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Dear readers, we are happy to present the monthly newsletter, which will tell you about our organization activities done in May and June.



UPSHIFT SPITAK



Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO and UNICEF Armenia with the support of the European Union is launching the well-known "UPSHIFT" programme in Spitak, Lori region, the pilot phase of which took place in 2019 in Gyumri community of Shirak region, registering unprecedented results. "UPSHIFT" is being implemented within the project Future Today: Empowering women, youth and children for deepening democracy in Armenia.



On May 19, took place first info meeting of "UPSHIFT Spitak" Cultivating Adolescents Growth and Engagement in Community Development programme.

During the info meeting, the project manager Artur Najaryan presented the programme's goals, implementation stages, and the format of the project idea proposals made by youngsters.



On June 2, 3 and 11 mentors' training of UNICEF "UPSHIFT Spitak" Cultivating Adolescents Growth and Engagement in Community Development programme took place.

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CAREING FOR EQUALITY



The "Family Corner" resource center was officially opened in Gyumri. The Gyumri "Family Corner" serves a platform for young women and men, where thematic meetings, trainings and actions are held, aimed at changing stereotypes about.

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On June 19 the series of Papa School thematic meeting-discussions started at the Gyumri "Family Corner" resource center. The topic of the first meeting-discussion was "Father's impact", the objective of which was to reflect on the influence that fathers or other male authority figures have had on the participants while they were growing up.

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CITIES OF YOUTH



We are happy to announce that on May 25-28 of 2021 we held the Midterm Evaluation Meeting of the long-term Erasmus+ programme "Cities of YOUth: Increasing the role of young people in the development of tourism infrastructure". 11 participants from Armenia, Ukraine, Georgia, Croatia and Czech Republic gathered in Sumy, Ukraine to evaluate the progress of the project and the achieved results and to plan the future activities.

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Career Orientation Aimed at Community Happiness



Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO (Armenia) in cooperation with "The Globe" (Czech Republic), "Associazione Culturale Strauss" (Italy), "Coobra – cooperativa bracianti" (Austria) and "MITTETULUNDUSUHING NOORED UHISKONNA HEAKS" (Estonia) implements a long-term project "Career Orientation Aimed at Community Happiness" (C.O.A.C.H.) in the frames of Erasmus+ KA2 Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices - Strategic partnership in the field of youth supported by the European Commission.

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HIKING WITH YIC



On May 30, a regular cognitive expedition took place, organized by Gyumri "Youth Initiatives Center" NGO. The YIC hikers started their cognitive tour from the Gnevank Church in the Kurtan community, followed by the Arevatsag valley with its unique beauty and Hnevank with its centuries-old power.

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Gyumri Youth House



The daily life of the adolescents in "Gyumri Youth house" is full, having the opportunity to participate in various educational and training clubs, meetings and discussions.



Within the framework of the "Provision of essential life-saving skills for adolescents" project, the participants of the three groups of Shirak region, including many of the youngster's of the centre [met with the head of Gyumri community Samvel Balasanyan on May 4](#), and with the [governor of Shirak region Hovhannes Harutyunyan on May 11](#). During the meetings, the adolescents presented their implemented community initiatives in the Shirak region and shared their acquired skills and knowledge.



Along with the educational clubs, a handmade club was launched, which will stimulate the creative thinking and the development of new skills of the youth.

The youngsters of the centre [participated in the discussion](#) of the draft strategy in the 2021-2025 RA state youth policy organized by the "Gyumri Youth Initiatives Centre" NGO.



The centre team with the help of youngsters organized a farewell event for two boys meeting for our two students who are leaving for military service.

During the event, a surprise video was shown about the bright and memorable moments held at the centre. Then certificates were awarded as graduates of the centre.

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