



Annual report 2024

YOUTH CENTER ARDHMËRIA–KLINË

KOSOVË

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Introduction

Youth Center Ardhmëria–Klinë was established in 1999. Since then, the center has continuously organized activities for young people, and this year youth programs and initiatives were also implemented.

This report summarizes all activities and projects carried out at Youth Center Ardhmëria–Klinë during the 2024 calendar year.

The activities of the Ardhmëria-Klina youth center that have been developed and are ongoing:

1. YOUTH ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

2. PARTNERSHIPS

3. PROJECTS

4. STATISTICS / BENEFICIARIES

1. YOUTH ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES:

1.1 INFORMATIVE SESSIONS

Four informative sessions on **Volunteering** were conducted. These sessions aimed to raise awareness about volunteer work, active participation in society, and preparation for life and work in a broader modern context. The sessions were held with students of the vocational school “Fehmi Agani” in Klinë, benefiting 83 young people from the Municipality of Klinë.



February 8–9, 2024

1.2 KOSOVO INDEPENDENCE DAY

The youth group “Klina Youth Chapter,” within Youth Center Ardhmëria Klinë, organized research/interviews with young people and citizens to gather their opinions on the topic:

“What should Kosovo offer so that young people do not leave their country?”

Many citizens contributed to this initiative. The interview results were studied and analyzed by the youth group and presented publicly on a program at Radio Albes in Klinë. Volunteers Rinor Berisha, Floresita Berisha, and Gresa Agushi participated in the studio discussion.

February 17, 2024



1.3 TRAINING – SOFT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVE LISTENING

A training on the topic "Development of soft skills and active listening" was held among young people. The training was held at the Youth Center "Ardhmëria-Klina" and 16 young people benefited from this training, with whom we discussed the topic of how to use soft skills and how to be active listeners. To make the training attractive, various games were implemented with a focus on practicing soft skills and active listening.

February 26, 2024

1.4 TRAINING



ING – WRITING A PROJECT PROPOSAL

A training on the topic "Preparing a project proposal" for young people was held. The training was held at the Youth Center "Ardhmëria-Klina" and 16 young people benefited from this training, with whom we discussed the topic of how to prepare a project proposal and what are the main points that should be included when writing a project proposal. To make the training attractive, various games and activities were held with the aim of practicing the implementation of the project proposal.

February 27, 2024



1.5 ORIENTATION SESSION

We conducted an orientation session on the topic of "How to apply to international programs". The session was held at Ardhmëria Youth Center in Klina, and this session benefited young people aged 15-24 who were informed about the European-ESC program, how to prepare a CV and a motivation letter, and how to apply to European camps.

February 28, 2024

1.6 AWARENESS LECTURE – PREVENTION OF NEGATIVE PHENOMENA

We held an awareness-raising lecture on the topic “Prevention of negative phenomena” for the youth of the “Ismet Raci” primary school and the “Motrat Qiriazhi” primary school. The lecture was held at the “Ardhmëria-Klina” Youth Center. The youth learned about the consequences of negative phenomena in our society, such as tobacco, alcohol and drug consumption, and the consequences that these negative phenomena bring to our society. The youth wanted to know more about these phenomena and we created space for various questions and discussions on this topic. To make the environment more attractive, entertaining games were also developed for the youth.



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1.7 INFORMATIVE SESSION – AMERICAN ADVISING CENTER

The American Advising Center provided support to Kosovar youth in achieving their educational goals. Information sessions such as these can provide essential guidance and resources for students navigating the application process, especially when scholarships to American universities are involved.



1.8 AWARENESS LECTURE – HEALTHY LIFE

We developed an awareness-raising lecture on the topic “Healthy Life” for the youth of the “Ismet Raci” primary school and the “Motrat Qiriazzi” primary school. The lecture was held at the “Ardhmëria-Klinë” Youth Center. The youth learned what a healthy life is, its importance, and what are the steps that must be followed to achieve such a life. The youth were curious to know more about the topic and we created space for questions and various discussions about the topic. To make the lecture more attractive, entertaining games were also developed for the youth.



March 19, 2024

1.9 ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Weekly English courses were held free of charge and open to all proficiency levels. Courses were led by Peace Corps Volunteer Joe Matragrano. Each group (3 groups total) had 2 hours per week, lasting 7 months.



March–October 2024

1.10 PROMOTION OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers from the Youth Center Ardhmëria distributed promotional brochures about volunteering in the municipality of Klinë. The center from time to time organizes various campaigns about volunteering, the advantages that a volunteer gains and by distributing these brochures we aimed to inform others so that they would be willing to register as a volunteer.



April 15, 2024

1.11 CULTURAL EVENT – PROMOTION OF CULTURAL BIODIVERSITY

Promotion of cultural biodiversity/Visit of youth to Mirusha Waterfall, Ardhmëria Youth Center-Klinë organized a visit for the youth of Klinë to Mirusha Waterfall, and this visit was joined by two Peace Corps volunteers and two actors from the former “Up to Youth” team. The main purpose of the visit was to promote cultural biodiversity and raise awareness among young people about the values, ecosystems and resources of the natural area, and the importance of managing and using natural resources sustainably.



May 5, 2024

1.12 CULTURAL EVENT – CHILDREN’S DAY

Children's Day is celebrated on June 1st all over the world. Children of all ages want to feel happy on this day and celebrate with their parents and peers. Even in our city of Klinë, the volunteers of the Ardhmëria-Klinë youth center marked June 1st with many creative games for children in the city park "Ilir Merturi" in Klinë.

On June 1st, children have their own holiday, and young people carried out various activities to make this day as beautiful as possible for the little ones. A large number of children participated in this activity, where joy and a smile were visible on the faces of each child. This activity was carried out in collaboration with teachers Vlora Bacaj and Mustafa Delija (see Motrat qiriazhi) and their students, we thank the teachers for participating in our activities as well as all the parents of the children.



June 1, 2024

1.13 OFFICIAL VISIT FROM WASHINGTON DC

On Friday, we had the pleasure of hosting Peace Corps Director Carol Spahn and Peace Corps Kosovo staff for a presentation on sustainability and green initiatives. Our youth learned about zero waste systems and brainstormed strategies for waste management in our municipality. Thank you, Carol Spahn and Peace Corps Kosovo, for the visit and the wonderful presentation by the youth of our city!



1.14 SUMMER PROGRAM

The summer camp was held during the summer months at the youth center and in the city park. The Center staff and trainers held 5 training/informational meetings for volunteers. The training meetings were held to prepare for the summer camp with children. The goal of this program is to motivate young people to work with children and at the same time develop youth skills and capacities in organization, management and leadership. After informing the volunteers, training them and setting the agenda and calendar for the Summer Camp, which was held during the month of July and lasted 14 days, during these warm July days, every day we offered workshops for 30 children, educational and entertaining games, and theatrical exercises.



July 14–26, 2024

1.15 CULTURAL EVENT – FAREWELL CELEBRATION

As our wonderful volunteers Zach Bernkoph and Joe Matragrano wrapped up their time in the community, we hosted a heartwarming farewell party.

Celebrating their time volunteering, shows how much they were appreciated for the work they did in our organization and forged a connection to our country and community. It's amazing how relationships built over the years can create such a lasting impact, both for the volunteers and the community.



Thank you, Zach and Joe, for all the hard work and contributions of all Peace Corps Volunteers in Kosovo.

October 28, 2024

1.16 CULTURAL EVENT – HALLOWEEN

The Youth Center Ardhmëria-Klinë organized the cultural event “Halloween” for children and young people. Halloween is a holiday that is celebrated every year on October 31.

During the activity, volunteers from the Youth Center worked with a group of children, the young people created and led activities starting from face painting, educational workshops, prize games and dancing. The children enjoyed the activity for two hours and at the end reflected on the progress of the activity where the children had the opportunity to express their satisfactions and dissatisfactions of this event. Afterwards, the volunteers reflected on what went well and what they would do differently for the activity next year. Happy Halloween!



October 31, 2024

1.17 EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP – INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY

November 20 - International Children's Day has become not only a festive day, but also a day to say no to violence and abuse against children. It is the day when children themselves express themselves freely to claim their rights. To mark this special day, we have organized educational workshops for children so that they can express themselves freely to claim their rights and spend a creative day together with the Volunteers of the Youth Group "Klina Youth Chapter".

The activity was made possible by the young people in cooperation with the primary school "Motrat Qiriazhi" in Klinë, as well as in coordination with the two teachers of the 4th grade.



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1.18 SALE OF CARDS & SWEETS

The young people from the Ardhmëria-Klina Youth Center held several workshops and worked for many days to prepare postcards for sale, all the postcards were carefully crafted to be sold together with Christmas sweets in the city center for 1 Euro! All funds raised are intended to go to charity.



December 12–20,
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1.19 HIV/AIDS AWARENESS TRAINING

December 1 - International HIV/AIDS Day, we marked the International HIV/AIDS Day with an awareness training for young people of young ages. This training was led by two volunteers who for the first time had the opportunity to develop their skills in leading an educational training, also the participants were very interested and active in the topic of HIV/AIDS.



December 1, 2024

1.20 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

International Volunteer Day, which is celebrated annually on December 5, is a special day to promote and celebrate the role of volunteers in community service and social development. This day provides an opportunity to thank all those who give their time, energy and skills to help others and to promote the values of solidarity and humanity. It is also a call to encourage more people to engage in volunteer activities. Volunteers from the Youth Center “Ardhmëria-Klinë” organized a training for young people with the aim of promoting and encouraging new generations to volunteer.



December 5, 2024

1.21 HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE 🌲

Volunteer work at the Ardhmëria Klina Youth Center brought about an intensive work of all active volunteers during the month of December 2024, in the preparation and decoration of postcards and festive greetings for Christmas and New Year. After preparing the postcards, the volunteers were engaged in preparing humanitarian packages in the main square of Klina for the sale of these materials such as postcards and sweets... the funds of which were intended for the purchase of packages for families. Private businesses of the City of Klina have also joined

the charity fund and were ready to give their contribution to families living in difficult economic conditions. Thus, a symbolic fund was provided which was spent on the purchase of items and filling the packages with gifts for 8 families. Therefore, in conclusion, on December 19, volunteers organized and supported by the "Ardhmëria-Klinë Youth Center" went door to door to wish families in need a happy holiday season with two gift packages of food and hygiene items donated by the young people themselves. Through this humanitarian initiative, the "Ardhmëria Klinë Youth Center" was committed to preparing young people with human values and raising the sense of volunteer work to serve others in need. We thank all citizens and businesses that contributed to this youth initiative.



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END OF YEAR CLOSING EVENT

With our final Christmas party event, we ended the year 2024.

The volunteers spent a festive and very entertaining evening, where they also reflected on all the activities organized throughout the year.

The volunteers were Certified for their volunteer work throughout 2024, and the organization team is also very grateful to all those who contributed to the development of youth activities in Klina.



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2 PARTNERSHIPS

2.1 PARTNERSHIP – CHRISTEN FÜR EUROPA (GERMANY)

The partner organization ICE from Germany has selected 1 volunteer from (Dugajeva) Klina.

1. FSJ, Adrian Gojani to work as a volunteer in the German FSJ program in Dresden for a period of 12 months, the project began in August 2024 and ends in August 2025. The project is funded by the German Volunteer Fund with the aim of developing youth skills and exchanging different cultures.

September 1, 2024 – August 30, 2025

2.2 PARTNERSHIP –EFEM AKDEINIZ GENCLIK DERNEGI- ANTALYA, TURKIYE

The partner organization efem akdeiniz from Turkey has selected 1 volunteer from Pristina.

1. ESC, Arbnora Millaku, volunteered for a 6-month period and the Youth Center is the sending organization in this project.

August–December 2024

2.3 PARTNERSHIP – HUMAN

In the project “Strengthening links between CSOs and public institutions in promoting the rule of law in Kosovo” QRAK is the local partner and is responsible for mobilizing volunteers and visiting family’s door to door, talking to family members and distributing leaflets, thereby raising awareness among citizens in rural areas about anti-corruption, the rule of law, ethics in government and public education.

December 2023 – September 2024

2.4 PARTNERSHIP – PEACE CORPS.

The American organization Peace Corps has brought a volunteer (Zach Bernkoph) to work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Klina for a period of 24 months. The activity began in November 2022. The volunteer continued to work in the management of the Youth Center and supported the project working team until the end of October 2024.

November 2022 – October 2024



3 PROJECT

3.1 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

The project was implemented by the Youth Center Ardhmëria-Klina with the support of a project funded by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in Kosovo. The project enabled the implementation of activities and the functioning of the youth center in the 6-month period starting from November 2023 to May 2024.

November 2023 – May 11, 2024

3.2 YOUTH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The project "Development of Youth Capacities" was organized by the Youth Center Ardhmëria-Klina with the support of the Subsidy of the Municipality of Klinë and specifically the Directorate for Culture, Youth and Sports. The project enabled the implementation of the following activities: Lectures on awareness and prevention of infectious diseases, Lectures on awareness of personal hygiene, Workshops on the development of soft skills, Motivational fields for youth initiatives in the community.

June – December 2024

1 STATISTIKAT /PËRFITUESIT

