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WHO ARE WE?

We are an Albanian NGO, established in January 2012, with a special focus on young generation and European values. ACT for SOCIETY Centre believes in the power of change. It aims at making this change happen through "...new, creative, and effective strategies and initiatives..." ACT for SOCIETY Centre recognizes that Albanian's young democracy must become increasingly selfreliant and lead its own development. In the current situation, the pressing need is to encourage a greater capacity development, awareness, and participation by Albanian institutions and local communities. ACT for SOCIETY Centre also believes that best results are produced through the right combination of development project integrating strong capacity development thus enabling project actors and beneficiaries to implement effective and efficient projects that also provide for impact on society and sustainability of results. ACT for SOCIETY Centre experience suggests that any strategy to achieve these ends must incorporate an individualized approach to catalyzing change, and combine training in leadership and organizational dynamics with on-site technical assistance, mentorship and specific subject technical expertise. Organization and individual skills are both needed. Insistence on high standards of quality and accountability cannot be compromised. It recognizes the importance of developing effective advocacy skills and the effectiveness of coalitions of communities, NGOs, local government and business. ACT for SOCIETY Centre has immensely invested in human resources development. Upon its establishment, staff received comprehensive training and technical support including training retreats, training of trainers/training of consultants, regional internships, and on-the-job training that is followed by continuous professional and personal development.





We are Accredited for ESC (European Volunteer Service)- Sending and Coordinating Organization with code 2015-1-SI02-KA110-013235 within the European Commission's Erasmus+/ Youth in Action Program. Its Objectives are: Promote human rights and inclusiveness of marginalized groups having in focus gender issues, Roma community, and other vulnerable groups; Enhance youth activities, initiatives and projects; Stimulate good governance, fight of corruption and transparency; Embrace think-tank ideology and stimulate research; Active participation in international, regional and national networks; Peace - Building through Culture and Art.

ACT for SOCIETY Centre mission is to enhance the healthy lifestyles and stimulate the sustainable development of society, its work consists on promoting culture, advocating for democracy and human right issues, connecting young's, stimulating the active participation in the social live and decision-making processes.



MEET OUR TEAM

Executive Director – Armela Pengili



PhD. Candidate on Int. Relations. Has Studied in Social Sciences SOCIOLOGY, and MSC-International Relations. She has been trained on social issues and by the EU commission training programs. She is also a lector to an Albanian University. Mrs. Armela has been a trainer on youth programs especially on youth workers issues, gender equality projects, human rights and democracy etc. Recently, she has been engaged as a research assistant within an Albanian university.

Program Manager & PR – Xhoi Bare



Xhoi graduated in International Relations at the European University of Tirana and is currently a Master of Science in European Policies and Governance at the Institute of European Studies. He is the Program Manager of Democracy and Anti-Corruption Program, and also a team leader in "Men and Boys as Partners in Promoting Gender Equality and Prevention of Youth Extremism and Violence in the Balkans" under the framework of CARE International in Balkans Xhoi has been trained on leadership programs for youth leaders, politics issues, human rights and democracies, project management and peer education, and

is a trainer in youth programs on human rights, gender equality and violent extremism. the civil





society sector since 2013 and has been part of more than 50 trainings and conferences. Xhoi continuously works on different socio-cultural projects and programs, which aim at exposing and handling the problems facing young Albanians today.

Program Manager – Eleni Nanaj



Eleni Nanaj is the Program Manager of Human Rights and Social Development Program, and coordinated projects with specific focus on youth, gender, leadership and violent extremism. She is currently leading the project "Men and Boys as Partners in Promoting Gender Equality and Prevention of Youth Extremism and Violence in the Balkans" under the framework of CARE International in the Balkans. Eleni is also a Master of Science degree in Administration of Social Services, Faculty of Social Sciences at Tirana University. She has graduated in Social Work where she has shown herself to be a promising young specialist, with excellent performance. She has been involved in the civil society sector since 2014, and every experience has been

different from one - another. She has been a Supportive Teacher for Children with Special Needs in Elementary Schools, working on projects for children without parental care and piloting of Foster Care in Albania. She is certified as a Peer Trainer and also as a Social Assistant, showing her skills while leading training and informing sessions in middle schools and high schools. Eleni has expertise in project management, strategic planning, and research.





ESC Program Manager – Nertila Meçani



Nertila Meçani is currently studying Psychology at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Tirana University. She is the ESC Program Manager. Nertila was part of a short-term EVS in Turkey where she worked with children with disabilities. She has been trained in program management, human rights and democracy and has expertise in working with children. Nertila has been involved in the civil society sector since 2016 working primarily as a volunteer and she has been part of training and conferences. Her devotion and skills have shown her to be a promising young professional.



OUR PROJECTS

The *Men and Boys as Partners in Promoting Gender Equality and prevention of Youth Extremism and Violence in the Balkans* or Young Men Initiative II (YMI II) is our new project for 2018. The project builds upon CARE's comprehensive and programmatic effort to fight interpersonal and gender based violence (GBV) as well as to improve gender equality in the region and address preventative issues related to youth extremism and violence. The project objective is to enable positive and peaceful societies for young people in Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, that support gender equality and decrease interpersonal violence and its extremism. The project's specific objective is to improve Youth NGOs and government capacities to integrate Program Youth - Life Skills Educational Curriculum in current educational and youth policy strategies and strengthen governmental and civil society efforts related to inclusion of youth vulnerable to extremism. . This year we implemented Program Y in Ismail Qemali highschool. We trained young people from this school with Y Manual and identified individuals who will act as peer educators.



OUR CAMPAIGN



"Be a man" lifestyles campaign, which aims to reinforce key messages of the Young Men Initiative and encourage changes at the school level and beyond. The campaign is supported by variety of educational materials, social media and "activities" organized and conducted by the students, members of "Be a man" clubs (abbreviated BMC). Members of "Be a man" clubs are both young men and women, and in

the region they gather several hundred active members. In the Balkans, there are currently 40 active "Be a man" clubs with 1,500 active members. Leading philosophy of the Young Men Initiative is that young men should not be seen as an obstacle to peace and gender equality, but as key allies in the promotion of non-violent, healthy relationships and communities. Young women, as active members of the community, should be active participants in society, as well as agents of change.



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Act for Society as an accredited organization for European Solidarity Corps sent 3 people on a short term ESC in Torrogana Spain, they helped with the preparation for the Olympics Game . We also sent Nertila for a short term ESC in Sinop, Turkey. She worked with the disabled children in “Come as you are” project. She helped them developing their cognitive and behavioral skills.



1st MARCH – 30TH MAY

LIVING WITH GENDER EQUALITY PROJECT



From 01/03/2018 to 30/05/2018 we implemented "Living with Gender Equality" project. LIVING WITH GENDER EQUALITY aimed to encourage youth reflection on the current gender equality situation in Albania. We organized a contest with 3 categories, essays and poetry, visual art, painting. Young people from all over Albania participated with their work which was focused on gender equality. At the end of the project we organized an event where all competitors participated and 3 winners for each category won a prize. It had a big impact on social media.



15TH MAY – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES



On 15th May in framework of International Day of Families we implemented a Social Experiment in the Skanderbeg Square in Tirana. Our youngsters together with “Be a Man Club” played a scene of domestic violence in public, their goal was to raise awareness on concerning issues related to

families such as domestic violence and observe the reaction and behavior of passers-by when faced with the phenomenon. They realized and discussed about people’s reactions and lack of intervention in cases like this.





30TH MAY – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP



On
30/07/2018
to celebrate
International
Day of
Friendship
we had an
activity with



our “Be a Man” club youngsters and their friends. Each of them wrote in a letter their favorite friendship quote, dedicated to their friends. These pieces of paper were thrown into a basket and later each chose a random letter to read in front of the group. The moment of reading of the quote was filmed in order to have memories of this day’s dedications and to post these videos online in order to spread friendly messages.



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12TH AUGUST – MARKING INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On 12/08/2018, to celebrate International youth day we gathered our youngsters at Tirana Artificial Lake, a commonly frequented place by youth. We used this day to create a dialogue amongst the youngsters focusing on the issues that affect them and their role in combating these issues all together, by making great changes through little pistive actions in their everyday lives.



21ST SEPTEMBER – INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

Act for Society Center as a brand of Masterpeace Global, on International Peace Day decided to create a mural. The young people of the center painted the mural with the theme "Peace in Our Hands". In the mural was drawn a tree whose roots were the symbol of peace and the branches were the hands of the young people.

Here you can find the video of this activity:

<https://www.facebook.com/202966343400557/videos/692636164437507/>



11TH OCTOBER – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD



On 11/10/2018 we had an outdoor awareness raising activity for girls right. Our team distributed information about basic rights of girl child, near dome elementary schools to the parents and their children as well. The reactions were very warm and the citizens

were happy for the fact that some young boys and girls took such positive initiative for this cause.





25TH NOVEMBER –

On 25th of November our BMC youngsters had an activity with Petro Nini Youth club in order to show solidarity of youth and their will to join forces in combating Gender Based Violence. They transmitted their messages through various artistic presentations.





25TH NOVEMBER – 10TH DECEMBER – 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

On 16 Days of Activism we had an Online campaign promoting Universal Human Rights. Each day of the 16 Days of Activism, we posted 2 videos on UHR in order to raise awareness on the importance of respecting them, as they are crucial to one's wellbeing.

ARTISTS CREATE TOGETHER (ACT)



ACT for Society has a new project called ACT. The project started in October of 2018 and ends in October 2020. The goal of the project is to encrease the awareness of 17 SDG through art and culture. This project is founded by MASTERPEACE Global and Natherland Enterprise Agency. With this project we will organize 6 concerts, 5 summits, 6 murals and 120 storytellings.



Here is the link to our video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RgiXwOW97M&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3epH-K0JI2AVkHNWx-mGhwD0GpTWVPyX8WmdyuLc3VSsV0VD7ooW5N-rl>



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ERASMUS + ACTIVITIES

ACT for SOCIETY Center made a study visit in Finland, organized by Erasmus+.

ACT for SOCIETY Center took part in the training course on "Gender +", in Germany

ACT for Society Center took part on a study session organized by European Students Union in collaboration with European Youth Center.





DELEGATIONS AND TRAININGS

Act for Society Center took part in the training course on “Development and organizational Management” organized by Terre des Hommes Albania in collaboration with ANTTARC

Act for Society Center took part in the training on “Child Protection and Legal Framework” organized by Terre des Hommes Albania in collaboration with ANTTARC.

Act for Society Center took part in the three days long training in Pogradec with “Watchdog CSO’s on gender budget monitoring, where 30 Civil Society Organizations emphasized their determination to make public institutions accountable for their obligation toward gender equality.

Act for Society Center attended UNODC’s multi stakeholder workshop in Belgrade.

Governments, businesses and civil society together with the UN commit to step up efforts to advance the implementation on UNCAC and the 2030 Agenda of SDGs in Southeast Europe.

Act for Society Center made a raport for Albanian Center for Population and Development regardin the Sexual Rights in the context of UPR.

Act for Society Center attended the Regional Conference on Youth Law: “Youth Policies in Western Balkans- Towards a Substenial Youth Legal Framework in Albania”, organized by Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, and supported by UNFPA Albania and Olaf Palm.

Act for Society Center attended UN Women- Watchdog Report Training

ACT for SOCIETY Center attended UN women- Watchdog Report Training, in Skopje, Macedonia.





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