have started the initiative “Fer diskursi” aimed to re-actualize topics of religion and feminism and to bring them back from the margin to the centre of discussions on human rights, equality, justice, equity, and freedom. In a country where more than 90 percent of the population consider themselves to be believers, and where secular laws grounded in international norms of human rights and freedoms are in power, it is important to open a space for dialogue, encounters, learning, and questioning, through facing the feminist and religious perspectives, to reach new formulas for comprehending rights and freedoms, especially of those belonging to minorities. Through public discussions, critical and analytical texts as well as scientific research work, the initiative “Fer diskursi” drew attention to increasing problems of discrimination, and stigmatisation of women and other minority groups within the mainstream religious discourse, as well as the discourses of liberal democracy.

Activity 1. Panel Discussions

The first panel discussion in 2019 was on the topic about: “Who Has the Right to Speak of God?”. On January 24, 2019 in IMIC centre, the discussion was held with the professor Juliana Mladenovska - Tešija. The moderator was Azra Nezirić.

More available on the link: <http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190124%20FerD6EN.html>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAMAw_GiBO0&feature=youtu.be

The second panel discussion of FER Discourses Initiative in 2019 was held on 13 of March, 2019. The panel opened the area of the interdisciplinary discussion about the topic named “Which Sex Has God?”. Aynura Akbaš (MA of History) was the keynote speaker. Nikola Vučić was moderator.

More available on the link: <http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190313%20FerDEN.html>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsks2zXS1Ow&feature=youtu.be>



PROJECT V. #AGAINNEVERAGAIN

TPO Foundation is one of the partners in the EU project #NeverAgain project that aims to address the concealed hatreds, prejudices and normalized oppression that are learnt through the unhealed and transmitted traumas perpetuated in our everyday lives through seemingly harmless everyday practices. The project partners from Finland, Denmark, Romania, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lithuania, Poland, Italy will together with students develop and deliver 4 clusters of local events with their communities to test experiential learning tools (ELT) in order to experience the harmful effect of transmitted collective traumas and how they impact the continuation of hatreds and vengeance today. Events will bring together around 200 students and additional 200-300 community members and invited audiences and influence numerous other individuals by using event hashtags in the social media.

Activity 1. Symposium

Symposium “Remembrance, Trauma and Experiential Learning” was organised at the University of Turku, Finland, from 27 May until 29 May 2019. The symposium brought together 85 participants from 16 different countries, including USA, Canada, Israel, Kenya, The Philippines and several countries across Europe. The main aim of Symposium was to present the activities that were implemented by members of Consortium of the international project Again Never Again – Teaching Trauma and Transmission through Experiential Learning (Europe for Citizens Program). During Symposium, Alma Jeftić presented activities implemented within the workshop titled: “Are You Listening to Me? Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma and Remembrance: Empathy and Experiential Learning as Challenges of Teaching Process”.



More on link: <https://againneveragain.eu/article-item/23/>

<http://tpo.ba/b/novosti/190401%20NAgSympEN.html>

Activity 2. Preparation of the Experiential Tools

In 2020 it is expected that the team of #AGAINNEVERAGAIN project will finish the design of the Experiential Tools within which is one of Alma Jeftić as the author that worked on this important issue in front of TPO Foundation.

