

# Active Citizens 4 Human Rights



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An online and offline  
international capacity  
building program

Short presentations of  
participant organisations

## About the Active Citizens 4 Human Rights

The program is an online and offline capacity building event organized by the [Norwegian Helsinki Committee](#), the entity designated to deal with bilateral relations on behalf of Norway under the Active Citizens Fund and the [The Civil Society Development Foundation](#) and [Frivillighet Norge](#), on behalf of [Active Citizens Fund Romania](#). The program will run **from March 2021 to March 2022**, with monthly online meetings in 2021 and an offline event in Oslo, Norway in March 2022.

Our **goal** with this program is to give the opportunity for organizations from beneficiary countries of the EEA Grants and Norway to come together, learn and discuss issues that they have in their organizations and in their work, especially in relation to specific challenges for building capacity of human rights NGOs. We envisage **to create a platform** for learning and sharing experience about capacity building for human rights NGOs and **to enhance cooperation** and enable partnership between entities in Norway and beneficiary countries in relation to capacity building for human rights issues. At the end of the program we hope all organisations will have **raised awareness** in dealing with capacity building issues; raised awareness about different strategies applied by organizations in relation to capacity building and raised cooperation among participating organizations for possible future international partnerships.

The Active Citizens 4 Human Rights will bring together **45 organizations** working on human rights issues from all Active Citizens Fund countries and Norway, hence there will be an eclectic group of organizations working on different human rights topics with different standpoints in their work, that we know will bring added value for the program, since sharing experiences is also one of our main objectives.

In this brochure you will find short details about the participant organisations in the Oslo offline meeting, as well as online contacts for more information. **Enjoy!**

# Bilitis

Country: Bulgaria

About: Founded in 2004, Bilitis is the oldest LGBTI organization in Bulgaria. Bilitis began its activity as a self-support group of lesbians and bisexual women and gradually has included trans and intersex people in its leadership. Our approach takes into account the interconnectedness between gender, race, class, sexual orientation, gender expression, ethnicity, religion, disability, and other factors, which shape the social status of the individual. The mission of Bilitis is eliminating all forms of discrimination and achieving full equality for LGBTI people in Bulgaria. For achieving its mission, Bilitis has the following strategic goals: 1. Improve the legal framework for full recognition of LGBTI rights in Bulgaria and change policies in partnership with NGOs, activists, political allies, donors, institutions and citizens, 2. At the grassroots level: activate, empower and involve LGBTI people, support new leaders and strengthen the LGBTI movement in Bulgaria, 3. At the level of wider society: disseminate the values of intersectional feminism and overcome the heteronormative structures, incl. gender stereotypes.

Web: <https://bilitis.org/en/index/>

# Center for Legal Aid Voice in Bulgaria

Country: Bulgaria

**About:** Our goal is to guarantee the respect of the human dignity of migrants, refugees, foreigners, and to contribute to their empowerment and independence. Our mission is to promote and defend the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and other vulnerable groups on the territory of Bulgaria, by providing legal aid and conducting advocacy. We provide pro bono legal consultations as well representation in administrative and judicial proceedings at the national and European levels, free legal consultations and hold group information sessions for foreign nationals held in detention in Bulgaria. We conduct advocacy campaigns and activities aimed at establishing institutional and judicial practices, as well as legislation, that are in accordance with international and European standards, and at changing of public attitudes and we conduct research in the area of migration and migration policies and their implementation.

Web: <https://www.centerforlegalaid.com/en/>

## Deystvie - LGBT Youth Action

Country: Bulgaria

**About:** Deystvie is an organization dedicated to bringing change to the lives of LGBTI people in Bulgaria. Our vision is to accomplish full rights recognized by the law, and to gain full social inclusion for LGBTI people in a society where they feel safe and respected. We provide pro-bono legal services. We conduct strategic cases and advocate for legislative change. We organize public events, protests, processions (such as Sofia Pride, Sofia Pride Film Fest, Equality March, Women's Rights March). The organization started as an informal group of 7 young people who started organizing events and individual actions.

Web: <https://www.deystvie.org/>

## Informativni pravni centar - Information Legal Center

Country: Croatia

**About:** IPC is a Civil Society Organization (CSO) established with the aim of providing free legal assistance to socially vulnerable groups of population in exercising their human and civil rights, and to strengthen civil society and active citizenship on the territory of our local community and the wider region. IPC was registered on 12 June 2002, and it was created by transforming the Legal Center of the American humanitarian organization “International Rescue Committee” that commenced with the work in Slavonski Brod in 1998.

Web: <http://ipc.com.hr>

# Udruga Ludruga - Ludruga Association

Country: Croatia

**About:** Ludruga Association was officially established on 23.08.2012. In September 2012, we organized What a Crazy Week! a week of training on psychodiversity, where we had an opportunity to welcome Mr. Will Hall, an international expert and activist. Our wish was to initiate a process of strengthening of people within the community by creating a peer support (a mutual support of equals) network. Consequently, our first support group meetings took place, and since that September they have been continuously held until present. On our first birthday celebration, we officially appended an addition to our name - 100% Humans. Thusly we have symbolized that we are an association of all of us who are interested in the community based mental health. We are an association of the Equal, of people with diagnoses and without them. We promote mental health in the community, break taboos and stigma, raise public awareness about the existence of different methods and systems more effective in the mental health issues. Our goal is a human scale therapy.

Web: [www.ludruga.hr](http://www.ludruga.hr)

# Centrum inkluze - Inclusion center

Country: Czech Republic

**About:** The Inclusion Center ensures support and equal access for individuals, families and communities in their employment in society, aims to develop mutually beneficial relations between schools, non-governmental non-profit organizations, other institutions and the surrounding community. Through its activities, the company also seeks to raise awareness of inclusion and social inclusion among the general public. We fulfill our mission through the following activities: preventive and educational activities aimed at preventing risky behavior in children, adolescents and adults; support for the introduction of elements of inclusive / joint education into the current practice of schools; educational and social-activation activities aimed at ensuring equal opportunities; diagnostic, counseling, support, consulting and educational activities in the field of psychology, special pedagogy and pedagogy, etc; providing social services, counseling, mediation and field work for individuals and families, including the implementation of community activities,; support for networking and multidisciplinary cooperation; educational activities for teachers and helping professionals, as well as for children, young people and families; leisure activities for children and adults; cooperation with other institutions and organizations of the state and non-state sector.

Web: [www.centruminkluzecz.cz](http://www.centruminkluzecz.cz)



## Kvas z.s.

Country: Czech Republic

**About:** Kvas Association was established in 2007 and operates at the intersection of art, education and placemaking. In recent years, it has focused mainly on cooperation with municipalities and local communities in developing the local potential. The tools and methods include interdisciplinary collaboration, strategic planning, use of digital media, storytelling and gaming principles. The association has operated throughout the Czech Republic, from 2016 our activities have been settling in Jihlava city and Kvas has become an important local agent in the development in the fields of culture and education. We have initiated the "Jihlava educates through culture" project, which has evolved into an ongoing platform for collaboration between cultural institutions and local schools. Our passion for creative learning principles has led to a "City as a space for creative learning" project that was supported by the Active citizens fund and is in progress.

**Web:** <http://www.jihlavavzdelavakulturou.cz/>, <https://www.jihlavasodvahou.cz/>, <http://www.kvasi.cz/>

## Společnost pro podporu lidí s mentálním postižením - Society for the Support of People with Mental Disabilities

Country: Czech Republic

**About:** We have been working for a better life of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The organization has over 7,000 members associated in 57 local associations in the fourteen regions of the Czech Republic. We provide expert opinions on all changes and decisions made by authorities and institutions at all levels of public administration. We point out problems faced by people with intellectual disabilities and their families. We push for changes that positively impact on the life of people with disabilities and their families. We offer support for their mutual interaction, sharing of experiences and solutions to the challenges they face. We organize courses and publish materials to support the education of people with intellectual disabilities and their families, social workers, the expert public and the public at large. We strive for people with intellectual disabilities to be taken by the whole society as equal citizens and to have the opportunity to participate in all areas of life.

Web: <http://pristupnaspolecnost.cz/>

# NGO Fairer Public Procurement

Country: Estonia

**About:** Our aim is to make public procurement more transparent, contracting authorities more competent and the system fairer, so that taxpayers' money is always used to its best advantage. In a small country, there are many people-to-people personal contacts that should not affect the outcome of public procurement. We will create a central portal as an output for bidders who are willing to share their observations on the strange procurements they have experienced, anonymously (if they wish) but on a factual basis. We will also have a blog on the portal about what could be done differently in public procurement, how to set better procurement conditions etc. In the future, we will cooperate with legislators, contracting authorities wishing to increase their competence, market participants, supervisory bodies and the investigative press. We also commission research on procurement and analyze the observations gathered on the portal as a whole. The systematically collected material helps to notice repeated questions about the same suppliers and tenderers, to make generalizations about the practice and to make suggestions to the legislator to change the problem areas. Such a portal would help increase the transparency of Estonian public procurement in the long run and curb the bias of procurement. The purpose of the association's activities is to ensure, in fact, the transparent, efficient and economical use of the contracting authority's funds, equal treatment of persons and the effective use of competition in procurement, as required by public procurement law and appropriate for a democratic state. Testing the borders of law is not OK and procurements that touch the legal limits should also receive more attention.

## A21- Abolish slavery in the 21st century

Country: Greece

About: We are driven by a radical hope that the cycle of human trafficking can be broken. Because the problem looks different everywhere we work, so do we. Our programs are designed to work together, but can also stand alone—filling critical gaps in the countries and communities we work in. We do our work thorough educating and equipping everyone to understand, identify, and reduce the risk of human trafficking through programs like educational curriculum, prevention programs, and awareness campaigns; partnering with authorities to secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of human traffickers through programs like hotlines, child advocacy centers, identification trainings, and legal support; empowering survivors of human trafficking on their unique journey toward restoration and independence through programs like holistic aftercare, safe accommodation, and relocation services.

Web: <https://www.a21.org/content/greece/gr4wco>

## Diogenis MKO - Shedia street paper

Country: Greece

**About:** Diogenis is an Urban Non-Profit Company, based in Athens, established in early 2010 to support, through a wide range of activities, the efforts of homeless and socially excluded people to join or rejoin the social tissue. The main actions of "Diogenis NGO" are the publication of the magazine "raftia" and the establishment of the national homeless football team with its annual participation in the World Cup for the homeless. However, the actions of the "plan" are not limited to the distribution of a magazine, as through a wide range of initiatives a protection network is woven for those in need. Looking back on the pages, we discover another world, we discover ideas, actions and stories that show that the "raft" is not just an opportunity for financial support, a means for many of our fellow human beings to secure a small income to meet very basic needs. The "raft" is a set of experiences and opportunities, which aim to educate, inspire, support people who are being tested very hard. To support the sellers, but also the readers. It is the contact with the world, it is a step towards social reintegration, it is the restoration of dignity, it is the recognition and acceptance of ourselves and our neighbor.

Web: <https://www.shedia.gr/>

# InterMediaKT

Country: Greece

About: InterMediaKT (Interactive Media Knowledge Transfer) is a NGO based in Patras, Greece, working since 2012 fostering Knowledge Transfer through vocational education, training and innovation at the European level. Through technology tools, collaborations and exchange of good practices, we try to achieve our main aim of Knowledge Transfer. Our organization consists of a team of experts with diverse backgrounds, all experienced and capable to implement projects within the framework of the European and International programmes in the fields of Education, Training & Youth, Rights & Equality, Culture, Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Our Objectives are supporting youth entrepreneurship & youth workers; effective promotion of knowledge, vocational and adult education through e-learning activities; promoting science and advanced technologies as a tool for becoming better citizens and more competitive professionals; support of local development through releasing the potential of alternative tourism and economic growth; strengthening social cohesion by promoting equality of genres, nationalities and groups; encourage professional participation whilst offering employment training programs for vulnerable groups.

Web: <https://intermediakt.org/>

## LiveIntegro association

Country: Latvia

**About:** LiveIntegro association is a nonprofit charity organization, that involves children and young people with disabilities in: sports, art, culture, educational, art activities, voluntary work. The association undertakes different activities such as development of adapted sports activity and support for para-sports - training process, master class, sport, and rehab. camps, with the opportunity to try different para sports-tennis, basketball, athletics, dance and others, and the rehab; educational and entertainment program – the course of breathing techniques, interactive games, psychologist lessons, anatomy lectures, nutritionist consultations, art lessons, dance, theatre sports, events-festivals “Holiday kaleidoscope”; volunteer work-project in the sports-rehab.camp for youth with disabilities.

**Web:** <https://www.facebook.com/Kaleidoscop-studio-1565563147093578>

# MARTA Centre

Country: Latvia

**About:** The MARTA Center was founded in May 2000 and it is a women's rights organization in Latvia. The MARTA Center provides professional social, legal, psychological services to adults who have been victims of violence and human trafficking, and provides assistance to women and their children who are in vulnerable life situations. The MARTA Center develops and implements powerful youth programs to reduce violence among young people and provide training for education professionals. Experts from the MARTA Center have initiated the CELIES Forum to engage men in negotiation and action to reduce violence and gender stereotypes.

Web: <https://marta.lv/lv>, [https://www.facebook.com/CentrsMARTA/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/CentrsMARTA/about/?ref=page_internal)



# Refugee Council of Lithuania (Pabėgėlių taryba)

Country: Lithuania

**About:** The idea of setting up a Lithuanian informal refugee led organization has been maturing for some time, so in October, 2019, the first meetings of representatives of refugee communities were initiated in the framework of the Artscape project, HUMANAID - Supporting Refugee Integration through Lithuanian Grassroots Refugee-Inclusion Groups, sponsored by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Refugee activists from various countries attended the meetings and it was decided to submit a pledge for the Global Refugee Forum in 2020 and commit to set up an organization representing the voice of refugees. The importance of such an organization in Lithuania is largely due to the under-representation of refugees in the development of integration measures and policies. The meetings of the Refugee Council of Lithuania are covering various topics related to integration and advocacy of refugees in line with the principles of inclusion, participation and transparency. The Refugee Council of Lithuania intends to become an independent non-governmental organization promoting advocacy, public education, smooth integration and mutual assistance of refugees and their participation in economic, political and social life of the country.

**Web:** <https://www.refugeeslt.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/refugeeslt/>

# The Lithuanian Jewish Community (Lietuvos žydų bendruomenė)

Country: Lithuania

**About:** The Lithuanian national revival movement and initial struggle for liberation from Soviet oppression which occurred at the end of the 1980s also provided the conditions for a Jewish national rebirth. Jewish cultural support groups began to form in many institutions and towns. On August 25, 1988 it was officially decided to create a Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society; the founding meeting took place on March 5, 1989. Mission of the organisation is to unite the Lithuanian Jewish community scattered around the world, to celebrate Jewishness, to preserve the true traditions of Litvak culture, to bring together Jews of all age groups, so that the Yiddish language would ring forth again, so that the Jewish Holy Days are celebrated and observed, so that the Jewish identity would be celebrated and so that the historical memory of the Holocaust is never forgotten.

Web: <https://www.lzb.lt/>

# The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation

Country: Malta

**About:** We're inspired by Daphne Caruana Galizia's life, journalism and unwavering commitment to the public interest. We work to ensure justice for her assassination and to continue her fight for press freedom and liberal democracy and against populism, corruption and impunity in Malta and internationally. We set out to create a non-governmental organisation that's designed to provide a framework for the advocacy activities of people fighting for justice for Daphne. Because her assassination is impossible to isolate from systemic corruption, institutional and state capture, and a collapse in the rule of law in Malta, we have given ourselves a wide mandate to attack those diseases and fight for the principles of democracy using journalism and both legal and political mechanisms. Our strong, balanced governance structure, defined by our legal deed of foundation, reflects the seriousness of this mission.

Web: <https://www.daphne.foundation/en>, <https://www.facebook.com/DaphneCaruanaGaliziaFoundation>

# European Youth

Country: Norway

**About:** European Youth is a politically independent youth organization that works for active Norwegian membership in the European Union. We want a united Europe where democratic countries enter into binding cooperation to solve common challenges. In addition, we work to raise young people's knowledge level about the EU and Norway's relations with Europe. European Youth is an organization with around 1000 members divided into local, student and county teams across the country. The daily activity takes place at the local level and consists of everything from school visits and stands to lectures, schooling of our members, debates and social gatherings. We implement the project Rights under Pressure, where we will meet activists, academics and politicians who can inform us about the lines of conflict and developments within LGBT + rights. We will also write a longer report on the topic, and the project group will travel around Norway in March to inform our members, pupils, students and others who are interested in the topic.

Web: <https://www.europeiskungdom.no>, <https://www.facebook.com/europeiskungdom>

# Global Sosial Utvikling - Global Social Development

Country: Norway

About: Global Sosial Utviling is a non-profit youth cultural association created in Oslo Norway in 2003 by an enthusiastic group of youth who decided to quit their regular jobs in order to follow their dreams enjoying and loving their lives every on a daily basis. Our objectives are: to encourage and facilitate the international mobility of youth and youth workers (especially for groups with fewer opportunities); to expand social cooperation projects and volunteering (local and international); to empower youth in order for them to have their own critical thinking and analysis, an active citizenship and participatory democracy; to enhance values of tolerance, human dignity, intercultural-ism, solidarity and cooperation, social justice and integration; to promote healthy lifestyles and the protection of the environment through a sustainable development.

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalSosialUtvikling/>

# ICJ Studentnettverk Oslo

Country: Norway

**About:** Our organisation is a student network in which ICJ Norway is our mother organisation. We are an NGO that seeks to promote human rights and the rule of law. ICJ-Student works at and outside the Faculty of Law in Oslo with protecting and promoting human rights and rule of law-principles, in accordance with the ICJ-mandate. ICJ Norway also organises events, writes consultation statements, amicus', articles etc. We organise events, lectures and mini seminar for students. The network is furthermore a link between law-students and ICJ-Norway, with the purpose of introducing students to current debates as well as academic environments that deals with human rights in different ways. ICJ-student hosts seminars and debates at the Faculty of Law. Membership is open to all law-students.

**Web:** <http://icj.no/>, <https://icj-studentnettverk.no/>, <https://www.facebook.com/icjstudentnettverk>

# Likestillingscenteret KUN / KUN Centre for Equality and Diversity

Country: Norway

**About:** KUN Centre for Equality and Diversity works continuously and systematically to combat discrimination and promote equality. Our commitment to equality issues includes perspectives on sex, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, and (dis)ability. Since the general principle of equality and non-discrimination is a fundamental element of international human rights law, mostly all the project activities KUN Centre for Equality and Diversity participate in address the human rights issues. Our devoted advisers conduct research, run workshops and courses, arrange conference and study trips, along with participation in various national and international projects. To mention some of our main areas of work: equality and anti-discrimination; social inclusion and integration; democracy and equality; gender equality and women's empowerment; violence and gendered violence; sexual harassment; diversity of gender and sexuality; age, (dis-) ability and discrimination; social control and hate speech.

Web: <https://www.kun.no>, <https://www.facebook.com/KUNlikestilling/>,  
<https://www.instagram.com/kunlikestillinginsta/>

## LIN Likestilling, inkludering og nettverk - LIN (Equality, Inclusion and Network)

Country: Norway

**About:** Founded by Bibi Musavi, LIN is a grassroots organization whose goal is to increase civic participation of immigrants in the region of Oslo as well as on a national level. From the very beginning, we have worked towards strengthening immigrants' rights through empowerment courses, guiding them through the welfare system and social services as well as advocacy work on their behalf on both a local and national level. During the pandemic, we have used our voice to fight the stigma of immigrant communities as they have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. LIN cooperates closely with public entities and other NGOs about raising awareness concerning barriers and solutions to how we can facilitate the inclusion of immigrants in the work force, volunteer work, infection prevention related to COVID 19, access to social services etc. In cooperation with our partners from both private sector as well as civil society, we offer free career counseling, free counselling and free legal aid to immigrants. LIN provides courses on a wide range of topics such as volunteering, labor and discrimination law, Norwegian as a second language, mental health, abuse, racism, etc. We also offer work training in combination with career counseling and an introduction to labor law.

Web: <https://www.linorg.no/about-us>, <https://www.facebook.com/linorg/>



# Natur og Ungdoms Russlandsprosjekt - Nature and youths Russia project

Country: Norway

About: Nature and Youth is the largest environmentalist youth organisation in Norway. We have local groups who work on environmental issues all over the country. Nature and Youth seeks to be at the leading edge of the issues, speaking out on what needs to be done. We put environmental problems on the agenda, put pressure on politicians and bureaucrats, and point out environment-friendly solutions. In Nature and Youth, young people can work on the issues they are concerned about, in their home towns. Nature and Youth is an organisation for people who want to work actively for protection of the environment. We are a subgroup of Nature and Youth. We work with our partnership with two environmental organisations for youths in the north-west of Russia. We arrange trips together, go to each others summer camps and share our experience to strengthen our partnership. We mostly work with nuclear power, waste management, school strikes and nature. It is impossible to work with organisations in Russia without also working with civil and human rights. We also have an expert group called the Russia group, where we have 9 members who do much of our political work and advise us in difficult cases.

Web: @Russlandnu, <https://www.facebook.com/russlandsprosjektet>, <https://nu.no/kategori/saker/russland/>

# Tech-R | Technology for Human Rights

Country: Norway

About: Tech-R | Technology for Human Rights is a small non-profit organisation dedicated to finding ways in which technology can be used for the protection and fulfillment of human rights. Tech-R was informally founded in 2018 by a team of multinational and multicultural students and graduates of the University of Oslo (specialized within human rights and IT) and formally registered in January 2019. Currently we have three ongoing projects. 1. Justbot is a project in partnership with the Law Faculty (UiO) meant to develop a digital platform that helps applicants to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). 2. Stay SAFE is a project focusing on the increase in knowledge and awareness about the issue of online safety and cyber-bullying among young people and youth workers. The project focuses on empowering young people through increased knowledge and awareness on the importance of online safety and the problem of cyber-bullying, which can be connected to several human rights challenges such as mental and physical health, as well as the right to privacy and protection of personal information, freedom of expression, right to information, and the more elusive, nonetheless in some countries already recognized 'right to access internet'. 3. Technology for Peace is a project taking an innovative approach to peace-education which aims to bring a better understanding and appreciation of identities and challenge attitudes and prejudices.

Web: <https://www.tech-r.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/TechRforHumanRights/>,  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/14031971>

# Gals4Gals

Country: Poland

About: On April 17, 2016, over 3,500 people went with us during the National March against the tightening of the abortion law. It was the first such a large number of protests in Łódź after the textile workers' strikes in 1971. The march has passed, but the Łódź Girls are going on! Like a large part of the medical and legal community, we are concerned that a complete ban on abortion will have tragic consequences for the health and life of EVERY WOMAN in Poland. Instead of punishing and making you suffer, we offer education and awareness-raising. Initially, we assumed that the sense of our existence would be to obtain a binding declaration from the government and MPs about withdrawing from the tightening of the abortion law. And although we are still waiting for a clear message on this matter, at the same time we see the need to conduct extensive educational activities, shaping the awareness of women and men. We operate in a way that allows us to unite people and environments so far not interested in these issues. We're focusing on feminism and bringing gender equality. We helped organize help from lawyers and psychologists for activists protesting recently, we've been organising protests due to further abortion ban in Poland. We organized workshops on body positivity, co-created project of new bill proposing liberalization on abortion. Before pandemic we organized event called "Mównica Feministyczna" and co-organized two discussion panel on Freedom Games in 2020 regarding women's rights.

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/lodzkiezdiewuchy/>

## Podkarpackie Stowarzyszenie dla Aktywnych Rodzin - Subcarpathian Association for Active Families

Country: Poland

About: The aim of the Association is to promote an active and healthy lifestyle among children and their guardians (parents, grandparents, teachers, etc.), and at the same time to promote cultural, educational, sports and natural attractions of Poland among its inhabitants and abroad. In particular, the activities of the Association include: supporting the comprehensive and sustainable development of children and youth through cooperation with families, guardians, educators and the children themselves; promoting an active lifestyle for children, adolescents and their guardians, including the use of cultural, educational, sports and natural attractions of Poland; promoting effective and child-friendly educational methods; integrating families with children around the idea and ways of spending time actively together; dissemination and protection of children's rights; creating, implementing and supporting social, cultural and activities and projects educational services addressed to children and parents as well as persons and entities associated with them; finding and creating places and events attractive to children and young people and their caregivers, as well as informing the target group about them; exchange, acquisition, deepening and transfer of knowledge about culture and science, education necessary in bringing up children and educating parents; sharing, making available and disseminating knowledge about various, pro-development, safe and active ways of spending time together outside the home.

Web: <http://psar.pl>, <https://www.facebook.com/podkarpackiestowarzyszenie/>

# Refugees Szczecin Association

Country: Poland

**About:** We are a small, yet determined group of inhabitants of Szczecin, Poland. Our main goal is rising awareness of refugee issue and helping those who find themselves in denial of human rights, lack of acceptance and being excluded from the society. We concentrate our efforts on three fields: education (we visit schools with our original lessons considering being foreign, stereotypes, hate-speech and fake news), direct help to those affected by humanitarian crises in their countries (currently we provide help to Belarussians, earlier we supported two immigrants' support centres in Poland and Germany, we also organize collections and fundraising events), changing the narrative and public opinion about refugees, immigrants, human rights and modern multicultural world (demonstrations, lectures, visiting events with our team and tent, meetings with authors, scientists, activists; preparing infographics, exhibitions, leaflets on subjects of migration, human rights,). Previous year has been really tough for us, as most of our activities had to be postponed or cancelled (demonstration on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21st March, Multi-Kulti Village Project at Pol'and Rock Festival, World Refugee Day on 20th June), yet we managed to organize a Christmas collection for Belarussians (2100zł), take part in Freedom and Democracy Days in Gdańsk as well as some minor events in Szczecin. We hope that this year will be better, we would like to help our Belarussian, Ukrainian and Chechenyan guests to learn polish and english language, to broaden their skills and knowledge of Europe and its culture. We also focus on opening an info-point at our office that will provide help with dealing with everyday issues, like local authorities and law, medical services, education and childcare.

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/RefugeesSzczecin/>

# Regional Volunteer Centre in Kielce/ Equality Province

Country: Poland

**About:** We are one of the most active non-governmental organizations operating in Świętokrzyskie region. For over 10 years, our main activity is helping people who want to become volunteers and intermediation between volunteers and organizations that need help. We promote volunteering, we uphold the enforcement of volunteers laws, we give our experience, advice and we inspire action. Regional Volunteer Centre also supports the initiatives of young people and offers high-quality workshops and training, as well as many fantastic international projects! The mission of the Regional Volunteer Centre in Kielce is to inspire and encourage active citizenship and volunteering for the development of civil society. Our organisation has vast experience in youth mobilities. We host and partner in Erasmus+ Training Courses and Youth Exchanges. Up to now we have sent hundreds of young people to youth exchanges and training courses and hosted more than 20 of such projects. We take part in KA2 Strategic Partnership projects. RCW is also an Eurodesk Point. Regional Volunteer Centre is one of the most active organization in Poland, receiving and sending volunteers to the European Solidarity Corps (named before "EVS"). Every year, we send a couple of people for projects and we host several volunteers.

**Web:** <http://centrumwolontariatu.eu/en>, <https://prowincjarownosci.pl/>

# Academia Cidadã

Country: Portugal

About: Academia Cidadã (Citizenship Academy)'s main goal is to boost active citizenship and the construction of development roots with principles of social, economic and environmental sustainability. Their ambition is to empower people and organizations in the exercise of deepening democracy. Educational, communicative and artistic activities are their areas of intervention. Non-formal education and participative and active research are the methodologies they use. Academia Cidadã promotes the human person dignity in its own diversity, multiculturalism and interculturality, the deepening of democracy and the construction of a universally free, fair, conscientious, critical thinking, solidary and fraternal society. Through cooperation, Academia Cidadã aspires to capacitate as many people as possible by giving everyone the tools to create their own specific alternatives. Academia Cidadã believes that politics concern each one of us and that to all must be given the means to intervene. Under the Portuguese Active Citizens Fund, Academia Cidadã is currently the promoter of the project "Aquacultura de Sereias" (Mermaids' Aquaculture) funded under Outcome 1 – Strengthening Democratic Culture and Civic Awareness. The project aims to fight fake news in a universe of 340 000 students, through a videogame/app and street theatre, empowering 30 young people in the campaign.

Web: <https://academiacidada.org/en/>

# Pista Mágica

Country: Portugal

**About:** Pista Mágica is a non-profit association, recognized as a Non-Governmental Organisation for Development that believes in the vast potential of volunteering and active citizenship as a way to transform society. It was the first Volunteer School in Portugal, launched in July 2008, as a social innovation project. Since then it has grown – in size, in scope and in the desire to fulfil a Mission that has been gaining new outlines: that of contributing to a greater culture of volunteering and citizenship - conscious and committed - in Portugal and in the World. Pista Mágica seeks to reinvent themselves and, today, is not only a School, but also an organisation ready to operationalize and manage volunteer programs. To fulfil its mission, Pista Mágica works with schools, libraries, city councils, businesses and NGOs, namely other Non-Governmental Organisations for Development and human rights organisations. Pista Mágica has participated in 3 capacity building projects funded by the EEA Grants (Civil Society Programmes). As a project partner of a project in the previous funding period and as a project promoter of 2 projects the Active Citizens Programme.

Web: <https://www.pista-magica.pt/en/>



## Asociatia Cetateni Activi pentru Relatii Etice - C.A.R.E./ Active Citizens for Ethical Relationships

Country: Romania

**About:** Founded in January 2019 CARE came about to give structure to the youth-work that its members have been involved in since 2015. Mainly targeting young adults, aged 18-35, the association is active both online (it originated in a FB group) as well as offline, offering different workshops, a monthly support group, two yearly immersive retreats, a yearly conference as well as other types of events. From a human rights standpoint CARE is active in the fields of relationship and sexual health, working towards the highest attainable standards of physical and mental well-being. By offering a platform and a peer group to raise awareness, debate, and process issues around consent, relationship tools, emotional intelligence, gender equality, gender identity and diversity the association fills the gap created by the lack of sex and relationship education in schools and offers safe spaces for dialogue and acceptance. The monthly support groups which are the backbone of CARE's community building activity attract about 35-40 participants every month in Cluj-Napoca and Bucharest, however its online platforms engage Romanian speaking members both nationally as well as internationally.

**Web:** [www.asociatiacare.org](http://www.asociatiacare.org), [www.facebook.com/asociatiacare](https://www.facebook.com/asociatiacare), [IG: @asociatiacare](https://www.instagram.com/asociatiacare).

## Asociatia Identity.Education - Identitate.Educatie/ Identity.Education

Country: Romania

**About:** Identity.Education is the only LGBTQI+ NGO in the Western part of Romania. Identity.Education was born in 2018 out of the need for a formal representation of the LGBTQI+ community and out of the wish to work together with other NGOs with a similar mission to promote human rights and to fight against discrimination and gender stereotypes that marginalize the LGBTQI+ community. Our vision is the inclusion and recognition of the LGBTQI+ community as an integral and active part of a healthy diverse community of the city. In June 2019, we organized, for the first time in Timișoara, PRIDE TM events: an art expo, a conference on human rights and civil partnership, an info-bio show on the life and transition of trans people, a storytelling evening and a musical performance. In October 2019, to celebrate the National LGBTQI+ History Month, we organized 3 cultural and artistic events in partnership with the Canadian Embassy and Timisoara 2021 – European Capital of Culture. We have received a request for support from the Medical Students Association in their relationship with patients. As a response, to support medical specialists in their work, we organized in November 2019, with support from Accept Association, a conference on inclusive LGBTQI+ patient – doctor communication for medical students and residents, to raise awareness on the challenges the LGBTQI+ community faces when it comes to accessing basic medical care.

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/identity.education>, <https://www.instagram.com/identity.education/>

## Asociatia pentru respectarea drepturilor omului/ Association for respecting Human Rights

Country: Romania

**About:** ARDOM is an NGO founded in 2015 with the mission to contribute to the development of civil society by designing, organizing and carrying out activities, projects and programs in order to improve respect for human rights and civil liberties, including by creating social and training centers. The association militates for the defense of the rights and legitimate interests of vulnerable persons, participating in the elaboration and implementation of projects and programs addressed to disadvantaged people and communities in difficulty, including by conducting public information, education and awareness campaigns. The main human rights projects carried out are: 1. Combating domestic violence - 11 people benefited from free legal advice and representation in court in litigations on combating domestic violence. 2. Equal opportunities and gender, equal treatment, without barriers, prejudices or domestic preferences - 9 people benefited from services regarding equal opportunities and combating forms of discrimination 3. Non-violence: informing students and young people about violence and their awareness of the implications of this phenomenon The project is being carried out in collaboration with the Gymnasium School for the Visually Impaired. 4. Stop violence. Integrated services for victims of domestic violence - the aim of the project is on the one hand to reduce the number of cases of domestic violence thus facilitating the integration into society of victims of domestic violence and overcoming their traumas, and on the other hand to raise awareness among authorities and specialists about the importance of action for these vulnerable.

Web: <https://ardom.ro/>

## GO FREE-Asociatia pt Sprijinirea Societatii Civile/ Go Free - the Association for the Support of Civil Society

Country: Romania

About: The aim of the organization “Go Free – the Association for the Support of Civil Society” is to raise the level of culture, education and democracy in the civil society of Romania. Its objectives include the support of democratic values and principles, the support of minorities and promotion of cultural diversity in the national and European space, creating opportunities for the involvement of youth in the development of the community. Go Free is a Cluj-Napoca based NGO that works with young people – Roma and Non-Roma, LGBTQ+ youth and aims to promote respect for diversity and dialogue between different communities. We believe that all people are equal and, as such, most of our activities have targeted the theme of diversity, solidarity and social justice while having the goal to empower citizens/youth to take action themselves and speak up against injustices. From 2012, when we were officially established as an NGO, we have created a proper environment for young people’s personal and professional development, and have worked together to build a more accepting community towards the diversity of people. In the past year, Go Free has hosted a significant number of workshops on the topics of human rights, promoting diversity and fighting hate speech and social exclusion, at both a local and national level. In its activity, Go Free relies on the use of multimedia methods in order to reach a greater audience and to ensure that its message gets across. Go Free was Co-Organizer of the Cluj Pride community festival and Co-Organizer of the first march for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community in Cluj-Napoca, through which we wanted to claim the public space with the use of dialog and solidarity together with the LGBTQ youth activists in Cluj.

Web: <http://www.gofree.ro/asociatia-go-free/>, <https://www.facebook.com/AsociatiaGoFreeCluj>,  
<https://www.instagram.com/asociatiagofree/>

## OZ Tanana - Civic Association Tanana

Country: Slovakia

**About:** We are a civic association focused on support for families after the loss of a child. We help orphaned parents not get lost in the tangle of grief. We support those who do not carry their children in their arms, but in their hearts. We focus on families who went through the loss of a child during pregnancy, during childbirth or shortly after. Our goal is that in the first moments when parents learn about the death of their baby, they have the necessary information, dignified conditions and that they know that they are not alone. We want to support them on their long-term journey of mourning by arranging experts specializing in such situations and providing them with consultations. We are also interested in the general improvement of material and personnel equipment in maternity hospitals, including psychological care in Slovakia and the detabuation of the topic of prenatal loss of a child.

Web: [www.tanana.sk](http://www.tanana.sk)

## Slovenská spoločnosť pre spina bifida a/ alebo hydrocefalus - Slovak Society for spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus, Civic Association

Country: Slovakia

**About:** Slovak Society for spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus` s goal is to launch comprehensive care for children and adults with these diagnoses, which is effective, cost-effective and preventive. We also try to raise awareness of folic acid use before conception and during the first three months of pregnancy as one of the effective forms of preventing this developmental error. If these congenital defects are found before the baby is born, we can instruct the parents to make the arrival of their baby as uncomplicated as possible and to provide the baby with the timely professional help necessary for its further overall development. We pay special attention to families with a newborn child with SB, H, to whom we try to provide the necessary information, support and assistance in orienting oneself in a difficult situation. An important place in our OZ is played by the parents themselves - especially the mothers of children, who consult, help and welcome every novelty. At the same time, they organize benefit concerts, performances in support of OZ and seek contributions of 2% within the whole of Slovakia. Most of these parents have had many unpleasant situations where they have had to face the pressure of contempt for the life of their child with a disability.

Web: <http://www.sbah.sk/>

# Ženský algoritmus - Female algorithm

Country: Slovakia

**About:** We bring Slovakia closer to gender equality. We break down stereotypes, we build bridges. The female algorithm is no longer just a book, but also an active civic association. The Women's Algorithm began in 2018 as a book with the ambitious goal of getting more women into IT, supporting current adolescents, and breaking down prejudices about women in connection with technology. Since 2020, the Women's Algorithm has also been an active civic association that helps women on their path to their ambitions in the field of information technology and management. We educate girls and women innovatively in technology and leadership, we spread awareness about unconscious prejudices, the need for diversity and inclusion, we encourage social discussion on gender issues.

Web: [www.zenskyalgoritmus.sk](http://www.zenskyalgoritmus.sk), [www.leanin.sk](http://www.leanin.sk)

# KUD AAC Zrakogled - Artistic-cultural association Zrakogled

Country: Slovenia

**About:** KUD AAC Zrakogled is a small NGO based in the multicultural region of Istria. Since 1996 we have been active in the fields of publishing, performance arts and education. In recent years we have published about 30 book titles and participated in several co-publishing projects. Our editorial emphasis is on fiction books by renowned authors from the cultural and geographical space of the wider Mediterranean basin. The topics of multiculturalism and human migration find their literary expression throughout our editions, be it prose, poetry, drama or essay. In the last few years, we have been also involved in several multicultural projects and projects which deal with human migration. Our special focus is in publishing poetry and drama, original and translated alike. We are particularly interested in the first editions of the most significant cutting-edge young and/or marginalized Slovene authors. With our authors from Slovenia and abroad we organize literature events, readings and presentations. We are particularly proud of Marina Cvetaeva's poetry and prose collection *The Attempt of a Room* for which our translator Andreja Kalc was awarded the prize for the best young translator at the Ljubljana Book Fair and was shortlisted for the "Read Russia" international prize.

Web: <https://zrakogledan.wordpress.com/>



# Raum AU

Country: Slovenia

**About:** raum AU, registered as association on September 9th, 2009 is operative in the wider field of culture, meaning, that we do not bother only about classical forms of artistic expressions but about a general culture of contemporaneity, including intercultural relations, political participation, cultural political infrastructures and advocacy for the social excluded ones and especially for the non-government sector. Our activities, mainly oriented to our general public, forced very much the local culture of cooperation and also realized in two years of tight cooperation with the city-municipalities the Center of Creative Industries Slovenj Gradec (HABitat), which became also our headquarters and which hosts other 12 institutions bothering about public goods offered on private initiative. Today we have a regular exhibition program in our little gallery, we regularly offer workshops in creative disciplines, we organize the local flea-market. Since 2016 we are a registered voluntary organization which in average makes 4000 hours voluntary work each year and we intend to widen our range of action to institutionalize a framework to empower our citizens. Since the beginning of 2020 we administer the Arte Utile of artist Pino Poggi, which we started organizing and documenting on [www.arte-utile.net](http://www.arte-utile.net), We very much lean on the general ideas of Arte Utile, which centers creative practises to stimulate debates on viral and important issues of a community in the smaller and wider sense of the word.

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/raumau/>