

Overview of Recent Activities

## "Welcoming Refugees – The Mechanics of Refugee integration" TC

**Date**: Ongoing

**Location**: Yerevan, Gyumri, Armenia **Participants**: young people, age 18-30

Role of CEYEC: organizer

Civic Education and Youth Empowerment Center is working on the issues of Human Rights, Democracy, Rule of Law, Peace-building, Personal development, Civic activism. Although the organisation is relatively new, however we have organized couple small local workshops. Taking into account the current situation related to "Refugee crisis" and the fact that Armenia is 3rd largest recipient of Syrian refugees in Europe CEYEC added activities with refugee communities in priority list of 2016-2018 action plan. Particularly, since March of the current year each month CEYEC has been recruiting volunteers of local community and running 5 day workshops of effective communication and trust-building with refugees, after which volunteers are working under the supervision of our senior staff.

## Objectives:

- -to support the integration of excluded young people
- -to give young people knowledge about issues connected to refugees
- -to give young people skills and knowledge about the ways in which they may contribute to the social integration and inclusion of refugees in their societies and communities
- -to improve leadership skills of young people
- -to support the active participation of young people with fewer opportunities
- -to provide participants with educational tools and methodologies that will enable them to act as multipliers on refugee related issues in their work with young people

## "Active citizenship: Placemaking mode on" TC

Date: May, 2016

Location: Yerevan, Armenia

Participants: young people, age 18-30

Role of CEYEC: organizer

In April we implemented a local training course about Active Citizenship and Placemaking in search for active participation of young people in the life of their communities and countries. The main idea of the TC was to link Active Citizenship and Placemaking and use Placemaking as a tool to raise awareness about the importance to be an active citizen among youngsters.

## **Objectives:**

- -to empower young people to be active citizens
- -to give young people skills, knowledge about active citizenship
- -to bring the idea of Placemaking to young people
- -to create platform for youth workers to share ideas about how and where to use Placemaking
- -to raise awareness on the importance of participating actively in decision making processes that affect them directly and indirectly
- -to raise awareness on importance of Placemaking in community designing process
- -to improve leadership skills of young people
- -to support the active participation of young people with fewer opportunities
- -to design action plan on Placemaking, which young people will later use in their own communities