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RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR TRANSNISTRIA

The role of media in promoting human rights and democratic values

On the 2nd of September 2008, at the office of the Elita TV from Rezina, Promo-LEX organized the seminar "The role of mass-media in promoting human rights and democratic values." This activity was carried out within the project Resource and Development Center for Transnistria, a project implemented with financial support offered by National Endowment for Democracy.

This event was attended by young people from town Rezina and town Ribnita.

The seminar participants represented their high school newspapers.

The discussion during the seminar focused on the following topics: the functions and the roles of mass-media sources, the journalistic perspective over human rights, human rights issues reflected by the mass-media, the role of media in promoting democratic values and the role of media in the contemporary crisis of democracy. Also, participants get involved in various practical exercise. Divided in working groups, participants identified in various articles from national press which human rights are promoted by journalists and what kind of techniques are used for developing materials that promote human rights in different mass-media sources.

Therefore, the young journalists have strengthened their skills and knowledge in this field, thus improving their journalistic abilities.

Natalia Gligor,
NGO Department Coordinator, RDCT

A Thousand Books

English is a growing language in Transnistria, especially with the youth, and books printed in English text are not readily available to the vast majority of Transnistrians to aid in the learning process. When and where such texts can be found, they are quite expensive and selection is often limited outside of the towns and cities. For the libraries and schools that do have English sections, the selection that can be found within them is limited and often outdated. There is a real need and want in Transnistria to expand its holdings of English reading materials. This project offered a low cost way of addressing this need.

This project involves the collection and shipment of over 200 kilograms of various types of new and gently used English books from the United States to Resource and Development Center for Transnistria region. The shipment is the result of collaboration between Promo-LEX from the Republic of Moldova and an NGO named A Thousand Books from the United States. Thousand Books is an American non-profit organization whose main objectives are to help those whose first language is not English to develop a well-rounded appreciation for, and understanding of, the English language, to help establish or develop English language libraries in communities that would otherwise not be able to afford them, and to expose readers to the diversity of literature, culture, and history.

A Thousand Books has several years of experience in shipping books to Romania and decided that it would like to expand its donations to other countries in Eastern Europe. All labor associated with this project has come from volunteers working with Promo-LEX and A Thousand Books. The shipping costs required to

send the books from the United States to Transnistria were generously donated by interested United States citizens. This project could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Mihaita Negrei who acted as project coordinator and put in long hours communicating between Promo-LEX and A Thousand Books.

This project has created a very special means of attaining donated learning materials for all interested parties in Transnistria looking to either learn English or expand their English abilities. The partnership developed between Promo-LEX, particularly with Resource and Development Center for Transnistria region and A Thousand Books has opened up the door for additional projects together and created a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved.

Erich Bleich
A Thousand Books NGO

Summer School on Human Rights

Promo-LEX Association organized a Summer School on Human Rights from the 11th to the 17th of August 2008. The Summer School was organized in the village Cocieri, district Dubasari, at the resort Center "La Popas".

23 law students, human rights activists and lawyers from Transnistrian region of Moldova attended this event. Participants were from localities: Dubasari, Tiraspol, Grigoriopol, Harmatca, Ribnita, Camenca, Parcani and Bender.

The Summer School program was designed to help participants develop a critical understanding of human rights and responsibilities, as well as developing the attitudes, behaviors and skills to apply them in everyday life.

The six day program combined lectures and discussions on the historical and philosophical background of human rights, human rights general principles, domestic systems of protection of human rights, international systems of protection of human rights, aspects of the rights stipulated in European Convention on Human Rights as well as human rights monitoring and promotion. Participants were trained of the practice and procedure of the European Court of Human Rights and about the rules of submitting a case to ECHR.

As well, the participants were encouraged to initiate their own programs focused on free legal assistance and human rights educational programs. In this regard, the participants were briefed about the rules of organization and management of the Legal Aid programs and Human Rights organizations. Also, the participants learned about specific aspects of the human rights educational programs designed for adults, different professional groups, youth and children.

In order to make the Summer School program more interesting and efficient there have been organized thematic debates and interactive games and discussions dedicated to human rights topics such as: non discrimination, prohibition of torture and abolition of the death penalty, human rights education in schools, the role of the civil society in promoting and defending human rights, etc.

At the end of the summer school, the majority of the participants declared their will to promote human rights in the region through sharing their knowledge with others and through initiating their own civic initiative. All participants agreed that there is a clear need to promote human rights in Transnistrian region through teaching local population of their rights and freedoms, as well as encouraging them to act upon their rights.

All participants were awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

Summer School was organized within the framework of the project "Human Rights education for young legal professionals from Transnistrian region of Moldova", project financially supported by US Embassy in Moldova through Democracy Commission Small Grants Program.

Olga Manole
Program Director
Promo-LEX Association

NGO IN DETAILS

How can I become an entrepreneur?

On the 16th of August 2008, in the Parcani village, at the "Rodoliubet" Association office was organized the training "How can I become an entrepreneur?". The event was held within the program "New Perspectives for Women", which is implemented by WINROCK International, with financial support of USAID. The partners of this activity were "Interaction" association.

This training was attended by young girls, members of the "Resonance", "Choice of Youth" and "Interaction" organizations, as well young girls from Parcani school.

Although the training lasted only one day the participants managed to learn a lot of new things concerning business opportunities and possibilities to develop their own business. Also were discussed such important issues as: What is a small business? How to choose the best idea for your business? Legal aspects of entrepreneurship, Marketing basics for beginners and Entrepreneurs image.

Excellent trainers Zinaida Onica, Director of Social Rehabilitation Program from the Center for Partnership and Development "Progen" and Aurelia Burcelea from

"Casa Marioarei" organization, conducted the event very interesting and professionally discussing in details and answering to all participants' questions.

Natalia Gligor,
NGO Department Coordinator, RDCT

Youth Association - opportunities and the perspectives of development

"Youth Association - opportunities and the perspectives of development" was the topic that was discussed during the one-day seminar held on 16th of August 2008 in the village Karagas, in the Transnistrian region.

The seminar was organized by the Russian-Moldavian Youth Theater entitled "Peace and Understanding" (abbreviated from Russian language MIRSO Theater) with the financial support offered by Czech organization "People in Need".

This seminar was attended by young people, representatives of MIRSO Theater and representatives of "Rodoliubet" association from Parcani. The total number of young people attending the even was 16. All of different ages, but with a common interest in the field of youth organizations and non-governmental activities.

The participants highly appreciated the presentation of the trainer Oksana Alistratova, the chairman of "Interaction" organization. She also shared some useful information concerning her organization experience in implementing various projects. Actively and interesting were discussed such topics as: the establishment of Youth Associations (YA), fundraising and project proposal writing.

On the second day was organized a course for developing acting skill for the entire MIRSO team.

Natalia Gligor,
NGO Department Coordinator, RDCT

ACTUAL

A democracy rooted on angst and fear

In July 2008 the Association of "Young people from the Left Bank of the Nistru River" organized an action called "Young people for Peace", which was financially supported by the Czech Organization "People in Need". Promo Lex Association

members monitored the said event at the request of our Czech partners.¹

The atmosphere was friendly, open and welcoming. During the 2 days and one night spent on the Nistru River bank the participants – inhabitants of both banks of the Nistru River – played football and took an active part in various recreational and cognitive activities, which are, actually, specific to such types of events.

Even though the hosts were very hospitable a feeling of angst, fear and fright was floating in the air, based on locals' exaggerated prudence. Obviously, the guests did not abuse of hosts' hospitality, being very much aware of the atmosphere and situation itself. However, we did not think of it as an abuse when we asked them to visit the school, and several teachers and the school director were very glad to find out that there is still someone interested in their work (to our regret, during the last two decades the occupation of teacher is very much underevaluated by the society and the authorities on both banks of the Nistru River).

In July the school was practically ready to begin the new academic year. the classrooms and hallways were recently painted, which left an impression of freshness. However, they could not hide away the age of the doors, windows and furniture, which had not been renewed since 1950 (when the building was erected) and need to be replaced (not necessarily for modern and expensive ones).

We could find out from former as well as today pupils that periodically their parents collect money for the needs of the educational establishment (and for school refurbishing, as well). Subsequently, a former pupil of this school told us that when there is a strong wind the windows need to be physically supported by pupils and teachers. The sports hall is not equipped and was not painted this year because of the insufficient funds that were collected.

At that point of time we felt a strong impulse to help these people and we offered to announce a fund and asset collection campaign (money, school tools, painting, sports equipment and a computer). Everyone who was present was very happy to be able to offer their support in any way.

After only few days Promo Lex launched the afore-said campaign among the Chisinau ONG and business environment, which reacted promptly and managed to collect in a short time approxl. 1100 lei, books, manuals, tools, sports equipment etc. Several young people created a group of volunteers willing to take part in the refurbishment works in the afore-mentioned school. Moreover, there are employers who showed a vivid interest in providing painting and construction materials that are so necessary for the Harmatca school.

Meanwhile, Promo Lex was asked to file an application with the Dubasari district

¹ Remark: see details on this event in the CRDT Bulletin n.19, July 2008 (<http://www.promolex.org.md/ro/index.html>)

Education Department. Initially we thought that the procedure of „asking for agreement” is nothing else than one of the numerous society control methods. Just as in Soviet times, local security structures must be informed in due time. They need time to decide whether to „authorize” an idea or not.

Obviously, the application was sent and posted on one and the same day and was intended to “legalize” the support provided by the civil society to an educational establishment – a help offered with all heart to those who need it. My colleagues made phone calls and notified the Marmatca inhabitants about the first donations and about employers’ intention to help them. Their joy was natural – a sincere and human happiness. We agreed altogether on how to organize and be informed about the needed volume of painting (one of the companies that showed a nobile spirit - “SUPRATEN”, asked us about the required quantity and colours), on the transportation procedure and on the deadline by which we were supposed to arrive together with the volunteers.

Subsequently, Harmatca teachers and parents “took a break”. Noone has ever contacted us, and the voice of those who did call seemed to be changed. We originally thought that the locality was flooded. We could sense a shade of shame in their voices. Poor them, they tried to come up with arguments as “we have been busy”, or “we decided not to disturb you any more” etc. Finally, we informed them that the campaign would be stopped and that they could come for the collected donations at any point of time.

We shall further explain the entire situation. We already mentioned above that local security structures, just as in Soviet times, are used to having everything under their control. We must admit that today the persecution methods used against uncomfortable people, as well as control methods used for the entire society in the Eastern part of the Republic of Moldova have “improved”. It is probable that those who “dared” to accept assistance from the West of the country were invited by the “m.g.b.”, criticized and condemned for unfolding activities, which “undermine the m.r.t. interests”. We don’t exclude the possibility of them being even sanctioned. The situation would have probably been different if this support or aid would have arrived from the Russian Federation.

This is the sad reality of the last 20 years in this territory. Any contact or relationship between common people from the region of Transnistria and people from the rest of the territory of the Republic of Moldova is controlled and needs “authorization” or “approval”. In exchange, any relationship with anyone from its Eastern side is encouraged and even imposed (through various methods).

Recently a deputy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation stated in Tiraspol that “During 18 years Transnistria created a comprehensive state mechanism, civil society and democratic regime”. This in itself is not only another severe infringement of the principles and norms of international law, but also a defiance

addressed to the Republic of Moldova, a state that was also recognized by a country whose representative is deputy Gavrilov. During the last few years Promo Lex Association examined numerous cases and situations that prove the contrary, and the Harmatca case highlights the problems and their consequences resulting from the inaction of Moldovan constitutional authorities and the 20-year indifference of the society toward the situation of human rights in this area.

We still hope that local Transnistrian security officers made an exception from their superiors' orders and, based on their purely human intuition, understood that Harmatca inhabitants did not want anything else but to secure their school with all that was needed and to provide human conditions for their children. The children living in Harmatca village have equal rights to those from Chisinau, Moscow, Tiraspol or Rabnita. Both their parents and their teachers should be endowed with enough freedom as to offer them a normal education. They can and must be assisted by everyone, not only for political, but also for group or just personal reasons. Moreover, the support of Chisinau NGOs does not involve an obligation to organize noisy public actions with „thank you” hangers, as other structures, sorry, organizations from Tiraspol require...

We don't believe our action was in vain. Any free-minded human being can draw his/her own conclusions. The donations shall probably reach another educational establishment in the end (anyway, one can only be taken away something by force).

In this context, we would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all those who made an effort and gave donations to the pupils from Harmatca village, Dubasari district, Moldova.

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The situation of the Harmatca village school is similar to that of many other rural educational establishments from the region of Transnistria. Indifference is encouraged in these places. It is by chance, or may be not, that initiative groups and NGOs from the region of Transnistria face so many obstacles both in Tiraspol and in Chisinau. They are hindered at the very moment of their official registration and in the process of their activity.

Ion Manole
Promo-LEX Association, Chair

2008 Recipient of the Ion Ratiu Democracy Award

The Woodrow Wilson Center, the Ratiu Democracy Center and the Ratiu Charitable Foundation are pleased to announce that **Eleonora Cercavschi** is the 2008 Recipient of the Ion Ratiu Democracy Award.

Mrs. Cercavschi is the principal of Stefan the Great High School (Stefan Cel Mare Si Sfint Lyceum) in Grigoriopol, Moldova. The award will be presented at the Woodrow Wilson Center on December 4, 2008, during the Ion Ratiu Democracy Lecture.

Mrs. Cercharschi is a dedicated human rights and democracy activist who has devoted her career to defending children's right to be educated in their own language. During the last 15 years children in Romanian-language schools in Transnistria faced discrimination and persecution. Transnistrian authorities insist that public education for ethnic Moldovans in their mother tongue be done using the Soviet-originated Moldovan Cyrillic alphabet. The separatist regime, supported by Moscow, has restricted the usage of the Latin script (the norm) for the Romanian language to 6 schools, which did not want to comply with this rule. In 2002, under the pressure from Transnistrian authorities, the high school was shut down, and relocated to Dorotcaia, Dubasari district, an area controlled by the central authorities of the Republic of Moldova, some 20 km (approximately 12.5 miles) away.

Recipients of the award will be hosted in Washington, DC by the Wilson Center for 7 days, to allow maximum interaction with and mutual benefit from academics, practitioners, Ratiu family members and Ratiu Foundation friends in the the DC area.

The Woodrow Wilson Center subscribes to a policy of equal educational and employment opportunities. Discrimination based upon race, creed, color, gender, sexual preference or physical status is not permitted.

Ion and Elisabeth Ratiu established the Foundation in London, in 1979. The main objective of the Foundation is to promote and support projects which further education and research in the culture and history of Romania and its people. Projects, undertaken in Romania, are encouraged on different subjects, such as patrimony, civil society, democracy, civilization and environment protection. Grants are of variable size.

The Ratiu Center for Democracy is a non-governmental, non-profit organization based in Transylvania, Romania. The Center, through its various projects, is seeking to promote the values of democracy, open society, and multiculturalism.

18 years of independence from Moldova Transnistria celebrated its adulthood

On 2nd September the Moldovan Republic of Transnistria celebrated its 18th „anniversary” in the capital and districts of the separatist region of Transnistria. They held the traditional military parade, fairs and concerts with secondhand stars. Russian fans of Tiraspol regime laid flowers at historical monuments and took part in rallies, and the inscriptions placed near the Lenin statue and Soviet Moldova’s flags praise Transnistrian independence as “the pride and glory of our people”.

The night before ...

On 1st September around 8 o’clock p.m. Tiraspol city center is crowded with young people drinking beer. War veterans sitting on park benches are whispering something inarticulate. There is an explanation for all this anxiety. Everyone is waiting for the day of tomorrow, when one is justified to drink too much and dance to the rhythm of old Soviet songs. I stop in front of the “Tiraspol” cinema, where a large screen is placed outside showing a documentary on Transnistria. On the screen the leader of the separatist regime, Igor Smirnov, dressed in blue collar clothing, wearing a hat on the tip of his head and with a cigarette in his hand, tells a story about Transnistria’s achievements during the last 18 years. Suddenly, an old acquaintance of mine, Fedea Petushkov, makes his appearance before my eyes and teases me with the word “Romanian”. Even though we had an infinite discussion about Moldovan and Transnistria, Fedea promised to take me with him to Slobozia, where an unofficial referendum was to be held.

Deception and weariness in Tiraspol

When the flowers had been laid, the flags had been put up and the military parade was over, public officers start making statements on Transnistria’s position with respect to the Russian-Georgian war. Igor Smirnov observes that the MRT is one of the four countries from the post-Soviet territory that expressed its strive for independence. When Armenia had recognized the Republic of Republica Nagorny Karabakh, in the 90’s, and Russia had recognized Abkhazia and South Ossetia, Transnistria should have been recognized as well, and the events taking place in Georgia only multiply the possibility for its recognition. Russia was praised, as usual, and an edemic picture was described should the MRT adhere to the Russian Federation. I am experiencing a feeling of *deja vu*. The same statements were given during the previous years. A large part of the people taking part in the meeting was more preoccupied with the ending of the official celebration of the 18th anniversary. Many of them were in a hurry to find a good spot in the buffets displaced right on the Tiraspol main street. Barbecue, cabbage and bean salad and draught beer is the most popular food.

Unofficial referendum in Slobozia

The Russian flag and Russian language are omnipresent in Transnistria. Russia's subsidies and special self-financing operations secure a relative peace and quasi-stable poverty in the region of Transnistria. Nevertheless, it is only the idea that life with Russia will be better that is left in the minds of the inhabitants of the left bank of the Nistru River. In this respect, the branch of the Transnistrian Patriotic Party from Slobozia comes out in the street with a voting urn and three types of ballots. All the three types of ballots begin with one and the same phrase: I wish for the best for our republic, which is why and further there is a different continuation in each of the three, namely: ... this is why I want adherence to Russia, this is why I want adherence to Moldova, or this is why I want Transnistria to be recognized. There are more ballots stating adherence to Russia than others. Many people vote two times, others bring their children along and point out the bullet they are supposed to choose. Veterans are most receptive, young people vote for amusement only – this is a way to spend a good time on the Republic Day.

There is a Moldovan yard arranged at the street corner close to the Transnistrian Patriotic Party. While the MRT patriots urge people to vote for the good of the republic, a group of Moldovans from Slobozia pour wine in their glasses and swing their bodies to the rhythms of Anatol Dumitras's song: "Wine is sweet, wine is sweet"/

Irina Moraru

Natural entities to be allowed to finance Moldovan NGOs

The natural entities will be allowed to finance the work of Moldovan non-governmental organizations. They will be able to allocate the NGOs 2 % of their income taxes. The Parliament is considering such a draft law.

The president of the Parliament Marian Lupu recognized Wednesday at a meeting with NGOs from the North of Moldova that they had not found the best way to implement the laws related to NGOs' work.

"We but pretend to work with these institutions, and the NGO representatives accept this game," Marian Lupu said, saying such a situation cannot be tolerated any more.

According to an NGO leader, Iliia Trombitki, over half of the environment-related drafts developed by NGOs reaching to be discussed within the Parliament convey the interest of theirs or of the institutions carrying out the project.

Out of 274 NGOs registered in Balti town, only 10-15 are actually active, says the mayor, Vasile Panciuc.

A series of NGO leaders have complained they pay three times more for utilities

than the natural entities, only because they are considered legal entities, although they do not make profits as companies do. Marian Lupu suggested them to cooperate with local authorities in this regard.

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NOTE

Local public authorities refused to provide guarantees to preferential credit beneficiaries for residing on the left bank of the Nistru river

A group of citizens from the left bank of the Nistru River notified the Transnistrian Center of Resource and Development about a violation of the right to social assistance committed by the local public authorities. The applicants stated that even though they complied with all the criteria regulating the provision of guarantees for preferential credits in line with the existing legislation of the Republic of Moldova their applications were turned down by the local authorities for the reason that they resided in settlements placed in the Eastern part of the country. The following were also established as other „grounds” for local public authorities’ refusal to provide guarantees:

- submission of illegal documentation released by the „separatist authorities”;
- lack of justificative documents or failure to produce the necessary documents in line with the legislation in force;
- failure to produce additional corroborative evidence of participation to the 1992 war;
- participation to the armed conflict on the Nistru River against Moldova;
- territorial incompetence; etc.

Promo Lex barristers qualify all the afore-mentioned cases as infringements of human rights and abuses committed by constitutional authorities, whose task is to secure a strict observation of legal provisions and normative acts of the Republic of Moldova.

According to the provisions of Government Decision no.1146 of 15.10.2004, public authorities’ role in the provision of guarantees for preferential credits is limited to selecting the candidates, considering and analyzing their applications, evaluating the situation and releasing the preferential credit guarantee. The said decision does not make any reference to additional attachments to the application that should be produced to the authorities, the procedure to appeal special board proposals; the applicant selection procedure; the grounds for refusing an application, as well as the application consideration deadline.

Therefore, in the above-said cases public authorities allow themselves to apply a decision of the executive in a way that makes preferential credits inaccessible to applicants residing on the left bank of the Nistru river.

Nevertheless, the aforementioned authority decisions to refuse provision of guarantees are against the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, against internal and international laws. Thus, para.1 of art.1 of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova establishes that the *Republic of Moldova is a sovereign and independent state, unitary and indivisible*. Moreover, art.17 of the Law no. 191-XIV of 12th November 1998 "on the administrative and territorial organization of the Republic of Moldova" provides that *the settlements placed on the left bank of the Nistru River form an integrated part of the administrative and territorial organization of the Republic of Moldova*. Consequently, the refusal to provide preferential credit guarantees on the grounds of residence in localities placed outside the control of constitutional authorities or submission of illegal documentation released by the „separatist authorities” is unsubstantiated. Moreover, state authorities have the task to secure human rights in the region of Transnistria and to react efficiently toward fighting against abuses committed by the separatist regime. Therefore, in any similar case they should secure an efficient remedy and free access to preferential credits to all applicants from the left bank of the Nistru River.

Under other circumstances, the establishment of the participation of beneficiaries in the military acts of 1992 against Moldova’s integrity and independence falls under the competence of legal institutions rather than that of local public authorities. Moreover, as long as there is no final court decision sentencing them for taking part in the armed conflict on the Nistru River against the Republic of Moldova, the said individuals shall be deemed not guilty (principle of legality art.3 of the Penal Code of the Republic of Moldova).

The last grounds for refusal stated by the credit applicants is „territorial incompetence”. In this sense, local public authorities are correct in their actions, since today there is no exceptional Government resolution that would enable the District Councils to examine the applications of citizens from the left bank of the Nistru River within the limits of a certain territory.

On the basis of the demarches filed in by the Promo Lex Association, central and local public authorities and financial institutions from within the country, the Ministry of Finance developed and produced for legal expertise a draft Government Decision „On the approval of amendments to certain decisions of the Government”, which shall hopefully reflect the ways how to solve the approached problems.

Alexandru Zubco
Legal Department Coordinator, RDCT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCING

The International Student Festival in Trondheim, Norway

ISFiT - The International Student Festival in Trondheim, Norway is the world's largest student festival with a thematic focus. About 450 students from all over the world attend the festival. The themes have changed over the years, but have always been related to social and political topics with international relevance.

World figures often attend ISFiT and past speakers include His Holiness the Dalai Lama, former Director-General of WHO Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Dr José Ramos-Horta and Professor Wangari Maathai. Using modern technology, both former US president Bill Clinton and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr Desmond Tutu have relayed their thoughts about the global significance of ISFiT to plenum ceremonies at the festival.

As students are the future leaders of the world we believe that their voices should be heard and international networks established. Thus the purpose of ISFiT is to be a meeting place for discussion and debate, an arena where ideas are born, friendships are made, and valuable lessons are learned. The festival aims at fostering inspiration and being a starting point for international cooperation amongst students. ISFiT is a non-profit festival.

The ISFiT participants take part in different workshops, which highlight the festival theme in various ways. Several lectures and thematic meetings will be arranged, where well-known international speakers share their views with the participants and others. The ISFiT audience is also welcome to join a vast cultural programme of concerts, art exhibitions and performing arts.

In order to organize ISFiT, more than 350 students in Trondheim work voluntarily, making sure every detail goes as planned. ISFiT has been arranged in Trondheim, Norway every second year since 1990.

The next ISFiT will be arranged from 20 February to 1 March 2009. **The main topic this time is peace building.**

for more information visit the site: <http://www.isfit.org/about/article/show/3>
how to apply: <http://www.isfit.org/apply/participant/register>

Project: Model European Union, Krakow, Poland

In the days of 4th to the 9th of November 2008, AEGEE Krakow will be organizing - for the first time in our city - a Model of the European Union. This project is directed at students from Poland and Europe.

Scholarship / Financial aid: Accommodation and meals provided
Date: 4th - 9th November 2008
Deadline: 30th September 2008\
Open to: students from Poland and Europe at the ages of 19 - 30

Announcement

follows:

Its main goal is to facilitate for the participants the chance to familiarize themselves with the mechanisms that govern the functioning of the main organs of the European Union, the rules guiding the creation of Community legislature, the emulation of conference and negotiation techniques as well as the opportunity to test themselves in the roles of speakers and negotiators. The planned sessions will allow the practical use of skills acquired during the course of university studies along with the possibility of their expansion through planning and preparing the proceedings of the respected organs of the European Union.

This project will be realized in the form of a simulation. The anticipated duration is six days. The foundation of the project is active participation - during the conference the partakers will have to form their countries/ parties stance on the discussed matter and, acting in accord with it, come up with a basis for cooperation with others, in order to achieve their own goals. During each day the participants will be formulating a resolution concerning a different topic. They will use documents prepared for them by the organizers in cooperation with the employees of the Jagiellonian University.

The main topics discussed during the simulation will be:

- "The acceleration of pre-accession negotiations with Turkey; opening new negotiation chapters"
- "Common foreign policy of the European Union - an institutional approach"
- "The acknowledgment of informal education and life - long learning within the European Union".

Fee: 70 euro

Accommodation and meals provided

The Deadline is: 30.09.2008

More : <http://meu.aegEE.krakow.pl/>

Source: www.eastchance.com

Dear members and correspondents of the International Network Youth for Human Rights (МПД)!

We invite you to participate at Information Campaign „Youth for Human Rights – Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948 - 2008)“

In this year, on December 10, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrate 60 years from the adoption.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948 as result at the international events that marked the humanity at the end of the second part of the XX century (Second World War, Holocaust, Hiroshima...).

The International Youth Human Rights Movement (МПД), International Youth Network for Human Rights Education and Civic Information in partnership with Free University announce the beginning of the Information Campaign ***“Youth for Human Rights – Anniversary of the Universal Declaration Of Human Rights (1948 – 2008)”***.

The activity will take place within the Campaign “All different – All equal”, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Program on Human Rights Education.

More detailed information about goals of the Campaign and how can you join the activity and to complete the questionnaire follow please the link: www.yhrm.org.

In order to participate at these Campaign it is necessary to obtain status of member or correspondent of the YHRM. For more details about how can you reach this status you can find on the web site: <http://www.yhrm.org/join/>.

Deadline for submitting the questionnaire of participation within Campaign is **September 15, 2008**.

The questionnaire can be sent at the following e-mail: t-education@yhrm.org.

For more questions and details: t-education@yhrm.org.

Contact persons: Ana Dobrovoliskaia, Lada Burdaceva (+7 (4732) 545530)

Contest "Every person has the right"

“Inter news” is pleased to announce the open call for on line applications for journalistic competition “Every person has the right”. Professional and civic journalists can send us their reportages on human rights issue for any type of media - television, radio, press and internet publications.

Journalistic competition "Every person has the right" is organized by Inter news in partnership with the campaign "Every person has the right" with the support of "Elders" to mark 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Before midnight on September 15, 2008, central European time (2 from GMT) journalists of radio, television, print and internet publications, photo journalists and bloggers from around the world can send us their materials on human rights issue through the site of journalistic competition "Every person has the right".

The reportages submitted for the competition on developments in the country and the world should serve and illustrate one or more articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and demonstrate its relevance in the context of today's local and international problems. Already 249 journalists from 91 countries expressed their desire to participate in this contest.

For further information please contact Mark Harvey (Mark Harvey: [mharvey@internews.fr]) or Agathe Dalisson (Agathe Dalisson [agathe@internews.fr]).

<http://media-awards.everyhumanhasrights.org/ru/user/register>

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