



YOUTH ASSOCIATION DRONI NEWSLETTER

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BOOKBOXES

Oh, oh! It seems that someone is carrying some strange boxes around the clubs and bars of Tbilisi. What is it all about?

It's nothing more than the latest stunt we've come up with to help Zugdidi libraries, which are in a disused condition. Each of you can put inside these bookboxes the books you want to donate. They will then be brought to the libraries of the city of Zugdidi as soon as possible. Zugdidi lacks the necessary resources to implement the promotion of culture and reading, especially among young people. Youth Association DRONI is collecting different books to make them available to the population in local libraries.

Our goal is to create a culturally active environment where we can organize workshops and meetings for the dissemination of literature. We strongly believe that it will be essential for social, educational and cultural innovation. Thanks to this project the libraries of zugdidi district will become focal centers for the meeting of people of different ages, cultures and nationalities!



PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Sunday the 16th was the perfect day to keep active!

The sun was shining and it was starting to get warm: what better than a ping pong tournament?

We met up at 4pm in the Rose Park in the centre of Tbilisi, ready to battle it out.

What can I say, it was an epic battle.

Joking aside, it was a different day and a great way to do sport together spending a Sunday away from the sofa. During the tournament we played one-on-one, but also in teams, ready not to miss a beat.

For me this afternoon meant a lot, it was a moment of healthy competition and fun, it also brought me closer to a sport that I hadn't played for years. I really hope I can play another tournament soon!





VOLUNTEER'S LIFE: HOLIDAY

Because of the Georgian Orthodox Easter, we had holidays for the last week. This occasion was connected with a light lockdown in order to keep the number of Covid cases down. The municipality transportation was completely shut down, but we could still travel to other parts of Georgia -lucky us! We used this opportunity to travel to Martvili all together. In this little village in the middle of nowhere we stayed in the wonderful Karma hostel. This hostel was built by three Belgians and is located in beautiful nature. Especially after life in the big city with lots of cars, traffic and noise, it was so good to „get out“ and relax for some time.

We visited the Hotsprings, which means naturally hot sulfur springs, the Martvili Canyon, a huge waterfall and a city with many abandoned houses. The old soviet style was very impressive and completely different from what we usually know. When we came back to the hostel in the evening, we got lots of tasty vegetarian food and interesting company from other international people. The Marshutka experience on the way back to Tbilisi was of course interesting as well. Sitting with many other people for hours in a Minivan is... new.... But it is definitely a big part of Georgia! We are happy about the Marshutkas, because the system works pretty well here. Within a few hours it is possible to go wherever you want within Georgia. For us volunteers without cars that is very helpful!



DRONI MEMBERS ABROAD

AZIZ GANIEV

My last month in Bulgaria

Hello friends! Yes, April was the last month of my project in Bulgaria. Let's talk about it. Again amazing trips were part of this month. We went to Sofia with friends after quarantine and saw the pretty city again. After that, we went hiking to Rila Monastery. We hiked for 5 hours. After 5 hours our legs were hurting so bad. Everyone was so tired but it was worth it.

Actually we had a lot of trip plans, but we caught corona and we were supposed to stay in quarantine for 14 days. It was the best quarantine I have ever had. These 14 days with amazing people was heaven. I wish it was more.... I am so sad, I am so happy, I have a lot of mixed feelings. I am sad because I am leaving. 7 great months have passed already. I am going to miss my friends, my organization, the job that I do, and most importantly I am going to miss Bulgaria. I am happy because I had a great experience. I met a lot of amazing, incredible people which I can not forget. I have shared a lot with them, I have learned, I have cried, I have laughed, I have traveled, I have lived life with them. I hope I will see every one of them in the future. That is my wish. I recommend everyone to go to such projects abroad. That is a great opportunity for you. Enjoy life!



CLEANING DAY

On Saturday (29.05) Droni and Alumni organised a cleaning event Think Green - Keep it Clean which took place next to Tbilisi Sea. There were over 20 of us and we had collected MANY trash bags by the end of the event. After that we all gathered, chilled and started eating while listening to nice music provided by Felix!!



OPEN VACANCIES

Project in Estonia 01.09.2021 - 30.08.2022

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/nbLIF6wwV7snF/>

Project in Lithuania 30.09.2021 - 30.06.2022

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/12378_en

Project in Lithuania 30.09.2021 - 31.07.2022

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/7999_en

Project in Lithuania 01/10/2021-31/07/2022

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/6176_en

Project in Lithuania 30/09/2021-31/05/2022

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/6174_en

Project in Lithuania 01/10/2021-30/06/2022

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/6168_en

Project in Poland October/November 2021 -

June/September 2022

<https://schumanvolunteers.pl/.../become-one-of-schuman.../>

Project in Turkey

<https://bit.ly/3lqhQM0>

Project in Slovakia 08.09.2021-31.07.2022

<https://bit.ly/3fzoWLt> / <https://bit.ly/346a0z7>



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A few days ago we uploaded a new “Volunteers Diary”. If you want to get to know the life of international volunteers in Georgia, you should definitely watch it! We have lots of fun here and experience so many great things that we love to share! Next to our Youtube Channel (“Youth Association Droni”) , you get updates on our blog (www.droni.org/blog), on Facebook and in our monthly newsletter. You can stay tuned for many great future videos, reports and blog posts!

SUMMER IS COMING!

Sun, warmth, outdoor activities and so much more! Stay in touch with us, because we have lots of sustainability-related activities planned for this season. We will surprise you!



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