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For over a decade, YIHR KS has successfully worked in protecting and promoting human rights and democratic values not only in Kosovo but also in the region. Likewise, throughout 2018, YIHR KS has been a very active and major civil society actor through implementing various activities within the programmatic areas of human rights, youth, and transitional justice and dealing with the past.

During 2018, YIHR KS signed a very important contract with a State Department Agency – INL, which is also the biggest grant the organization has ever received for a period of one year, with the possibility of extending it to three additional years. The project will be focused on increasing access to justice among young people. Other new donors that were recruited during 2018 include Swiss Embassy, Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS).

On the other hand, most of the ongoing projects from early 2017 were successfully finished, while some new follow-up grants have greatly contributed in the continuation of programs, hence ensuring sustainability and greater impact.

Among the follow-up projects, the most successful partnership was with the National Center for State Courts, which supported YIHR KS in educating young people about the right to have access to justice. Additionally, our long term partnership with Civil Rights Defenders, which enabled us to increase capacities of young human rights defenders, was successfully closed in 2018. Furthermore, the regional exchange programs provided young people from Kosovo and the region with the opportunity to get to know each other and learn about the past with an unbiased and non-nationalistic approach. More than 200 young people have participated in the program throughout 2018.

A crucial component of YIHR KS work is the group of activists “My Initiative”, where more than 50 activists have been actively involved in the design and implementation of YIHR KS’s activities during 2018.

Human Rights Program

During 2018, YIHR KS continued its work in the field of human rights in Kosovo through various projects that primarily aimed at educating young people about human rights promotion and protection, with a special focus on promoting the right to access justice. YIHR KS provided its valuable support in increasing capacities of young defenders and promoters of human rights in Kosovo.



Project: Young Human Rights Defenders

With the support of Civil Rights Defenders, YIHR KS implemented a one-year project which aimed to empower young human rights defenders by increasing their capacities to promote and protect human rights for all.

Human Rights Talks – Providing an open space to discuss about human rights issues in Kosovo

YIHR KS organized 4 Human Rights Talks throughout the year of 2018. The main objective of these talks was to identify main human rights violations and attempts to protect and advocate for both locally and regionally.

Freedom of assembly

This talk was focused on panelists' experience in organizing various public gatherings in public spaces in Kosovo. The panel was consisted of Rron Gjinovci (organizer of students' protests in the University of Prishtina), Hana Qena (part of the collective - Haveit), Fitim Salihu (organizer of students' protests in the University of Prishtina) and was moderated by Arbër Selmani (journalist). Twenty young people in the audience engaged in a very vivid discussion on how young people could use public spaces for their activism by expressing their concerns and increase civic engagement.

Freedom of identity

This talk was focused on the issues of freedom to decide upon your identity, specifically gender identity. We took the case of Blert Morina, a transgender activist whose request to change his legal name and his gender identifier in official documents from female to male was denied. The panel included Blert Morina, Rina Kika (the lawyer of Blert), Hilmi Jashari (Ombdusperson of Kosovo) and Ajete Kërqeli (psychologists). A number of young people attended and had the opportunity to discuss about LGBTI issues in Kosovo who also expressed their interest to organize a street performance in support of Blert Morina's legal battle with the Constitutional Court.



Freedom of movement

The third talk was organized during Dokufest focused on the issues of Kosovo still remaining one of the most isolated states in Europe, as well as in the region. Visa regime with Bosnia and Herzegovina, states already part of the European Union, such as Croatia and Slovenia, continuing with the many experiences of stopping and not allowing the passage of many Kosovo citizens from different backgrounds to enter Serbia, often with unfounded justifications, citizens of Kosovo are deprived of a fundamental human rights - that of freedom of movement. To address this issue in different perspectives, the panel was attended by Agon Maliqi (political analyst), Kushtrim Koliq (film director/organizer of "Mirëdita Dobar dan" festival), Krenare Gashi (RYCO Office in Kosovo) and Idro Seferi (journalist). The debate was moderated by Arbër Selmani. The debate was held in Hamam in Prizren and the audience was mostly consisted of young people from the region.



How is sexism dealt within the University of Prishtina?

Trough this debate we discussed how sexism is treated at the University of Pristina, given recent developments at the University of Pristina, such as firing of the former Vice Dean Teuta Pustina due her sexist declarations and appointment of Dashamir Berxulli as Vice Dean. The report "Discriminatory Language in Textbooks" published by YIHR KS in December 2017 has evidenced that the books of Psychology for grades 11 and 12 co-authored by Dashamir Bërxulli, have sexist, homophobic and discriminatory content against many vulnerable groups in society. The debate addressed these and many other issues that raised various questions such as, is sexism condemned in UP or legitimized? Are double standards in place for men that display sexist declaration as opposed to women who do? The panel which was moderated by Jeta Xharra included Jeta Berisha (activist), Rron Gjinovci (NGO ORCA), Egzon Daku (student senator at UP) and Marigona Shabiu (YIHR KS).



Alternative School of Human Rights

In October 2018, Alternative School for Human Rights gathered together 25 university students. The module of the school was divided in eight lectures that focused on human rights in general, women's rights, LGBTI+ community, non - majority communities and freedom of speech and freedom of media. As part of the school we also welcomed as guest speakers Lend Mustafa, an activist from the LGBTI+ community, Ajete Kërqeli, psychologist and an activist, Hilmi Jashari, Ombudsperson of Kosovo and Jeta Xharra a journalist who spoke about freedom of media. The lectures were delivered by lawyers with expertise in the field of human rights, Merita Stublla – Emini and Rina Kika. During lectures, the students were offered theoretical and practical knowledge and skills on defending human rights within Kosovo's legal system as well as its alignment with other international human rights documents and mechanisms. In addition to the lectures, students also monitored three sessions at the Basic Court in Prishtina that mostly dealt with property rights, being one of the most common issues that courts deal with in Kosovo.





Street Actions

National Day of Missing People - April 27

YIHR KS marked the National Day of Missing People – April 27, where we screened all the names of missing people from all ethnicities in Kosovo in the Skenderbeu square, with classical music being played by young pupils of Kosovo. The event was broadcasted live on Kallxo.com and Voice of America while all other national media covered the event which attracted a great attention by citizens. On the same day YIHR KS issued a press statement demanding the Government of Kosovo to intensify its work in finding the truth about all missing people and to commit to seeking justice for their families.



International day of missing people – August 30

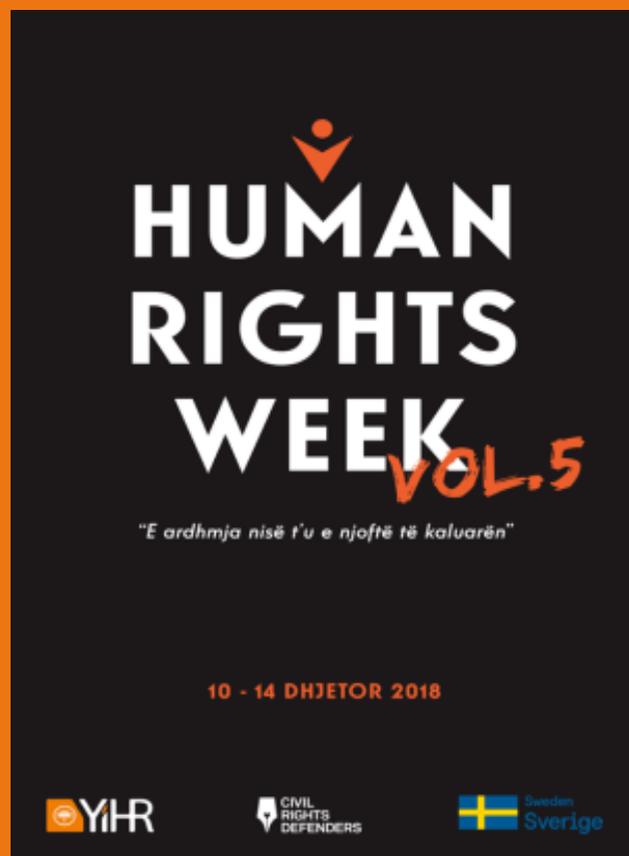
YIHR KS organized the first march ever in Kosovo for missing people. With the slogan "March for the Missing! March for the Truth! March for Justice! More than 300 people marched from the Zahir Pajaziti Square towards the Government's building. Each person was carrying several names of missing people with the purpose to represent their voice and to send the message to their families that they are not forgotten and that each an every member of Kosovo's society has the responsibility to stand up for truth and justice. This was the first march in which citizens themselves engaged in calling upon the Government of Kosovo to work harder in finding truth and justice for all missing persons. At the end of the march, Gramoz Berisha, survivor of the massacre in Suhareka held a speech as well as Marigona Shabiu, from YIHR KS on the importance of remembering everyday the issue of missing people and demanding serious efforts from the government to find all missing people from the last war in Kosovo.



Human Rights Week, 5th Edition

Fifth edition of Human Rights Week was marked with the slogan "The future starts by knowing the past". Taking into consideration that the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia is nearing its end, while issues of dealing with the past and transitional justice are not being dealt properly, this year's Human Rights Week was focused on transitional justice and the legacy of the war in the kosovar society.

Throughout the week, we tackled these issues of survivors of sexual violence, missing people, war crime prosecutions, mass deportations and overall the situation of human rights in a post - war Kosovo. More than 200 people attended events within the Human Rights Week.



Street action: Human Rights Day

The action was uncovered by an artistic installation with wires and clothes that symbolize the last war in Kosovo. Additionally we put a plaque that said "War Memories in thorns - Nearing the 20 years anniversary of the war, these memories still sting us every day". The installation aimed to symbolize the collective memory of the war, by demilitarizing it. The action attracted a lot of citizens and media attention.



Debate on Transitional Justice and Legacy of the War

Considering that the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia is approaching its end, while many issues related to the past and transitional justice have not been treated fully, this talk aimed to raise a debate on what has been done so far by various institutional actors and society in general and what should be done in the future with a more comprehensive and constructive approach when dealing with the legacy of the war. The audience of more than 20 people had the opportunity to discuss with a distinguished panel which included, Linda Gusia (sociologist), Bekim Blakaj (Humanitarian Law Center Kosovo), and a representative from the unit for war crimes investigation within the Kosovo Police. We also invited the President of Kosovo to present his initiative to create the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, but he refused to participate.

Launching of the Virtual Museum of Refugees

During the Human Rights Week we launched the Virtual Museum of Refugees, an online platform which consists of oral history interviews with people who have left their homes during the war in Kosovo. The event was held at the Museum of Kosovo, where we also presented an exhibition and the book "Museum of Refugees".



Human Rights Workshop

Thirty young people from high schools of Kosovo took part in this one-day workshop organized in cooperation with OSCE. Trina Binaku and Marigona Shabiu from YIHR KS facilitated the workshop. Students had the opportunity to learn about human rights in general as well as to focus on specific issues of human rights violations in Kosovo. We also had as guest speaker Ms. Hilmi Jashari, Ombudsperson of Kosovo. During the workshop a great importance was given to discussing with the participants in a very interactive manner.

Screening of the documentary “Depth Two”

As a closing event for the Human Rights Week, we organized a screening of the Documentary “Depth Two” in Kino Armata. This documentary is very important in discussing the last war in Kosovo, because it portrays stories of the war in both narratives (that of the victim and the perpetrator), especially since it is a Serbian production. A lot of people attended the screening, which showed great interest of the public in participating in such events.



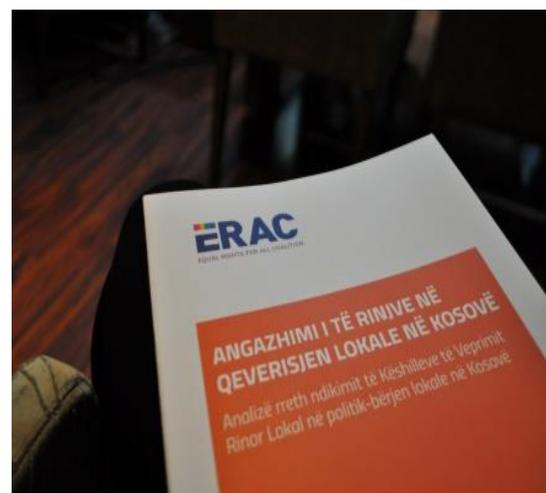
Project: Equal Rights for All Coalition

YIHR KS organized a one-day workshop on the occasion of the publication of the Report "Youth Engagement in Kosovo Local Government: Unpacking the LYACs impact on policymaking in Kosovo Local Government". The event took place on the 14th of September in Prishtina.

The workshop started with a presentation by Arben Sejda about the ERAC Project. Afterwards, Marigona Shabiu, Executive Director at YIHR KS, presented the main finding of the report. The report presentation was followed by the panel discussion. The panel consisted of Xhevat Bajrami, Director, Youth Department, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Mentor Zeka, OSCE Mission in Kosovo, Albina Lleshi, LYAC in Peja and Marigona Shabiu, Executive Director, YIHR KS.

Participants in the panel gave their insights about the importance of having LYACs as official bodies to represent the interest of youth.

Participants in the workshop were from different LYACs from all over Kosovo had the opportunity to discuss about the problems and challenges they face within their municipalities with regards to functioning of the LYACs and other youth problems. They discussed thoroughly about LYACs as structures which can serve to enable youth participation in decision-making at the local level.



Project: Empowerment of Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali young people

With the support of Kosovo Civil Society Foundation, YIHR KS continued to contribute in the empowerment of young people from the Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities, in particular focusing on their electoral empowerment as equal citizens not just during the electoral processes but also through active and regular participation in Kosovo's decision making processes at the local and national level.

- **6 public debates** where young people of the Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities as well as representatives from public institutions at the local and central level, civil society representatives, international organizations, etc., discussed and presented their concerns related to matters such as formal and non-formal education, employment, informal settlements, access to public services, etc.
- **20 information sessions** were held in high schools in Gjakova, Ferizaj, Fushe Kosova and Prizren.
- **2 three-day trainings** with 70 young people from the Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities on human rights, active citizenship, electoral processes and the right to vote.
- **3 short videos** with youth (one for each community) on the importance of voting and participation of young people in public and political life. All videos were broadcasted in RTK2 and RTV 21.
- **7,000 families** from the targeted communities in Gjakovë, Prishtinë, Prizren, Fushë Kosovë dhe Ferizaj received an informative leaflet on elections and the right to vote.
- **Votocdodite.org** online platform on education of young people about electoral processes and the right to vote was developed.
- **10 policy papers** prepared and presented to the public which were focused on topics such as, the role of Education Centers in social inclusion and school performance of children from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities; school drop outs; performance of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian students in the mandatory education; higher education, etc.



Why voting?

Voting is a fundamental right of every citizen of Kosovo given by the Constitution, that enables them to choose their representatives of tomorrow.



Project: Youth for Justice



Twenty high school lectures were held in Prishtina, Podujeva, Lipjan, Obiliq and Drenas where **578** high school students were informed regarding basic concepts of rights, access to justice, accountability mechanisms and reform. Lectures were delivered from D4J Legal Clinic Students after they attended a one-day workshop on which they learned more about the material and the idea of the lectures. Lectures were held within Civic Education subject or similar classes. Pupils on different high schools have shown a great interest in learning more about their rights and especially for the mechanism they can use to protect themselves from different rights violations.

One mock trial with 30 high school students from the targeted municipalities was organized providing intensive training on issues related to justice sector (rights, access to justice, accountability mechanisms and legal reform) as well as hands-on experience through court case simulations. The 3-day Mock Trial was held in Vushtrri at the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety premises, this activity included many personalities, starting from representatives of the institutions to law students.



3 public debates

Held in May in three municipalities, Lipjan, Prishtina and Podujeva. Debates provided a platform on which the public and young people had the opportunity to discuss more on their rights and how to use them. Invited as panelists to these debates were representatives from the Kosovo Judicial Council, the Police Inspectorate of Kosovo, the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, the Institution of Ombudsperson and representatives from the Basic Courts in the respective municipalities.



Essay competition

Aimed to provide young people with a chance to show more about their experience with justice system in the country. YIHR KS organized an awarding ceremony which served also as an open discussion on "Active Citizenship and the role of young people as agents of change" with guests Mr. Gersi Gashi, Ms. Liza Gashi and Ms. Lavdi Zymberi.



Street Action

To mark the Constitution Day of Kosovo on April 9 in "Skenderbeu" Square in Prishtina, where activists from "Nisma Ime" network were gathered to help with this activity. In "Skenderbeu" square a placard was placed, in which the Kosovo Constitution cover was printed. In addition, YIHR KS activists and staff distributed leaflets that had information about the Kosovo Constitution and human rights guaranteed with Constitution.



Court Visit

19 students had the chance to visit the Basic Court in Prishtina and monitor one court hearing.

Project: Outreach campaign with young people about Kosovo Specialist Chambers

In partnership with the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, YIHR KS has organized two workshops one in Prishtina and one in Peja. The first workshop was held in September, in Prishtina and gathered 20 young people from the Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities from all over Kosovo. Representatives from the KSC's public and information unit presented a general overview on the KSC's mandate and competencies. The second workshop was held in Peja with around 15 participants. Both workshops attracted a lot of interest by young people who engaged in lively discussions with KSC's representatives.



Working group with the Ombudsperson to organize the March on Human Rights – December 10

For the second year in a row, YIHR KS, represented by the Executive Director, Marigona Shabiu, actively participated in the working group of civil society organizations which worked together with the Ombudsperson to mark the International Day of Human Rights. On December 10 representatives from the most marginalized groups in Kosovo's society gave powerful speeches about violations of their rights and called upon all institutions and society itself to increase efforts in guaranteeing and protecting the rights for all people. The ceremony which was held at the National Theatre was followed with a march under the slogan "Standup for Human Rights".



Dealing with the Past Program

YIHR KS believes that it is crucial to create and enable platforms for dealing with the past and peace-building in Kosovo as well as in the region. Therefore, dealing with the past program focuses on supporting initiatives and raising awareness among people in Kosovo about the difficult facts of the recent past in the Balkans so as to build collective memory and contribute in the peace-building processes. At YIHR KS, we strive to create a new generation of youth who will actively work in influencing social and institutional change towards the recent past in the region and contribute in building peaceful societies. YIHR KS is committed to empowering and educating youth to become activists and leaders in policy-making and advocacy campaigns so as to recognize all victims, finding the truth and making justice for all victims of the war.

Project: Building Collective Memory in Kosovo

Despite the various forms of mass and grave violations of human rights such as killings and massacres, sexual violence, burning of the houses and so forth, refugees' exodus is the most common civic memory of the war in Kosovo. It is estimated that about 1.5 million people had been expelled from their homes by the end of May 1999, which is about 90% of the Kosovo's population. Nevertheless, memorialization and documentation of this experience is still lacking and the narratives about it are somehow kept silent on the discussion about the past. Therefore, with this project we aimed to contribute in the process of dealing with the past through documentation and memorialization of the massive refugees' exodus in Kosovo during and after the war in Kosovo (1998-2000). The project was intended to building collective memory which contributes to a change from the current discourse of heroism, and towards memory of civilian victims and people in general.

Virtual Museum of Refugees

We created an interactive, simple and well-designed website (<http://museumofrefugees-ks.org/>) which showcases the 16 stories of people from dealing with their journeys as refugees. Based on the methodology of oral history, we interviewed sixteen (16) people with different backgrounds about their experience and memories while fleeing their homes and traveling to other countries as refugees. All interviewees were eager to reveal their memories from the war. They described the events in great details recollecting dates, places and names of other individuals. In all cases, the individuals were grateful for the opportunity and hopeful that their experiences will be at last validated by the society in general.

Stories are accompanied by pictures and presented in audio and in transcript, in three languages, Albanian, Serbian and English. This website is the first of its kind in Kosovo and it is an innovative and sustainable tool to build up collective memory through memorialization and documentation.



The website was launched along with the book through an open event at the National Museum of Kosovo on December 12, 2018, where more than 60 people attended. Launching event was organized as part of the Human Rights Week 2018 which was focused on transitional justice and dealing with the past with the main slogan "Future starts by knowing the past". This synergy of various activities attracted a lot of attention and provided us space to promote the museum to different audiences. The main part of the event was the exhibition where sixteen (16) old luggage were presented with each one representing each story of the interviewees. The luggage had mp3 players inside with extended headphones, so the audience could hear the interviews. Additionally, in order to promote the website and the book, in cooperation with BIRN Kosovo we produced a promotional video which we published on social media so as to spread out the information about the existence of the virtual museum. Around 28,000 people were reached by the video on social media. All the collected stories were presented to the public in print so more people were reached out and read about stories of people about their journeys as refugees. These stories were organized in thematic chapters and were presented in three languages – Albanian, Serbian and English



Project: Regional Youth Exchange Association

Traveling school of nationalism I and II

During the year of 2018, YIHR offices in the region organized two Traveling Schools of Nationalism with around 40 young people from Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro. The first School started in Belgrade where participants had the opportunity to visit various organizations working in the field of transitional justice and dealing the past, followed by a study trip to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, where they visited the city of Vukovar and Srebrenica as well as met with different local organizations and survivors of the war. The second School was held in Kosovo, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In Kosovo they met with Saranda Bogujevci and Gramoz Berisha, both survivors of two different massacres in Kosovo, while they also visited the city of North Mitrovica, Peja and Suhareka where they met with representatives of civil society organizations.



Dokufest Youth Exchange

21 young people (16-30 years of age) from the region were able to spend one week in Prizren as part of the Dokufest Youth exchange, which took place from 6-11 August 2018. They had the opportunity to attend meetings with local organizations of different profiles; to learn more about the socio-economic and political context of Prizren and Kosovo; watched movies dealing with human rights issues, war and post-war issues; and took part in public debates on freedom of movement in the region, survivors of sexual violence of the last war in Kosovo and other topics which opened further discussions among the participants. This visit contributed in breaking the existing biases in the region among young people, especially given that for some participants it was the first time they came to Kosovo.





Boro and Ramiz Study visit

In the first week of October, 20 young people from Kosovo and Serbia participated in a study visit in Prishtina. The purpose of the visit was for young people to learn more about the past by talking to the victims themselves, civil society representatives and other state institutions. Participants had the opportunity to also meet with the former President of Kosovo Ms. Atifete Jahjaga who talked about her contribution in recognizing the victims of sexual violence in Kosovo. They also visited Documentation Center, Gracanica Monastery and went on a memorial walk in Prishtina.



Conference

Promoting RYCO in Schools

On December 7, YIHR KS held a conference in cooperation with RYCO office in Kosovo, which was attended by more than 60 participants. The purpose of this conference was to present the second call for grants from RYCO and to discuss more about the opportunities of increasing cooperation between civil society organizations and high schools in Kosovo in applying for grants offered by RYCO.

The opening of the conference was done with an introductory word by Marigona Shabiu, Executive Director of YIHR-KS and followed with the presentation of the RYCO call for grants by Krenare Gashi, Local Branch Officer. At the end, attendees discussed about the call in general as well as the work of RYCO and its experience with previous grantees, which was very useful and informative. Attendees showed a great interest in gathering as much information as possible so as to better prepare their applications. YIHR KS expressed its commitment to continue supporting RYCO office in Kosovo during the application process through technical advice and support.



Project: Past Continues

A project implemented by YIHR Regional Network that aims to tackle the many different formal and informal versions of history of the 1990s war in the former Yugoslavia, by bringing together youth from the region to share their narratives and hence learn from each other.

Shared Narratives Conference

The first activity took place in Belgrade, from 28-31 March and gathered around 120 young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia. The conference was organized through workshops, discussions and group work. The workshops were facilitated by Maja Nenadović, an experienced trainer, facilitator and debate coach with extensive experience both in youth work and in dealing with the past projects. During the conference participants from Kosovo worked participants from Serbia in order to come up with their narratives about the war in Kosovo they formed a group which they called "Boro and Ramiz".



Miredita Dobar dan Festival

As part of their study visits and research work about the war in Kosovo, 10 young people from Kosovo traveled to Belgrade to participate in a study visit with their counterparts from Serbia. Participants had the opportunity to meet with local NGOs and civil society activists as well as attend the events of the "Miredita Dobar dan Festival".

Staff Structure of YIHR KS

YIHR KS has five full time employees and one part time employee as well as two interns.

Marigona Shabiu	Executive Director
Enis Selimi	Finance and Administration Manager
Trina Binaku	Project Officer
Bjeshka Guri	Project Assistant
Mirishahe Syla	Researcher
Blenda Pira	Program Assistant
Violeta Blakcori	Intern
Albert Haliti	Intern

List of Projects

Project title	Youth for Justice		
Budget (USD)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
143,371	Sole implementer	INL/State Department	December 2018 – December 2019
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: to empower young people to demand justice and become active participants in the justice sector in Kosovo.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people (16-30) increased their awareness and knowledge about their legal rights and demand for justice towards Kosovo's institutions. • Law students and recent law graduates increased their professional capacities and critical thinking. • Justice institutions and actors became more accessible and familiar to young people. • YIHR Kosovo's legal education program improved and accredited by MEST. • A legal education online platform established and targeted to citizens in general, with a particular focus on young people thus enhancing transparency, accountability and dialogue between citizens and justice sector institutions. 		

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo

Project title	Youth Artivists for Change		
Budget (EUR)	Partner	Donor(s)	Dates
15,000	Partner	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	January 2019 – December 2020
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: To empower youth in their path to change and create social awareness about human rights and LGBTI rights through artistic activities.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Four safe spaces “iDeaLAB” established including one in Kosovo. · Two trainings on Radio/Podcast/Storytelling/Flim making · Two trainings on human rights/advocacy. · Two trainings on youth work. 		

Project title	Outreach program with young people about KSC		
Budget (EUR)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
12,400	Sole implementer	Kosovo Specialist Chambers	December 2018 – December 2019
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: To provide young people in Kosovo with accurate information about the KSC.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Four workshops with young people from all over Kosovo organized by the end of the year 2019. · Three university lectures in public universities in Kosovo organized by the end of the year 2019. 		

Project title	Young Human Rights Defenders		
Budget (SEK)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
100,000	Sole implementer	Civil Rights Defenders	January – December 2018
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: Empower young human rights defenders by increasing their capacities to promote and protect human rights for all.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 20 young people and human rights activists participated in the HR Talk “Freedom of Assembly”. · 15 young people and human rights activists participated in the HR Talk “Freedom on Identity”. · 20 young people from the region and Dokufest visitors took part in the HR Talk “Freedom of Movement”. · 35 young people, civil society representatives and professors from UP participated in the HR Talk “How is sexism is dealt with in the University of Prishtina?”. · 20 young people, civil society representatives participated in HR Talk “Transitional Justice and the Legacy of the war” · 25 university students took in the Alternative Human Rights School · 15 university students took part in the Court Monitoring Program · 200 students, pupils, activists and civil society representatives took part in the Human Rights Week 2018. 		

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo

Project title	Equal Rights for All Coalition		
Budget (EUR)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
58,650	Sole implementer	European Commission	January 2016 – December 2019
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: To establish and maintain an effective coalition that aims to strengthen the capacities of participating CSOs to advocate for the promotion and protection of fundamental rights of selected vulnerable and marginalized groups.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A policy paper on Local Youth Action Councils has been drafted. · Publication conference for the policy paper on Local Youth Action Councils 		

Project title	Youth for Justice		
Budget (USD)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
12,040	Sole implementer	National Center for State Courts	February – June 2018
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: Create space for constructive and substantive youth involvement in the debate concerning justice sector issues at the national and local level.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 20 lectures were held in high schools in Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Obiliq, Drenas and Podujeva with more than 500 students. · One street action was held in Prishtina marking the Constitution Day of Kosovo – April 9 promoting human rights guaranteed with the Constitution. · Mock trial competition with 30 high school students. · One day visit to the Basic Court in Prishtina with 20 high school students. · Three public debated on the right to have access to justice in Drenas, Lipjan and Obiliq. · An essay competition with high school students with the theme of the right to have access to justice. 		

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo

Project title	Empowerment of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities youth voters in Kosova		
Budget (EUR)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
49,840	Sole implementer	Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF)	June 2017 – May 2018
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: Main goal: Enhancing monitoring of policy implementation related to non-majority communities in Kosovo through participation and activism of young people from the Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities during and after electoral processes in Kosovo.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A research study on attitudes and awareness about electoral processes among Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities has been conducted and a report with all the findings will be published in January. · A civic education camp with Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali youth. · Information sessions with Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali communities about electoral processes in Kosovo. · Public debates about electoral processes in Kosovo. · Development of a civic and voter education online platform that will be integrated within the Ombudsperson Institution website. · Publication of five policy papers related to challenges these communities are facing in Kosovo. · Human Rights Workshop with Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali young people. · Celebration of the National Day of Roma through two street actions (one in Prishtina and one in Gjakova) and one round-table discussion on the rights of Roma communities in Kosovo. 		

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo

Project title	Regional Youth Exchange Association		
Budget (EUR)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
26,550	Partner	European Commission and Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS)	January - December 2018
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: Youth exchanges between countries of the Western Balkans are institutionally supported through the work of Regional Youth Cooperation Office.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Two travelling schools on nationalism with 34 participants from Kosovo, BiH, Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro. · Two youth exchanges with 40 participants from from Kosovo and Serbia. · Visit to the DokuFest Festival for 20 participants from the region. · Capacity building for RYCO staff and promotion of RYCO's mission. 		

Project title	Building Collective Memory in Kosovo		
Budget (EUR)	Role in the project	Donor(s)	Dates
9,000	Partner	Swiss Embassy	July - December 2018
Main goal and results	<p>Main goal: contribute in the process of dealing with the past through documentation and memorialization of the massive refugees' exodus in Kosovo during and after the war in Kosovo (1998-2000).</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sixteen interviews based on the oral history methodology. · "Museum of Refugees" online platform established. · One book with all interviews designed and printed. 		