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NEWS FROM UKRAINE



Dear friends,

I am writing this on the evening of August 24. Today Ukraine celebrated the 31st Anniversary of its Independence. And today is exactly 6 months as my country has been fighting a brutal war for this Independence against the ruthless monster of Russia. Though Ukraine is bleeding, her sons and daughters, military and civilian alike, are being killed, her cities and villages are being destroyed, the enemy still cannot break the spirit of the Ukrainians, their courage and determination to defend their Independence till the last breath.

But despite our strength and resilience, we would not be able to stand against the overwhelming power of the evil giant if not for the support of the world community. Ukraine sees unprecedented unity of so many countries, of so

many governments, of so many people. And we need that help every step of the way to our Victory.

Ukrainian Down Syndrome Organization has never before felt so much a part of the European family. From the very first day of this war, our colleagues and friends from the European Down Syndrome Association initiated a number of actions to raise awareness and funds to support Ukrainian families with children with Down syndrome. Thanks to that we could provide financial and humanitarian help to over 900 families. First of all, those who were not able to leave the war zone, who lost their homes, who lived under the occupation for weeks, hiding in cold basements, who have been evacuated without any belongings. Our children with their moms are now scattered around Europe and are being helped by sister EDSA organizations and their members.

On behalf of all those Ukrainian families raising children with Down syndrome, I want to thank EDSA members from the bottom of my heart. We will never forget your help in these dark times! We believe that European Down syndrome communities will stand with us and will continue their support.

We have no doubts that good will conquer evil. Our country is going to be an independent and prosperous member of the European Union. And in those peaceful times the Ukrainian Down Syndrome Organization along with friends from the EDSA will continue its work on creating a better future for people with Down syndrome.

We are forever grateful to EDSA members! We know how lucky we are to have such true friends and be a part of this fantastic community.

Thank you once again!

Glory to Ukraine!

Tania Mykhailenko,

Board Member, Ukrainian Down Syndrome Organization

NEWS FROM ONE PROJECT WITH EDSA MEMBERS AS PARTNERS



Dear Edsa Members,

Within the framework of the ERASMUS+SPORT project called "Sport Activities for People with Down's Syndrome (SPADS)", coordinated by ASD Running Matera, the training platform <https://elearning-sportfordown.hsh.it/> has been developed.

FISDIR, one of the partners of the project, has prepared the three modules of the training course "Sport for Down", together with the University of Jaen Educators, volunteers, coaches and anyone interested in the topic of sport for people with Down syndrome can participate in the course, which is available in English.

To participate, please send an email with your name and email address to sportfordownproject@gmail.com.

You will then receive a communication with instructions on how to register and how to participate in the course.

A certificate of participation will be issued at the end of the course.

Kind regards,
The project staff

Read more about the project:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064031984983>

NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

DOWN ESPANA



DOWN SPAIN and the Vodafone Foundation train more than 1,500 people with intellectual disabilities



Since 2014, DOWN ESPAÑA and Vodafone Foundation have been working together to develop the 'Yo me prep@ro' project, to promote the employment of young people and adults with Down syndrome and intellectual disabilities through their training in new technologies. For another year, this agreement between both organizations was renewed.

As a novelty, this 2022, four 360-degree videos will be recorded on the four most demanded job profiles – those related to office and dispatch positions, handling, gardening and cooking.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3PSJZJZ>



TÜRKİYE DOWN SENDROMU DERNEĞİ

Türkiye Down Syndrome Association organised first Self-Advocacy Facilitator Training



Bu Proje Avrupa Birliği
Tarafından Finanse
Edilmektedir.



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Türkiye Down Syndrome Association organised first Self-Advocacy Facilitator Training within the scope of Empowerment of Network for the Rights of Children with Disabilities Project supported by the European Union. 5 NGO's working with children with disabilities attended the four day training and will start to run their self-advocacy groups soon!

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/downturkiye/>

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (2021-2027)

URGENT! NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PROJECT PROPOSAL 4 OCTOBER

Fostering solidarity in European society, and engaging young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality activities.

Type of project proposal: Solidarity projects

Projects developed and implemented by groups of at least 5 young people (18-30 years old) from the same country participating in the European Solidarity Corps, in order to address the main issues and challenges of their local community. Projects can last between 2 and 12 months. Besides the local impact, a solidarity project should also have a clear European added value.

Useful link:

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/european-solidarity-corps_en

Forms and documents:

https://europa.eu/youth/sites/default/files/european_solidarity_corps_guide_2022.pdf

If you are interested in submitting a project proposal in this EU programme check the website of your Erasmus plus National Agency, each year there are several deadlines for each of the activities in the Solidarity Corps.

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Have you got any news that we could publish in EDSA newsletter?
Please send us any information you would like to announce and we shall be happy to disseminate it all over Europe!

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