

"Volunteer. You can do it!"

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Year 2011 is declared - European Year of Volunteering, an action that comes the responsibility to educate society and citizenship. In this respect the period July 20 to 22 an initiative group "Center for Youth Development" from Grigoriopol (CDT) held in the city of Chisinau summer school for promotion of volunteering – **"Volunteer. You can do it!"**.

During three days, young volunteers aged between 17 and 23, in Transnistria became acquainted with the concepts of volunteering and active citizenship, and created video spots that have brought and posted their own interpretation of social problems in their native villages. The spots will be presented on September 10 in a workshop.

Also volunteer experience in Moldova and the Transnistrian region was shared by young people in events with volunteers

from UK, USA and Norway.

At the end of summer school a few young people have decided to take social action:



3) **"Say NO to Violence against Women"** - August 20 in the town of Dubasari, an information event was held about violence against women.

4) **"Say NO to Torture!"** - August 29, 2011, in Varnita, action taken against the phenomenon of torture.

The event is being organized with the support of the Promo-LEX Association, in the frame of the Small Grants Program for supporting civic initiatives in the Transnistrian region of Moldova. The Small Grants Program is part of the project "Strengthening civil society from Transnistrian region of Moldova", implemented thanks to financial contribution of the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands in Kyiv / The Matra/KAP Programme.

A few steps to strengthen the associative sector in Transnistrian region



Transnistrian civil society knows a slow and difficult progression, and a lack of diversity of information sources, continuous surveillance and control of activities of NGOs, but also lack of access to funds prevents the creation of a genuine associative sector.

Therefore strengthening the institutional capacity of organizations in the region as a whole is the main goal of long-term training program implemented by Promo-LEX, from January to July 2011.

During the six months five training activities were held with over 90 representatives of organizations and initiative groups in the region. Various topics were selected depending on the preparedness of the group and level of knowledge of the subject:

"Partnerships, networks and coalitions" (22-23 January 2011), "Development of project proposals" (12-13 March 2011), "Project Management" (14-15 April 2011), "Fundraising for NGOs" (2-3 June 2011), "Strategic Planning in the NGO" (14 to 17 July 2011).

Beneficiaries had the opportunity to deepen knowledge on known areas and acquire new information and skills.

Each training was structured with methodology specific topics so that participants interacted with each working group have individual tasks, and were given responsibility for homework.

A strong interest was shown for the case studies and analysis of practices of other countries, for example in the training on "Partnerships, networks and coalitions," models of these forms of partnership organization from abroad have played an important in understanding the essence of the subject.

Analysis of evaluation forms and feedback from the participants generated the following conclusions: the level of theoretical knowledge is quite high, but lack of funding makes it difficult to apply in practice; most organizations in the region are subjected to pressure and intimidation from local government; which prevents proper activity of the organization / initiative groups, lack of information in Russian organizations in the region; limited access to training opportunities; funding, etc., most organizations have well-developed institutional capacity (office, technical and staff) that do work often ineffectively and without long-term impact.



"Civil society is one of indices to measure the democracy"

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Information Management - is real. You can say the same thing in different ways

On 20 July in the town Bender, was held the workshop "Information Management in NGOs", the participants were trained on how to properly



inform the public about the activities of his organization. The event was organized by the Socio-Information Center "Apriori". The event was attended by representatives of several NGOs in the social, environmental and youth fields in Transnistria. The workshop was moderated by Sergey Lisenco, history professor and president of the Debate Club and Youth Center in the town Criuleni.

The purpose of the event was to develop the skills of participants in the efficient use of communication technologies and information management in the work of NGOs.

The participants have acquired knowledge of planning strategies, of creating information flows and communication networks, and have exercised in formulating key messages in PR campaigns and writing press releases, also they have learned more about diversity in modes of presentation of information and the specifics of each medium. The event was attended by representatives of NGOs working in different sectors interacting with various social groups and facing a wide range of problems which increased interest in workshop activities. Participants were able to compare and analyze several methods and tools of information. The relevance of this issue can never be overestimated. Training and development of citizenship and activism among citizens is influenced by factors both political and socio-economic. The low level of communication and lack of sustainable relations between NGOs and the community, weak legal culture and the inability to manage information, all of which have a negative impact on civil society development.

The Transnistrian population has some particular characteristics such as focusing on personal life,

orientating to individualized adaptation and isolation in the private community. Civil society activities have hardly any influence on a majority of the population, based here and the low level of support from society for NGOs and initiative groups. There is a lack of understanding of the role of NGOs in the population, leading to disinterest and indifference both to organizations and to their problems.

Today with the development of information technology, increased speed of the movement of information flow, and its large volume, it is very important to make yourself heard, send a message to the target group so that it can be properly assimilated.

The workshop also discussed the development and maintenance of timeliness and relevance of a single strategy of disseminating information to NGOs. The existence of a unique communication strategies and general rules of behavior will allow for synergistic effects of their participation, concentration of resources in solving problems, acquiring new skills and experience. This problem is quite difficult and requires a serious attitude from all participating organizations. Development and implementation of this idea is directly dependent on the degree of transparency and trust between organizations and other social structures, but also of individual activism and self-discipline.



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National video contest "Film and Water"



*“National Issue
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International Secretariat for Water (SIA) in partnership with the European Solidarity for Water in Moldova (ESAW) invite young Moldovan people with ages ranging from 17 to 30 years to send a maximum of one minute long videos on the topic of water.

The National Issue of the contest “Film and Water” in Moldova, with the theme "Moldova and Water Well" is an invitation to young people to send a strong message, clear and concise on water and sanitation problems in their country for raising awareness of this problem.

Prizes worth 4600 \$!

In Moldova, three videos will be awarded at national level:

1st Prize: 300 \$

2nd Prize: 200 \$

3rd Prize: 100 \$

Water film competition is part of the International events with the theme "Water and Film" (EIAF), To Be Held in March 2012, During Water Forum of the 6th World (France).

At the international level will be

awarded as International Year Three videos by jury:

Golden drop: 2,000 \$

Silver drop: 1,000 \$

Bronze drop: 500 \$

Moreover, the voting public through site Daily motion, Will enable participants to reach one of the Audience Award Receive worth 500\$.

The deadline for participation in the National issue of the contest in Moldova is **31 October 2011!**

Film and Water contest, the edition of Moldova is Organized in the Butterfly Effect Project, a project of International Solidarity for water, in which more than 10,000 people worldwide will be involved.

For registration and more details:
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Summer School "Civic Participation of Youth in Moldova"



International Committee for Civic Diplomacy announces the selection of participants at the Summer School which will run from August 15 to 21, 2011.

The main goals of summer school are:

- increase knowledge about youth civic engagement, in particular at the local level;
- developing skills to carry out civic participation activities;
- strengthening their own tools to promote mobility of young people in their locality.

There are encouraged to apply for Summer School young people aged between 15-19 years in the northern regions of the country (Soldanesti, Rezina Orhei) and Transnistrian region (Ribnita and Camenca).

Interested persons are asked to fill in the [application-form.doc](#) (Count: 9) and send it at conkurs@civicediplomacy.org by 1 August 2011.

You will be notified about the final results no later than August 8, 2011.

Only selected persons will be announced on the place of summer school.

Activities. During the 7 days of Summer School there will be organized theoretical and practical activities (eg. Lecturers, social drama, role play, case studies, group presentations, etc.). Participants will also receive certificates of participation.

*“Find out what
the civic
participation
means for
young people”*

Benefits for participants:

- Opportunity to learn from experts in economics, political, social, culture and environment;
- The possibility of developing personal and professional skills;
- Opportunity to create new contacts with young people on both sides of Dniester river;
- Effective communication with colleagues interested in civic participation;
- Diploma of participation.

There is no participation fee. All costs for transportation of participants, accommodation, meals, will be covered by the organizers.

The Summer School will be held in Romanian. If necessary, there will also be provided interpretation for participants from Transnistrian region.

Selected persons for Summer School will take after their responsibility to attend all the sessions the seminar.

The deadline for submission of 1 August 2011

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Call for proposals launched by the Staying Alive Foundation

Staying Alive Foundation's mission is to encourage, energize and empower young people who have been involved in sensitive specialized campaigns on HIV education and prevention.

The goal is to achieve this by youth-led Funding Organizations working on HIV sensitive education campaigns about AIDS among peers. Little or no funding has been given to these communities in the past.

Grant amount - maximum **12,000 U.S. \$ a year.**

The application process will takes place in two stages, firstly by completing a short online form <http://foundation.staying-alive.org/en/grants/apply>

Application deadline - **August 15, 2011.** Access to French and Spanish forms is also possible, which can be requested by e-mail: foundation@staying-alive.org

Grants will be Announced on 01 December 2011.

Photo competition "Women's Earth"



“The photos are not for being believed as they are, but to arise questions ”

For those passionate about photography: the French Alliance in Moldova is organizing a local contest that will allow you to expose your pictures to Paris.

This year via the theme "Planète Femmes", please illustrate this idea with photos representing women in Moldovan culture.

Following the theme "J'ai Vingt ans mon pays danse" (Twenty years in my country), the French Alliance Foundation proposes the contest for the second consecutive year in partnership with the magazine Courier International.

It aims to highlight the richness and diversity of its global readership and thus invites all amateur photographers to participate free of charge by sending two photos that relate to the theme of "Planète Femmes" (Women's Earth).

The two photos must be sent until **September 18, 2011** to address ddumitru@alfr.md accompanied by registration form is available here in

French (https://www.alfr.md/IMG/pdf/Fiche_d_inscription_fr.pdf) and in **Romanian** (https://www.alfr.md/IMG/pdf/Fiche_d_inscription_fr.pdf).

For details, see Rules.

https://www.alfr.md/IMG/pdf/ROM_Reglement-Moldavie.pdf

For more information follow the link: <https://www.alfr.md/spip.php?lang=ro§ion=68&subsection=106&article=1638>.

Inspiration Program. Civil Society inspires the Communities

The goal of Inspiration Program is to support Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and media to implement some activities on involvement, and implementing incentives of their beneficiaries, local Authorities, businesses and general community.

For information about program requirements, forms and budget table in Romanian, Russian and English go to the link:

http://www.aed.org.md/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=86&lang=en

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THE SCIENCE OF IMPROVING LIVES

Proposals for small projects, but with greater impact in this program May Be Submitted in June 2010-October 2011.

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Mission – To advance democracy in the Republic of Moldova through promoting and defending Human Rights and strengthening Civil Society.

RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR TRANSNISTRIA

Resource and Development Center for Transnistria (RDCT), whose purpose is to contribute to the development and strengthening of the nongovernmental sector in the Transnistrian region of Moldova, **supports NGOs and Initiative Groups by providing following services:**

- *Training for NGOs* on diverse topics: Organizational Development, Strategic Planning, NGO Management, Project Management, Financial Management for NGOs, Writing project proposals, Fundraising, Advocacy and Lobbying, other;
- *Individualized assistance* to NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Financial support* within Small Grants program for Transnistrian region NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Advertising information* about activity of the third sector within electronic newsletter.

Promo-LEX continues to offer free legal advice on issues related to military service for youth from the Transnistrian region. For any questions or complaints regarding the violation of recruits rights contact: tel: 373 (22) 45-00-24, email: tiras.army@gmail.com

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