

Youth Community Peacebuilding Through New Media

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About the Project.



“Community Youth Peacebuilding through New Media” project has been implemented by Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) since 2011, with the support of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The project continues to follow the vision of the Armenia-Azerbaijan cross-border projects implemented by EPF since 2008, aiming to increase the unbiased reporting and coverage of the relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, as well as creating networks between young people of the two countries. The goal of the project is to initiate a dialogue between young people from Armenia and Azerbaijan through facilitating communication and giving opportunities for implementing joint projects and initiatives using new media tools and technologies. Around 40 young people from Armenia and Azerbaijan, selected on the basis of local trainings on civic activism and new media, were brought together in 2011-2012. During the three joint meetings in Tbilisi, organised by EPF, young bloggers, journalists and civic activists from Armenia and Azerbaijan discussed and developed ideas for joint projects. The joint meetings yielded 15 project ideas that were submitted to EPF for financing. 14 projects out of 15 have been financed. The implemented joint projects tackle the common issues persistent in the Armenian and Azerbaijani societies; ranging from children’s rights, problems of women and young people to Armenia-Azerbaijan “Internet wars”, mutual perceptions, post-war life and memories

Within the scope of the project 5 talk shows on Armenia-Azerbaijan relations were broadcast on Yerkir Media; under the branding of “Article 27”, featuring different aspects of the issue. It is noteworthy that the viewership of the talk shows was minimum 3000 people per each broadcast.

Moving beyond the TV format of talk shows, EPF held first ever large-scale open public discussions on Armenia-Azerbaijan relations in Yerevan, in late February 2012. Three public discussions tackled the issue of unbiased media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations, the ethics of war and peace journalism, as well as the role of culture in peace-building. Each discussion had a moderator and invited three speakers representing mainstream and new media, civil society and academia, politics and culture. The public discussions were covered by the Armenian media and gained a big public attention with an overall attendance of 210 people. On top of this, a closed screening and discussion of the film www.war was held for the international organizations and diplomatic missions in Armenia on February 28, 2012. All the discussions were held at Henrik Malyan Theatre.





Events and Activities.

Peace Virtual Choir <http://goo.gl/vBgT7>

Virtual choir project by Mariam Dilbandyan and Fatima Samedova

“A in Cube”: <http://youtu.be/UP-tEns-uDg>

Anti-smoking flashmob by Arpine Ghukasyan, Zina Ghukasyan, Fatima Samedova, Aydan Garayeva

South Caucasus Youth Conference

Joint video conference on ecological issues and media technologies, held in Goris, Armenia, respectively on February 13 and March 11, 2012, organized by Gevorg Hayrapetyan, Irina Yolyan, Seymur Nuriyev, Samir Gadirov.

Film and Animation.

“Cockroach Life: Lessons”:

<http://youtu.be/UDTVasxLNho>

“Ineliminable Black Hole”:

<http://youtu.be/FghjI5ZUP5w>

Joint cartoons by Vahe Nersesian and Maharram Zeynalov

“Take it Easy”: <http://youtu.be/K03zR2Bn0vg>

Joint Animation by Arman Azizyan, Artashes Arakelyan, Gunel Hassanli, Ilkin Santak

“No War, No Peace”

Joint film by Vahagn Antonayn, Asaf Guliyev

“Talent without borders”

<http://goo.gl/e90JX> , <http://goo.gl/lb64d>

Documentary film by Arman Ghazaryan, Lusine Manukyan, Naila Babayeva

Joint Youth Projects

Blogs and Websites.

Oculi Populi: <http://oculipopuli.com/>

A photo-sharing web-site by Yeghiazar Davtyan, Lusine Sargsyan, Tatevik Azizyan, Muhammed Aliyev, Aysel Salekhova.

Media4Children.com: <http://media4children.com/blog/>

Blog and PSAs on Children’s Rights (in English) by Anahit Aleksanyan, Hrach Shahverdyan, Vugar Adigyoalov, Durna Safarova.

The Neutral Zone: <http://imagineneutralzone.com/>

Joint blog posts, podcasts and photo stories (in English) by Maria Karapetyan and Arzu Geybullaeva.

Armenian and Azerbaijani Women's Narratives:

<http://armazwomen.blogspot.com/>

Joint blog (in Armenian and Azerbaijani, with English summaries) by Karine Aghajanyan and Farahim Alili.

Journalism and Literature.

Writers Against Conflict: <http://azamlit.org/>

Web-site on modern Armenian and Azerbaijani literature (in Russian) by Hambardzum Hambardzumyan and Aydan Garayeva.

“Trip to Nowhere”: <http://www.proza.ru/2011/07/20/873>

A short story (in Russian) by Ara Nedolyan and Veronika Bakili.

Frontline Stories

- “Are you Alive, Doctor?": <http://goo.gl/Gc3Ec>

- “It wasn’t just our house that got burned...”: <http://goo.gl/OHrcS>

- “Better blind in the eye, than in the mind...”: <http://goo.gl/BHCvR>

- “I don’t hate anyone...”: <http://goo.gl/ZJiU8>

- “Verdict of war: cancer”: <http://goo.gl/yNB8I>

- “Witnesses of War”: <http://goo.gl/qaq5h>

- “Small Joys of the Frontline Villages”: <http://goo.gl/mhXdY>

- “House in Memory of Sun”: <http://goo.gl/XZsle>

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