



# DRONI NEWSLETTER

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# New volunteers

This September we had multiple volunteers join our organisation, ready to start learning and working in the office.



## about us:



Hi,  
I am Sara and I am from the Czech Republic. I am excited to work at DRONI until the beginning of next year.

Bonjour!  
I am Oli and you can meet me in the Youth Centre or in DRONI's office for workshops!  
See you soon.



Hello there!

Our names are Paul, Luzia, Judit, Feli, Fynn and Aiden and we all are from Germany.

We are looking forward to work at DRONI and see you all in upcoming workshops.





# Orientation week



## Agenda:

### Monday:

Introductory workshop, done by Johanna. With teambuilding activities and getting to know the other volunteers.


### Tuesday:

Visiting the Ponichala Youth Center and getting to know the supervisor named Eliso, who showed us around the place.

### Wednesday:

A workshop about social media visibility, run by our social media manager Katty.

### Thursday:



Another inspiring and creative workshop run by Johanna, about working together and mastering tasks.

### Friday:

A day to reflect on everything we've learned this week.



# Monday

On Monday the weather was still good. Therefore Johanna took the opportunity to hold one part of her workshop outside of the office. All of the rambblers probably must have thought that we were at war, because the main connecting teambuilding activity was to throw paperballs with our names names on it on each other. the music stopped and we picked up one ball, reading the name and talking to the person, who it belonged to. It was the perfect mix of relevant questions, sport, fun and energy.



After this game everyone went upstairs into the office, where Johanna generously had brought a cake for us and we reflected on the day and jotted down a mind map with our ideas for DRONI, which some of us are already working on or planning to work on.



# Tuesday



Tuesday was all about visiting the Ponichala Youth Centre for the first time and meeting its supervisor Eliso. It was very interesting to see the centre and its different rooms.

It was quite inspiring to get to know about the centre, its different activities, events and learning how we as volunteers can make a difference on somebody's life.

Many of us already look forward to giving classes and doing clubs at Ponichala, having many ideas and plans for it.

# Wednesday



On Wednesday everyone met up around midday to roughly plan a timetable for everyone's preferred days and classes at Ponichala.

Later on, around 2 pm, Katty ran a workshop regarding DRONis visibility on social media and how we as volunteers could contribute to it, which she achieved through a non educational form of teaching.

Katti had us split up into 3 groups and assigned different social media sites to the groups.

The sites were instagram, facebook and TikTok and we were supposed to come up with ideas in how to improve and brush up those so they'd fit up to DRONis standard and make them more appealing to a wide range of people.

# Thursday

On Thursday most of the volunteers worked on some workshop or club ideas and proposals until around 2 pm, when Johanna held another workshop. Right before that a new volunteer named Oliv joined DRONI, so Johannas workshop about getting to know each other and working together fitted perfectly.



In this workshop we had to write down one of our strengths, goals, dreams and facts and later on had to guess whose was who's and had to sort it out collectively.

Afterwards we, as a group, had to do 33 tasks given to us by Johanna in 33 minutes, which we already completed after roughly 20 minutes.

We learned that communication and organisation is necessary to work efficiently in a group of people, and that one should not be intimidated or stressed by certain aspects but instead communicate with others.





# ERASMUS+ PROJECTS

environment and  
waste

Sustainability and  
personal growth

Youth policy in action

Initiate change  
through participation



**DRONI**

# Erasmus+ Project :

## NO TIME TO WASTE !



According to the title of this project "No time to waste" the week in Bakuriani was shaped by many helping on and informing workshops, discussions and group works about waste, our environment and nature.

Thus we explored the many ways of recycling and reusing waste through crafting mosaics out of the trash or building scarecrows in groups, that looked like professional artwork.

From witches to fairies, everything was there. However the workshop did not only consist out of crafting and being creative.

Therefore we were able to explore the surrounding area of Bakuriani through a hike with an incredible view over the whole city and the mountains.

The participants who came from six different countries. ( Azerbaijan, Poland, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ukraine, France), enriched the whole program through an intercultural evening and a delightful Georgian dinner, where the tables were bent under the weight of all the specialities. All in all this week was very diversified and special! Thank you so much .



# Sustainability and Personal growth

From September 6th to 15th, a diverse group of 27 participants from Georgia, Turkiye, Germany, Italy, and Spain gathered in Pshavi, Georgia, for a unique project focused on outdoor cooking. The group camped in tents and fully embraced nature, with a strong sense of community as they worked together to prepare meals and take care of one another.

Throughout the project, there was a strong emphasis on sustainability, leadership, and personal growth, with workshops developed and led by participants. It was a memorable experience that combined skill-sharing, adventure, the building of lasting connections lots of tasty meals





# Youth policy In action



From September 15–21, a rep from Youth Association Droni joined youth councils & NGOs from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine for a study visit to Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia!

The group explored youth policy in action, with a focus on youth employment, participation, and policy implementation.



In Lithuania, they met with the Ministry of Labour to discuss youth volunteer systems and how to engage NEET youth. Latvia offered insights on local youth projects and support for disadvantaged youth in the Jelgava region. In Estonia, the focus was on non-formal learning recognition & youth engagement strategies with the Estonian National Youth Council.



# INSPIRE, ENGAGE, AND INITIATE CHANGE

## THROUGH PARTICIPATION



Representatives from four countries – Georgia, Finland, Armenia, and Turkey – took part in the project. Participants learned about the specifics of NGO operations, visited local centers in Turku, and had discussions with their representatives. According to the participants, this day was the most interesting and memorable for them as they had the opportunity to meet Finnish youth, learn about their challenges, and visit youth and information centers in Turku, which are particularly productive.

The final days of the project were dedicated to putting the theoretical knowledge into practice. The participants were divided into groups and began brainstorming two projects they could implement with limited resources. Eventually, they outlined the projects, their goals, and objectives, and soon these projects will be put into practice.



# Upcoming Events and workshops

9.10.24

Media literacy workshop

16.10.14

active citizen workshop

19.10.24

non violent  
communication workshop

24.10.24

European institutions  
in Georgia workshop





SEE YOU IN  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
AND WORKSHOPS!

