

LDA YOUTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Local Democracy Centre LDA in Niš - LDA NIŠ (Centar lokalne demokratije) was established in 2001 as a part of ALDA network (Association of Local Democracy Agencies). Our main fields of activities are: *capacity building for local authorities and civil society, local economic development and youth.*



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EVS VOLUNTEERS IN NIS

Workshops about movie making, how to write a script, record and edit a movie.

Learn more about EVS adventures on LDA website
<http://ldacss.tumblr.com>



LDA started implementation of two new EVS projects, +CITIZENSHIP and BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS OF PREJUDICE, in partnership with organizations from Portugal, Associação Mais Cidadania, and France, CRIJ Limousin.

During this two months LDA has hosted two volunteers from Portugal: Dina Reis and Maria Nascimento who has developed their own projects about environmental issues and movie making.

Maria (left picture), **why did you decide to apply to an EVS project?** I always wanted to do volunteering work. The EVS projects data-base covers many interesting fields and I like to travel

that is why I decided to applied.

Why did you choose Serbia and Nis?

I choose this project in Nis because is a short-term project and it will be possible for me to do a long-term project afterwards.

How do you feel in the city and in LDA office?

I like to walk in the city but sometimes I prefer to be at the office where I don't draw attention!

Another volunteer, Marion Poullain, from France, has also been in LDA for the past two months, she will stay in Nis until the end of May.



COMPETITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARTICLES

In the context of European Local Democracy Week, from 15th to 21st of October, LDA and EVS volunteers proposed "Writing an article on Human Rights". European Local Democracy Week is an annual European event where local authorities organise public events to meet and engage with citizens on issues of current interest. The leading theme of 2012 edition was « Human Rights make for more inclusive communities ».

Human rights can be defined as « Inalienable fundamental rights to which a person is entitled simply because she or he is a human being. ». Nowadays, despite the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, violations still exist in every part of the world. That is why we wanted youngsters from Nis to write an article about Human Rights, to raise people's interest on this issue.



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This project, created and implemented by Dina Reis, consists in workshops, debate sessions and movie projections with young people. Using non formal education, these activities aim at raising awareness about environmental issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

These activities took place at LDA Office but Dina also implemented workshops in a Highschool with the will of presenting the concept of "sustainable development" to these youngsters, Dina helped the students to reach conclusions about everyday life behaviours that can easily be adopted to Save Energy or to Save Water.



Two serbian volunteers are leaving to Portugal 1st of November, Marko Radulovic and Remzika Salijevic.

Remzika, why did you decide to apply to an EVS project ?

I love the opportunity to volunteer for an EVS project at first sight, I immediately knew I wanted to be a part of it. I enjoy doing voluntary work, because I want to make myself useful in the world, and get new experiences of which I can learn and with which I can help others in need..

Why did you choose Portugal ?

Why Portugal? Portugal is the country of magic that only exists if you imagine it and live it, it is invisible for the ones not able to enjoy it and there for everyone with an open heart to experience it.

You are leaving very soon, how do you feel about it ?

I feel very inspired to start to write new page of my life, in Lisbon.



PORTUGUESE NIGHTS IN NIS

On 22nd and 23rd of October, LDA Youth Centre and EVS volunteers organised two Portuguese nights.

First day, Dina Reis and Maria Nascimento made a presentation about Portugal. Then, the participants could try some Pastel de nata, typical Portuguese sweets, and watch « Good night Irene ».

Second day, the participants heard Portuguese music, could try some chouriço (Portuguese smoked sausage) and watched a documentary about foreign people living in Portugal called « Lisboaetas ».



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