



Annual Report 2016

YOUTH CENTRE ARDHMERIA- KLINE / KOSOVO

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Background:

The Youth Center was established in 1999. Since then the center has continually organized activities for young people and also implemented projects for youth. This report summarizes all activities and projects realized within the Youth Center during the calendar year 2016.

Activities of the youth center which have been developed and are continuing:

1. DAILY COURSES.

2. ACTIVITIES AND YOUTH INITIATIVES

3. PARTNER COLLABORATIONS

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1. DAILY COURSES:

1.1 English Language Course

Regularly organized daily English language course for children, youth and adults. Every day this year, many participants have benefitted in our international volunteers' presence by attending English language courses. Our young people have had the opportunity to participate in the program organized by the local facilitator and also a non-formal class with our two international volunteers as facilitators. In the last quarter of this year, the course was developed and facilitated by another international volunteer. English Language Course was developed 3 hours per week for each group and lasted 3 months for each level.

1.2 Workshops for children

Throughout the week there were regularly held creative workshops for children. These created a safe environment that children could work and learn to craft letters from different items like used plastic bags, etc. The workshops were created in order to educate children to protect the environment and to pass a part of their education in the youth center. The aim of this workshop was to share a special time for children to learn about protecting our environment and ways of recycling common waste from households.



1.3 Course Albanian language

Youth Center Ardhmeria provides an Albanian language course to young Europeans who live in Kline for long periods of time and want to learn Albanian. This year, as prescribed, a local volunteer taught Albanian to our two EVS volunteers from European countries (Estonia and Lithuania). Developing this course aims to integrate young people who come to live in Kline for a period of time and the Albanian language enables you to easily adapt to our culture in Kosovo.



2. ACTIVITIES & YOUTH INITIATIVES:

2.1 The 8th anniversary of Kosovo's independence

The youth of Klina marked Kosovo's Independence Day. In honor of the 8th anniversary of the Independence of Kosovo, young people organized several creative and educational activities and events for young people in a way that will mark the day of the anniversary of independence.

Young people aged 13-15 years old wrote essays describing their sense of independence, also organized workshops and Albanian songs. During this activity was selected the best essays and were evaluated by two poets with new Klina municipality.

We would like to thank the two primary schools of the city of Klina for cooperation and youth volunteers of Klina Youth Chapter for this organization.

February 17, 2016, Kline

2.2 Communication and development of youth groups - Training courses

Our community has many young youth who wish to remain active and contribute to their city and often are active in activities of the youth center. Our European volunteer from Estonia managed to prepare four capacity-building training sessions for our youth groups in communication and teamwork. These trainings included active members of the youth center and high schools in the town of Klina.

Each Friday the youth participate in training sessions and a large number of young people had the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills which will help them serve their community by teaching them to work in groups and also to initiate activities that will affect the development of Kline.

Training lasted for a period of one month and are developed and led by the European volunteer, Cairit Eit - EVS Estonia.

March 2, 2016, Klinë/a





2.3 World Coffee Day

Youth Forum was held in February 25, 2016 at Youth Center Ardhmeria according to the method of non-formal education the term "World Coffee Day." Young people, ages 15-23, had the opportunity to discuss various topics: education, sport and culture, environment, civil society and social welfare with an expert from each area. As a result, the main problems in all affected areas were discussed by young people in an elevated conversation with local experts.



25 February 2016

2.4 Intercultural Evening

To welcome our EVS Volunteer from Lithuania, youth volunteers in the youth center organized and hosted a dinner. Each of the volunteers brought traditional Albanian food and also presented our culture here in Kosovo to allow European volunteer to become acquainted with our culture. Also, the Lithuanian EVS prepared and brought traditional Lithuanian food and shared traditions from their Lithuanian culture. The youth spent a good intercultural evening and also enjoyed the youth a good environment.

March 18, 2016

2.5 World Water Day

On March 22, the youth of Kline marked the international World Water Day. Kline Youth Chapter organized lectures and a march to create awareness for the citizens about the importance of water Kline.

The lecture was held in Elementary School "Ismet Raci" with participating children aged 12-14 years old. Lecturers were two volunteers aged 15-16 years old who were prepared to teach other children about the importance of water.





The march in the city: The march, attended by children aged 7-8 years old, was led by youth center volunteers and also followed by teachers of children in the streets of the city center. These were some awareness and educational activities for children and our citizens in a way that will give a message about the importance of water in our lives.

March 22, 2016

2.8 World Earth Day / Global Youth Service Day

In order to mark the World Earth Day and generate awareness among citizens of our community, volunteers from Klina Youth Chapter and Youth Center Ardhmeria organized activities during the whole week. Their goal was to educate the citizens of the reality of nature in Klinë and the effects of pollution.

During the whole week, the youth group contacted many young people representing villages and communities throughout Klina Municipality, the Council and Youth Department with the Municipality, and both primary schools for participants to discuss the environment that surrounds us. During their visits, young people photographed nature overflowing with garbage and, in particular, the Klina park which is in deplorable condition.

For most young people, many of them are not exposed to this side of nature in such squalor. It is necessary to exposed THIS and the construction unprotected. The volunteers hung a small gallery of photos in the two primary schools of "Ismet Raci" and "Sisters Qiriazhi", also exhibits of the photos were also made in the plaza of the city. The young people also had the opportunity to speak with residents and visitors to get their opinions of the reality of contaminated nature in Klina.

The goal of initiative was to allow mostly young people to give a sensible message to citizens regarding protecting our environment and to appreciate the rich nature that we have in the City of Klina.

Implemented by Klina Youth Chapter group, 22 April 2016



2.9 Cleaning the City

In the framework of the initiative to clean up Kosovo, a group of young women from the youth center cleaned the park and riverbank Klina. Although Klina municipality took an initiative to clean up the city and divided the areas of cleaning, our volunteers from the youth center took over the project to clean the riverbank park in Klina.



May 24, 2016

2.10 "World No Tobacco Day"

World No Tobacco Day for young people representing youth center "Ardhmeria" held that this activity had:

Campaign included a lecture on raising awareness of the consequences of tobacco use. The lecture was held in the elementary school "Qiriazi Sisters" in Klina.

Awareness lecture is led by Peer-Educators: Armir Prenaj and Venera Bojaj. This initiative was developed to create understanding of the effects that smoking causes and the phenomenon present in many young people.

There were 23 students that participated in this campaign. The students of Grade VIII were given the series of lectures and opened numerous questions from their end. They were very curious of the consequences that smoking causes.

Reported by: Venera Bojaj, May 30, 2016, Klinë/a.





2.11 Festival of June 1st "Young Talents"

on 1 June 2016, we organized a cultural event "Young Talents" in order to unite youth with talents in the Klina Municipality. In this cultural event, many young people from youth organizations and Elementary schools participated. This initiative was supported by the Department of Culture, Youth and Sports.

A large number of youth, aged 7-12, performed with singing, dancing, humor and poetry skills. The festival was fun and on the faces of the children enjoyment and joy were evident. Youth center sends a thanks to all the citizens of the Klina Municipality, primary schools of Klina Municipality and the NGO "Karitas Umbria" for participating with us.

1 June 2016



2.12 Education Workshop (I)

This activity was organized in order to increase the capacity of our young people in a professional setting by assisting them to prepare a CV and learn how to present themselves in the best way for each potential application. This workshop benefited 18 young people aged 15-18 years old.

The workshop was led by the Peace Corps Volunteer Andrew and assisted by student Florida. Thank you to the Youth Center "Ardhmeria" external volunteers for support young people in Klina.



06 June 2016



2.13 Running Half Marathon 2016

On 22 June, the Youth Center Ardhmeria volunteers created a running marathon organized for children aged 7-8 years old and 9-10 years old age. The sports activity for children was developed in the football field "18 July" in Kline with 40 children giving a small number of children had the opportunity to spend a few hours in outdoor sports.

Thanks Youth Center participated as children and Sports Sector Cooperation Mr. Xhafer Adam and his support in sports.



22 June 2016 Kline

2.14 Theatre "Snow White and the 7 dwarfs"

During July, the Youth Centre organized summer activities for children aged 6-12 years old and worked in groups that are based on the age of the children.

Everyday activities were developed with different themes and different creative workshops. Each workshop (group) is led by two volunteers from the youth center.

Our summer activities lasted one month and every day had developed a focused workshop. Each workshop had a connection to the other workshops as one group created imaginative costumes, one group prepared set decorations and produced games, one team has prepared choreography for a musical, and one group has developed roles. After completion of all summer activities, our end result was a developed theatrical performance of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the Culture House "Dukagjini" in Kline.

All children who performed for the first time on the stage were very happy and felt very proud of their performance.

The Youth Centre "Ardhmeria" would like to thank all the volunteers who worked and developed this program with the children. And to thank the children who were part of our program and helped create an amazing summer event in our city.

July 2016 Kline/a





2.15 Education Workshop (II)

On September 12, 2016 we managed to keep up the second educational training for young people in professional capacities by developing the workshop on the topic: 'How to write a motivation letter.' This is important as all applicants in advanced programs for youth must have knowledge to prepare a cover letter.

This activity benefited 10 young people aged 15-18 years old from Kline. Volunteer training was led by Peace Corps Volunteer Andrew with the assistance of student Florida Gashi.

12 September 2016

2.16 n'Klinë Halloween "Trick or Treat" in 2016

N'Klinë Halloween "Trick or Treat" 2016 was a success in many ways this year. As a youth center focused on building the capacity of youth in Kline, we have been able to organize youth center volunteers to create an event for children in the municipality of Kline. They discussed, planned and prepared an event for young children. Then, after a few days of planning and preparation, our youth volunteers were able to lead and facilitate a large scale event involving 450 children and their family for an evening of interactive engagement. The event seemed like a festival of international and multicultural night for Halloween. In order to involve more community or citizens of Kline, we decided to engage local businesses to sponsor our event. We are grateful to local businesses as Blinipharm Pharma, Dorina Pasticeria, Te Rrethi Restaurant, Euro Bar Kafe, Pizza Fresh, Qyteza, and a personal donation from the Childers Family for their wonderful support and financial donations. All of their contributions enabled us to offer prizes and games along with face painting and mask making. Department for Culture, Youth and Sport also contributed greatly, providing further entertainment with DJ Poni musical styles, as well as numerous materials to build our games.



Based on initial data records, you may notice that we had a participation of over 450 people from the community. Our numbers are based on the price of tickets and the system put in place for the evening events. General use of tickets and prizes assure us that the number of



participation was in the range of 500-600 participants. Using the model of this year, we adopted a new system to monitor attendance and field events in the future to make them bigger and more interactive. We thank all our sponsors, our participants and attendees who made this event successful Halloween this year.

31 October 2016

2.17 The International Day of Children's Rights.

November 20, in honor of International Day of Children's Rights, the youth center organized a workshop with 10 children aged 7-10 years.

Children in this activity have been tasked to paint images according to how those images have significance for children's rights, such as: national rights, rights in the family, the right to play, the right to education, right to health, the right to protection, right to religion, and the right to freedom. The kids have learned these rights that are guaranteed to them by the United Nations Convention, and better understand those rights for which are practiced in everyday life. In the last session of the event, each child has his own paper and describe the significance of that right if he or she selects. At the end all children have received flyers to read with their families and parents together to talk about children's rights and the feast of November 20. The event lasted two hours and is facilitated by the staff of Youth Center "Ardhmeria." *11 November 2016.*

2.18 Albanian Flag Day

In honor of the holiday of November 28, youth volunteers in the Youth Center "Ardhmeria" have been working with a group of children and together they produced a theatrical Day of the Albanian Flag in Klina.

The show took place on 29 November and the children, with their performance, made a beautiful and magnificent scene where each child was very happy because they were given the opportunity to perform in public and their parents. As a result, we also see the interest



of the children to be part of the drama and cultural activities.



The play is performed in the Cultural House "Dukagjini" in Kline

Work / Venera Bojaj, 29 November 2016

1.18 World Day Against HIV / AIDS

Youth Group "Klina Youth Chapter" held a one day activity in order to raise the awareness of young people about the consequences of HIV / AIDS, STIs, and diseases. This activity is conducted in the premises of the Centre "Ardhmeria".

Group members held a lecture for a group of young people aged 14-16 years old and showed a documentary aimed at raising awareness of the consequences caused as well as expert advice worldwide. Within this activity, the group created a good environment where young people can discuss each topic and felt open to sharing their opinions about disease transmission.

After completion of the activity, the city distributed brochures for youth group counseling and awareness of young people.

Volunteer activity is facilitated by Doruntinë Doçi, which was also supported by other Youth Group members.

Working / Klina Youth chapter December 01, 2016

2.19 Humanitarian activities:

Private Business Donations - Local businesses have expressed interest in supporting our youth activities so we began humanitarian activities starting with fundraising in private businesses and look for the closest that many private businesses contribute to families in need of assistance. The youth collected funds from these businesses and also created a list of businesses that have contributed to this initiative in the past. The group that conducted this initiative found the task very challenging but also were happy for their achievements.

15-20 December 2016

Gifts and Cards Sale - The young people of the Youth Center organized two weeks of craft work and created festive greeting cards. Each member worked two hours in the Youth Center. During these cold winter days, the presence of 20 active, young people was encouraging. We had a good result because we managed to use recycled material for creative work for gifts like postcards, handbags, Bethlehem of wood and decorative things for the holidays.

Our young people managed to sell their works on December 16 in the city center





and all works were sold and many citizens have commended this initiative.

16 December 2016

Charity Concert - On 17 December, the Youth Group decided to organize Charity Concert for the fundraising to support families in need. Since it was a humanitarian concert, musicians from Klina invited many of their friends from Peja and Prizren bands to perform and display a sense of humanity to the citizens of Klina.

The whole organization of the concert was very good, however, we as a youth center were not very satisfied with the presence of citizens of Klina since there was little local attendance! Each day we have noticed an increasing lack of interest from the citizens and families in cultural activities in the town of Klina; we hope for an increase in interest soon.

Despite the cold of the Culture House "Dukagjini", our young volunteers created an environment and an atmosphere of fun and culture.



The Youth Center "Ardhmeria" Youth Group congratulates and thanks Klina Youth Chapter singers: Ardian Gojani, Erion Pulacaj, Betina Millaku, Anita Selitaj, Bleona Leka, Albana Nila, Gentrit Mrasoraj and the Band from School Loyola-Prizren for their performance and support.

December 17, 2016

Distribution of aid - In the last week of December, and after the collection of all funds created, Youth Centre "Ardhmeria" distributed aid to 6 families in Klina Municipality.

Some local households brought clothing donations to the offices of the center and the youth of the Centre were able to prepare a package of assistance with food, clothing and gifts for children. These were distributed to families who need support and live in difficult economic conditions. The distribution of aid transport is powered by the municipality of Klina and some youth. The purpose of this activity is to develop a spirit of humanity to our young and



raise an awareness of community to our citizens. This initiative also served to create the joy of family members, the smiling faces of the children with a common message that you enjoy that include all citizens of Kline.

Collaborator: *Youth Group "Kline Youth Chapter" Department for Culture, Youth and Sport and Private Businesses.*

December 2016 Kline/a

2.19 Evening for Christmas and New Year:

To summarize and reflect all activity during youth center Ardhmeria organized an evening for all its members and volunteers who were active throughout the year. We celebrated together and reminisced over the activities completed in 2016 with a video that summed up all the pictures of the year's work. Concluding the evening was followed by games and music for young people. The ceremony ended with the distribution of acknowledgments for members who were active in 2016, as well as gifts from the youth.



***Happy New Year 2017 ***



3. COLLABORATIONS / PARTNERSHIPS

3.1 Cuprija Caravan Camp 2016

Every two years a camp is organized of natural heritage called "Caravan camp Cuprija." This camp was organized by the Luxembourg Boy Scouts and Youth Centre "Ardhmeria" is an honored partner participating in this camp. This is the third project that Youth Center "Ardhmeria" has cooperated with the Boy Scouts organization and empowered young people from Kosovo to participate in this 21 day camp.

This year we had 8 participants from Kosovo and other participants were from Luxemburg and Bosnia.

A total of 60 young people from three (3) different countries had the opportunity to work together at summer camp in Bosnia & Herzegovina for 21 days, was an opportunity for young people to exchange cultures of the three different countries and learn from each other. The camp was organized in the way that young people at work but also to visit the city and other Balkan countries such as Bosnia, Croatia and seaside of Montenegro.

Implemented from 17 July to 6 August 2016 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

3.2 Conference for Youth Leaders - MCW New York

As a partner among young we had a leadership program with MCW this year that develops and enables young youth of the world to prepare and develop the capacity to lead and encourage positive changes in the country where they live. MCW identifies youth organizations that have the potential to be leaders of a particular community. Youth Conference for Development is designed to enable a deeper understanding of social issues and change their training knowledge, networking and confidence when these participants return to their country and return with the knowledge and confidence to serve in their place as a leader in the mobilized world. The conference this year had three young people from Klina that benefited in attending.

Conference Youth was held in Manhattan and Vermont-USA, from 27 July to 03 August 2016



3.3 Training for Youth Workers "Social Media & Youth Activation and Community"

This training was organized with the aim of increasing the capacity of youth organizations to use social media and to strengthen cooperation between European partners. The training was organized by Arci Strauss in city Nicolasi and lasted eight days. From the center Ardhmeria, we had two youth workers participate who were the 16th part of the community organizations from 16 countries of various European countries.

Implemented in Nicolasi-Italy of 05 -12 October 2016

3.4 KMUNA 2016, Kosovo Model United Nations - Association

Kosovo Model United Nations is built off the Model United Nations Clubs all over the world. KMUNA is designed to give youth an opportunity to expand their capacities in research, debate, parliamentary procedure, drafting a research paper, and finally public speaking. Groups are assigned a country and a topic. Each group will need to research their assigned country's outlook on their assigned topics. The purpose of KMUNA is to give the youth of Kosovo a diplomatic outlook on topics while enhancing their critical thinking and public speaking skills.

After the 15 mandatory sessions, chapters from all over the country will be invited to a final conference Model United Nations mock meeting in Skopje. There they will present their assigned country's outlook in an open public debate.

KMUNA Klina group started in October 2016 and will hold sessions at the Youth Center until May 2017, the group of 15 young people 15-18 years old is facilitated by Peace Corps Volunteer Andrew B. James and Florida Gashi.

Ongoing until 2017...

STATISTICS / BENEFICIARIES

Chart 1: Youth Center beneficiary by ethnicity					
Period	Albanian	Serbian	RAE	others	Total
01/1/2016-30/12/2016	365	0	0	2	367
%	99.46	0.00	0.00	0.54	100.00

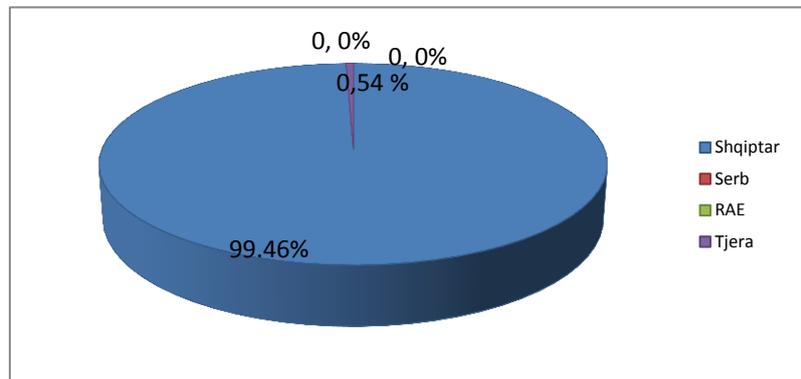


Chart 2: Youth Center beneficiary based on origin			
Period	Rural	Urban	Total
1/1/2016-31/12/2016	95	271	366
%	25.96	74.04	100.00

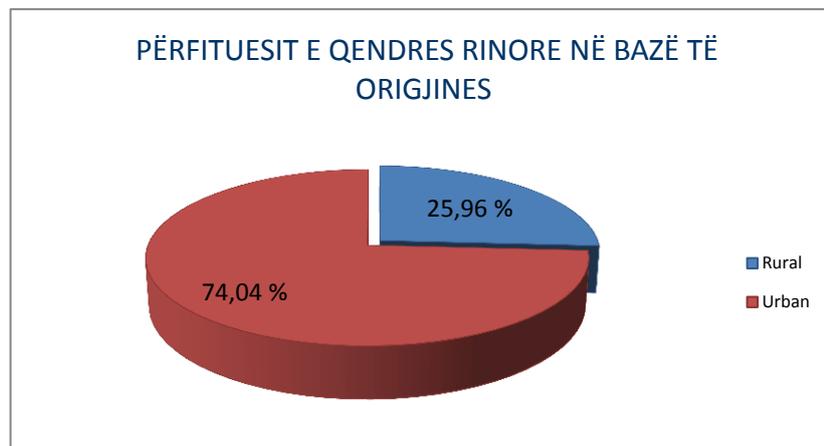


Chart 3: Beneficiary based on age						
Period	<15	15-18	19-21	22-24	>24	Total
1/1/2016-31/12/16	246	110	8	1	2	367
%	67.03	29.97	2.18	0.27	0.54	100.00

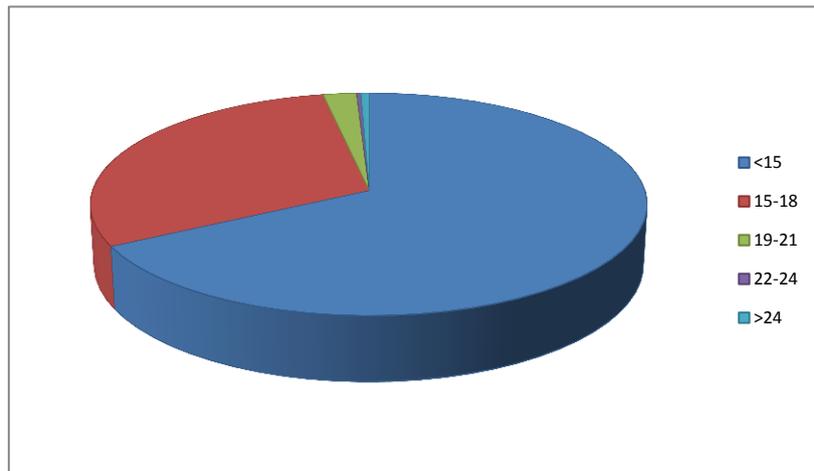


CHART 4: Beneficiary based on gender			
Period	Male	Female	Total
1/1/2016-31/12/16	135	231	366
%	36.89	63.11	100.00

