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Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Re: Letter of recommendation for Kirilka Angelova  
As a new Trainers' Pool Member in the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

To Whom It May Concern:

With this letter and the power vested in me as an Advisory Board Member of the Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development, we would like to highly recommend Kirilka Angelova as a new Trainer for the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. Ms. Angelova is an alumna of our 22-member spring (April 19-June 5, 2015) Professional Fellows Program "Sustaining Democracy in Minority Communities," funded by the U.S. State Department.

Ms. Angelova was an outstanding candidate for this program, selected, and we have continued to work with her for over a year now beginning with the interview process to her graduation at the U.S. State Department this past June 3, 2015.

Her previous eight years' professional experience at *EVENTTEAM* in training youth and challenging youth organizations through various trainings (working on communication, building and developing teams, negotiation, conflict management, personal and professional development, motivation, leadership, organizational development and entrepreneurship) to explore their contribution in building a more tolerant Europe impressed us very much. We felt that community organizing would add another great skill to her professionalism and allow her to maximize her reach by empowering youth to help themselves and others.

Before coming to the U.S., she diligently worked on her pre-departure action plan and field work training youth with numerous accomplishments before her arrival in the United States. She continued learning new ideas in community organizing and training with youth and explored different methods and tactics during her 3-week fellowship. After completing her U.S. fellowship, she was fully committed not only in sharing her new U.S. experience with her colleagues, but also in implementing ideas with marginalized youth and her organization based in Sophia, Bulgaria.

Ms. Angelova is a great role model to many people around the world because she is using her skills and talent to improve the lives of youth in minority communities by empowering them to make changes in their own life and in their community's life. The experience she learned as a fellow of the PFP not only changed her life and future, but she has made a big impact on so many others.

The Great Lakes Consortium/WSOS has hosted 81 Professional Fellows from eastern Europe since 2011 possessing great qualities and many success stories with high impact in different minority communities. Ms. Angelova is one of our finest alumna who is not only doing a great job in her workplace and out in the field working with youth, but who also has the skills to successfully engage professional fellows from around the world

We believe Ms. Angelova will be a great asset and bring a distinct advantage to the Youth Department Pool of Trainers because she will bring experience, fresh ideas (including community organizing) and creative solutions to youth and to those working with youth. Her commitment to democracy and human rights values and goals. We know she will exceed your investment and expectations.

We look forward to Kirilka being selected as a new trainer for the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

Sincerely,



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