



ACT FOR SOCIETY

TOGETHER FOR SOCIETY

TIRANA, ALBANIA

Human Rights ● Social Development ● Democracy and Anti-Corruption ● Gender Equality ● Scientific Research
● Youth Empowerment ● Culture and Peace Building



OUR MISSION AND GOALS

MISSION

The mission of the Act for Society Center is to enhance the healthy lifestyles and stimulate the sustainable development of Albanian society. Our work consists on promoting culture, advocating and education for democracy and human right issues, connecting with youth, stimulating the active participation in the social life and decision-making processes.

VISION

We believe in the power of change. ACT for Society aims at making this change happen through new, creative, and effective strategies and initiatives.

The ACT for Society Center recognizes that the young democracy of ALbania must become increasingly self-reliant and lead its own development. In the current situation, the pressing need is to encourage a greater capacity of development, awareness, and participation by Albanian institutions and local communities.

OUR TEAM



Armela Pengili
Executive Director

PhD. Candidate on International Relations, and studied sociology and MSC-International Relations and is a lecturer at the University of Tirana. She has been trained by the EU commission training programs and has been an organizer and leader for youth programs regarding social issues, gender equality projects, human rights and democracy etc.

A degree from the University of Tirana in International Relations at the European and is currently doing a Master of Science in European Policies and Governance at Institute of European Studies. He is the Program Manager of Democracy and Anti-Corruption Program, and also a team leader in "Men and Boys as Partners in Promoting Gender Equality and the Prevention of Youth Extremism and Violence in the Balkans" project under the framework of CARE International in the Balkans.



Xhoi Bare
Program
Manager & PR



Eleni Nanaj
Program Manager

Is in the Program Manager of Human Rights and Social Development Program, and coordinated projects with a specific focus on youth, gender, leadership, and violent extremism. She is a student in Master of Science in Administration of Social Services at Tirana University and has graduated in Social Work. She is certified as a peer trainer and also as a social assistant, showing her skills while leading training and informing sessions in middle schools and high schools. Eleni has expertise in project management, strategic planning, and research.

OUR TEAM



She designs and manages the website and its development, illustrates graphic designs and logos for projects; making information accessible for those who want to join ACT for Society in their journey. Currently studying Computer Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Tirana. She has been in teaching positions where she taught youth the basic skills for PC during the "Shkolla Mike" program. She works towards a better society using her talents gained over her experience.



Nertila Meçani
ESC Program Members



Aldora Hajra
IT & Web Support

She is currently studying Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences at Tirana University. She has been trained in program management, human rights and democracy and has expertise in working with children. Nertila has been involved in the civil society sector since 2016 working primarily as a volunteer and she has been part of training and conferences. Her devotion and skills have shown her to be a promising young professional.



OUR PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS PROGRAMS

Aje OK?

Its OK:

- To ask is someone OK
- To provide support with advices
- To listen without judging
- To nurture trust
- To show a friend that he/she is not alone
- To advise a friend to speak with someone else (professors, psychologists, BMC)

Its not OK:

- ✘ To ignore that your friend has a problem
- ✘ To label others based on...
- ✘ To insult your peers on socialmedia

#AjeOK

This campaign is designed to open up the conversation about mental health. This campaign aims to tackle issues such as lack of confidence, depression, anxiety, anger and more. This campaign also opens up topics on bullying and cyber bullying. This is being done by going into schools and hosting information sessions on this topic and engage youth in discussions. Students are encouraged to be open with their emotions and to check on their peers.





MASTERPEACE

Creating peace.
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ARTISTS CREATE TOGETHER

The project run by ACT for Society started in October of 2018 and is set to conclude in October of 2020. The goal of the project is to increase the awareness of 17 sustainable development goals through art and culture.

This project is funded by the Masterpeace Global organization and the Netherland Enterprise Agency. In partnership with these organizations ACT for Society are organizing 6 concerts, 5 summits, 6 murals, and 120 storytellings to promote these goals towards sustainability of culture and art.

BE A MAN CAMPAIGN



“Be a man” lifestyles campaign, which aims to reinforce key messages of the Young Men Initiative and encourage change at the school level and beyond. The campaign is supported by variety of educational materials, social media and “activities” organized and conducted by the student members of ‘Be a Man’ clubs. Members of “Be a man” clubs are both young men and women, and in the region, they gather several hundred active members. In the Balkans, there are currently 40 active “Be a man” clubs with 1500 active members. Leading philosophy of the Young Men Initiative is that young men should not be seen as an obstacle to peace and gender equality, but as key

allies in the promotion of non-violent, healthy relationships and communities. Young women, as active members of the community, should be active participants in society, as well as agents of change.





NO HATE MAN

The campaign initiated by the youth for the youth is part of the Global Movement – NO HATE SPEECH. This project, differently from The Global Movement, aims to engage both girls and boys, in order to reduce the violent acts, besides avoiding NO HATE SPEECH. One of the main focuses is to encourage girls and boys to embrace their values, attitudes and behaviours, to teach them to challenge their peers to stop and prevent all acts of violence towards girls and women. This pilot project was conducted in two high schools of Tirana, during two different time periods. These high schools are situated in suburban areas of Tirana: high

school “Abdulla Keta” in Shkozë and high school “Sandër Prosi” in Sauk, considering the fact that these areas are more vulnerable to certain types of violence. The first activity was successfully accomplished in high school “Abdulla Keta” from 12th until 14th of October 2016. The second training was on 2nd, 3rd, 4th of November 2016 in high school “Sandër Prosi”. Following these training up, two open days were held in these specific areas. During these open presentations, the young students hold the main roles, by acting as Peer to Peer Educators and passing the information and skills to other students in their schools and in their community.

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