



DRONI NEWS

STORY OF THE MONTH

FIRST MEETING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

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On 31st of March, new DRONI volunteers attended the first meeting at DRONI's office, where participants had a chance to get to know each other better and hear additional information about DRONI's activities and projects. Introduction day covered various educational and entertaining activities such as name games, ice breakers and the “Drawing Faces” picture game which involved passing sheets of paper randomly all the time so different people would draw different parts of each other's faces.

In the teambuilding activity “Crossing the river”, volunteers had a chance to practice new strategies about efficient team working. They were presented some rules and restrictions and after that, divided into the smaller groups and worked out how to achieve common goals. At the end of the game, they had a short reflection and discussed the results.

After those activities, DRONI coordinators represented the organization's projects, membership, structure and opportunities offered by Erasmus +.

At the end of the meeting, volunteers had a chance to share their own ideas about expectations and fears, what they expected about the membership, what they wanted to contribute and so on. They had a brainstorming process about local projects as well.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT DRONI

NO HATE SPEECH MOVEMENT COMES TO A CLOSE

The No Hate Speech Movement, a youth campaign of the Council of Europe for human rights online, had its closing conference this month. Nika Bakhsoliani from Droni represented the Georgian Committee at the conference. The conference evaluated the success of the project and discussed further action that can be used to continue to combat online hate speech. Nika said that “The European Campaign has come to an end, but the movement for human rights online must continue. Youth Association Droni will continue its efforts against hate speech and for human rights”. You can find more information about the closing conference, and the movement itself, by visiting the campaign’s [website](#).



“NATURAL ELEMENTS” TRAINING COURSE

Rustavi held the [“Natural Elements” Training Course](#) between 10th-20th April. The purpose of the course was to develop the skills of trainers, youth workers, and educators, who like to work in connection with nature. Participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain and Ukraine joined together and gained knowledge on how to incorporate outdoor-based activities in their youth work. Giorgi Kikalishvili, director of Droni, was an integral part of the project team and ensured the smooth-running of the training course.



YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND YOUTH POLICY

The “Dialogue for Youth Participation and Youth Policy” project entered its 4th phase this month and held a Youth Exchange in Armenia between 16th-22nd April. The Youth Exchange brought together participants from Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia and Armenia and gave them an opportunity to raise their knowledge about youth policy and the meaning of youth participation. The project will now enter its final phase, with the closing ceremony due to take place in Tbilisi in June.

TRAINING COURSE: POWER OF STORYTELLING

Erasmus + training course - "Power of storytelling" took place in Yerevan, Armenia. Georgian, Armenian, Greek and Portuguese volunteers gathered with one shared mission – to discuss and work out different attitudes and approaches to certain topics. During the project, participants were creating an intercultural environment, where young people worked on different issues and analysed the results together.



To improve the storytelling skills, participants were sharing their own stories with some improvisation and performance. They practiced how to collect the information, filter it and make the different stories for comparing how the audience reacts on each one.

PROJECT: BIZ LAB

One of the most creative projects – Biz Lab – is in its active phase and started the meeting sessions with young people. The first two meetings were held in the Georgian-American School where our volunteers presented the project introduction to youngsters – the whole idea of Biz Lab, main objectives, sets of rules and the games themselves.

The project idea consists of plenty of educational games, which increase the entrepreneurial skills in the young generation, particularly: communication skills, creative thinking, problem solving, financial literacy, leadership, public speaking and so on.

The game sessions will continue to be held throughout April and May this time with members of "Business Laboratory" at Tbilisi State University, with many more new, interesting and educational game activities being used.



MULTI-PHASE PROJECT: TRIANGLE FOR YOUTH

The multi-phase project triangle for youth has officially implemented its second phase in Sweden and Finland. Young leaders from Georgia, Armenia and Moldova had an opportunity to experience the specifics of Swedish and Finnish youth policies in the cities of Borås and Turku. Project participants visited representatives of Borås Municipality who presented the goals, mission and structure of the municipality.

"Everybody told us about their work and activities in the Swedish Youth Centers. At their weekly meetings, they develop strategies and policies for youth. The most interesting thing was that youth workers do not work on the issues but instead, they offer opportunities" says Nadejda, participant from the country of Moldova.

For more, visit the project official web page:

<https://www.triangle4youth.com/>



WEB PAGE ERASMUS+ YOUTH HAS LAUNCHED

The official web page of Erasmus Plus info center was launched on 9th April. You can stay updated and find any kind of information about upcoming projects and activities, organization news and plans. Webpage content includes the guidelines about several issues, such as:

- Useful links - EVS projects, online courses, EVS Info Kit and etc
- Steps for PIC getting process (Participation Identification Code)
- Project application structures
- Youth Exchanges and so on

You can check out the brand new website here:
www.erasmusplusyouth.info



DRONI MEMBERS ABROAD

POLAND FALLS IN LOVE WITH KHACHAPURI

Mariam Tsirekidze, who is an EVS volunteer in Sępólno Krajeńskie, Poland, has been active across many projects this month. 2 projects involved preparing sport and cognitive activities for people with disabilities. Another activity involved assisting in a kindergarten with children who are 3 years+. And last but not least, Mariam provided a culinary activity in a local school this month which gave children the chance to bake khachapuri. This national food of Georgia was loved by the children!



ISLAND ULTRA TRAIL - MADEIRA

Nika Danelia, an EVS volunteer on the Portuguese island of Madeira, assisted in the part in "Island Ultra Trail" even that took place on Saturday 28th April. This annual event is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle. The event has been growing more popular each year. Participants have to pass a 115km-long track on foot, with the finish line based at Machico. At this event, Nika was responsible for entertaining children in Machico by making balloon animals, face-painting, and playing games. Nika said "The day was really productive; it was full of fun and positive energy. Working with children sometimes gets really tiring, but it was worth it".



EVENTS NEXT MONTH

(CONFIRMED DRONI ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN MAY)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5 EUROPE DAY @ Rike Park	6 HUMAN LIBRABY @ Amirani Cinema
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7	8	9	10	11 WORKSHOP: Make Dreamcatchers with Olalla @ DRONI Offices	12 WORKSHOP: Graffiti Workshop with Nika @ DRONI Offices	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 MOVIE TIME @ DRONI Offices	26	27
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ALL THE DRONI MEMBERS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY IN APRIL:



Mariam Shukakidze, Nino Tetrauli, Nika Korashvili, Bacho Donadze, Giorgi Kereselidze, Guga Tsinaridze, Tornike Tsinaridze, Gvantsa Dzneladze, Giorgi Tartarasvhili, Natalia Kobiashvili, Mari Gelashvili, Keta Lobzhanidze, Ana Kurtsikashvili, Jaba Magalashvili, Mariam Patsatsia, Tamuna Gulisashvili, Lele Maisuradze, Sopho Inasaridze, Khatia Tsiskaradze, Nini Metreveli, Elene Burchuladze