

HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES



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"Awareness is the first step to make a change."

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"Always work hard on something uncomfortably exciting."

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"We are all special but we are also people, so why not treat people like something special."

ABOUT PROJECT



1st stage: 13. - 19.3.2023 Czech Republic

2nd stage: 25. - 31.5.2023 Armenia

Human Rights Values is an international Erasmus+ project that will introduce, train and present key ideas of human rights issues. Through various interactive workshop with professional trainers we will discover innovative techniques of human rights education, we will use NFE methods and invite experts from the field to share their experiences so we can learn and inspire from them. We will dive into the topic and present it from various angles. Special attention will be paid to the narratives common in the countries represented in the project.

The project exists thanks to our wonderful international partnership:

Czech Republic: NGO Genesis

Armenia: Global Youth Union

Italy: APICE

Ukraine: UNIT

Greece: PRAXIS

Turkey: Pi Youth Associatio

Slovakia: YOUTHFULLY YOURS S

Morroco: Mediterranean Forum For Social Development



**BE OPEN TO NEW,
IT MAKES YOU GROW.**

Genesis is a Czech non-governmental organization with a long tradition and simple philosophy.

BE OPEN TO NEW. IT MAKES YOU GROW.

Genesis provides individual and group trainings. In Genesis we support all efforts to learn because the more we experience, the better off we all become.

Our goal is to help individuals, organizations and companies to receive training that is not only great but also socially responsible.

We believe that innovation in education help people and society as a whole to sustainably grow and develop.

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instagram: @genesis_ngo

Aneta Bednářová

Main trainer of the project



Aneta has been working as a professional trainer for 10 years in the Czech and international environment. In 2021 she was in charge of opening the Business and Innovation Center of Prague - responsible for the strategy and program of the Centre, and is one of the founders of the Media Literacy Academy.

In Genesis, she is mostly responsible for international projects in Europe, Asia and Latin America. Aneta launched the Genesis in Cambodia project - helping Cambodian children living in garbage dump to get education.

Aneta mainly deals with human rights projects, media literacy, human as a citizen - active citizenship, personal development, and leadership.

She represented the Czech Republic in the annual project on European-Asian cooperation called Euro-Asian Empowerment (Europe: Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Italy, Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand.) Later she worked as a coordinator in Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia.

She was a national coordinator for the Czech Republic for the international Media Literacy Accelerator project. She is also a trainer for partner organizations: Google, People in Need, ITL Institute, universities. She does a research in the field of human rights - both in the Czech Republic and abroad, for example in Mexico, where she also lived. She has been actively engaged in the field of media literacy, combating disinformation, and critical thinking for 5 years - research, workshops, training, local and international trainings. As well as cooperating with Czech and foreign schools, media and non-profit organizations.

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GLOBAL YOUTH UNION

Global Youth Union is an Armenian non-governmental organization based in Yerevan.

The organization's founders believe that by uniting efforts in the youth field and mobilizing the youth all over the world, they can handle global challenges and solve a lot of serious problems.

Our team aims to encourage and motivate young people to become active citizens, who will participate in community life. We believe that there is nothing impossible if we direct all our creativity, innovations and motivation to the achievement of our aims and objectives and that sharing information and having inter-cultural dialogue are necessary for our youth.

Sofya Piradyan

Co-founder of Global Youth Union



There's such a good proverb:

"If you have not given anything

good to others, it means you haven't learnt any kind of thing". This expression has become a slogan to move forward in my life and in any sphere of activity, whether it will be in my work place or in social activities. I started to participate in youth meetings and events, because I just liked it! Later I understood that this field became part of my life and since 2013 I conduct trainings and youth events. My moto is never giving up.

KOCERO O.P.S.

The purpose of KoCeRo o.p.s. is the provision of generally beneficial services through a wide range of projects, with which it wants to prevent the occurrence of undesirable behavior, help in solving difficult life situations, enable meaningful spending of free time and thus contribute to the social and cultural cooperation of the Roma ethnic group and the majority society.

Public utility services:

- educational activities with an emphasis on children and youth of the Roma ethnicity and on other children and youth who are at risk of socially undesirable phenomena
- development and implementation of activities that support the appropriate use of free time for children and youth of the Roma ethnic group and children and youth who are at risk of socially undesirable phenomena
- implementation of informational, advisory and educational activities aimed at persons from the Roma ethnic group and persons living in unsatisfactory socio-economic conditions
- activities aimed at supporting the maintenance and development of Roma traditions

website: www.kocero.cz

INTEGRATION CONSULTANCY

Integration Consultancy helps foreigners to live in the Czech Republic. The organization offers free legal and social counseling, accompaniment with interpreting and other services according to current projects. They also organize activities and events for families with children.

Mgr. Monika Veselská, DiS.

Monika is a therapist with long-time experience in social work. She worked as a social worker and therapist for more than 10 years, she has also been engaged in counseling for foreigners, where she focuses on the field of social protection in the Czech Republic and social counseling (communication with the community and with institutions), and also in the area of therapy where family relationships, anxious feelings and war traumas are a frequent part of the conversation. Within this professional area she organizes interviews and case conferences.

website: www.p-p-i.cz

FACED WITH OTHERNESS? situational axis of the family

In the workshop, we will deal with culture and its influence on people. We will analyze two case studies. And that from two points of view. With the first study, we will stay more with social therapeutic work. We will discuss the influence of culture on the creation of a person's identity and the possibility of a new perspective on a given situation. In the second study, we will deal more with psychotherapeutic possibilities and personality limits.

Jaden Lemmens

Living library

I am a transgender man who is enjoying to be an activist and spreads awareness of transgender people.



In my workshop I will talk about my own experience as a transgender and the activities of the organization Trans*parent.



Organisation Trans*parent strives for the empowerment, social justice, promotion of rights and positive social changes for the benefit of trans men, women and other non-cis persons. The organisation was founded in Prague in the spring of 2015 by a group of trans activists in response to the urgent need to create a support space and change policies to promote the advancement of transgender equality. Trans*parent thus works towards understanding and acceptance of trans and non-cis persons on both the social and the legislative level.

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Viola Tokárová

Counseling Center lawyer



Viola dealt with audio documents, AVD documents, where she focused on social issues, Roma issues, as well as the topic of wars, especially the events surrounding the Latvian concentration camp and its subsequent development. A large part of her work is focused on the culture and organization of festivals and their documentation, which she has been running for 8 years. This festival has the main idea of trying to offer space to new artists at our multi-genre festival.

LETY

film screening and discussion

Director/screenplay/editing: Viola Tokárová, František Bikár

In 2018, the Czech country bought from AGPI for almost 373 million large-capacity piggeries located in Lety u Píseku, on the site where a concentration camp for Roma was established during the war, serving as a transfer station before being transported to Auschwitz. The amount for the buyout still arouses emotions, as does the topic of Czech society's relationship with the Roma. The documentary film LETY puts into a broader context the milestones of more than twenty years of efforts by a number of organizations and individuals to ensure that the site of the Roma Holocaust receives a dignified piety, and introduces the public to the hitherto unknown facts of this struggle and its main actors. Based on the story of Roma activist Čeněk Růžička, he approximates the feelings of the survivors who, even in the free regime, had to endure the reluctance of the country's inhabitants and political representatives to remove the smelly piglet from the place where their ancestors died. It thus became a symbol of the Czech inability to come to terms with its own guilt for the genocide of the Roma.

Elisha Jindra

Elisha is a student of the Faculty of Education and a beginning teacher. Their focus is Czech language and literature in combination with civic education.



They taught at large gymnasiums and small elementary schools. Now they teaches Czech language at a secondary vocational school. They taught during several university projects and also been an activist or lecturer in non-profit organizations. They spent most of their time as the regional leader of human rights education at Amnesty International Czech Republic. Their topics include politics and civic participation, the school system in the Czech Republic, LGBTQ+ activism or psychological disorders.

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workshop

We will start with an informal interview with human rights activist, lecturer and beginning teacher Elisha about human rights education in Czech schools.

Working with methodical sheets

Elisha will introduce different methods that are used by teachers in the Czech Republic when teaching about human rights - what resources do they use for a deeper understanding of the topic etc. And we will discuss how useful are some educational support materials from non-profit organizations.

Use a movie to defend human rights

Sometimes when teachers don't know what to do with students, they play a movie for them. However, a wisely chosen one in teaching not only entertains, but also sets off emotions, offers questions and raise a discussion. This is exactly what the Czech non-profit [JSNS](https://jsns.cz) is dedicated to. We will look at one of the shorter ones, discuss it, maybe learn something new about ourselves and try the activities for the movie in practice.

HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT BORDERS

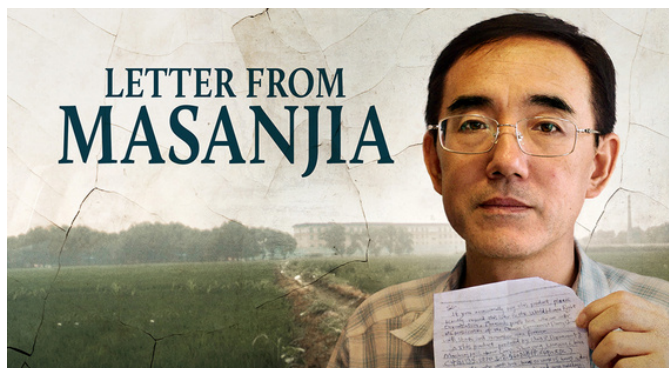
Human rights without borders, z. s. is a non-profit association of citizens, which unites the belief that human rights have no borders, are universal and should be superior to economic and political interests. The aim of our association is to raise the awareness of the Czech society about violations of human rights and freedom of expression in communist countries, with the main focus on China, where the largest group of prisoners of conscience in the world is located. The association also focuses on providing information about the unprecedented crime of forcible harvesting of organs from Chinese prisoners of conscience. Last but not least, our association examines the history of communism and the direct influence of its ideology on the suppression of traditional culture and moral values of humanity.

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Jakub Šmíd

Jakub is a former member of the Journalists Syndicate of the Czech Republic and a long-time editor of a 6-language magazine revue of the Czech Republic Welcome to the Heart of Europe. He prepared series of interviews with Czech politicians, artists and athletes. Since 2005, he has been dealing with the human rights situation in China. He collaborated on the translation and editing of the Czech version of the book Nine Comments on the Communist Party. He spoke about the suppression of human rights in China several times as a guest of Czech Radio, Committee for Education, Science, Culture, Human Rights and Petitions of the Senate of the Czech Republic, Amnesty International at the Department of Sinology of the Palacky University in Olomouc. He organizes lectures and screenings for primary and secondary schools.



A LETTER FROM THE MA-SAN-CHIA CAMP film screening and discussion

documentary, USA, 2018, directed by Leon Lee

The combination of documentary footage from mainland China and animated passages takes us through the inaccessible world of Chinese labor camps, an underground resistance movement and, above all, one gigantic, never-ending humanitarian crisis. It all starts with a letter that travels nearly 9,000 km hidden in Halloween decorations to end its unlikely journey at a Kmart department store in Portland, USA. In it, an unknown Chinese prisoner complains about the inhumane conditions and torture in the Masanjia labor camp. And the American housewife who finds the letter decides to do something about it... And so the story of the brave prisoner of conscience Sun Yi opens to the world. He not only risked his own life to film secretly in mainland China for a year, but also supplemented the unique footage with masterful cartoon reports from prison life. Life in Communist China is like walking on a knife's edge, and Sun's only certainty is his belief in good and just cosmic principles. Can he win the fight against the atheistic police superstate? The answer can be found in the Letter from the Ma-san-chia Camp. The film won the main and audience prizes at several world documentary film festivals.



RESPECT
FOR THE NATURAL RIGHTS
OF HUMAN BEINGS

As a part of the global network of Helsinki Committees, the Czech Helsinki Committee is a stable non-profit organization that has gained a reputation for its long-term activity, which is also accentuated by the institutions whose activities it monitors from the point of view of human rights.

CHC has long-term and regular mapping of the situation in Czech prisons, directly in the field during inspection visits, during which it closely cooperates with the Prison Service of the Czech Republic. Convicts turn to the CHC not only with requests for advice in dealing with the life situations that await them after release, but also in matters such as bullying or ill-treatment in prison, based on an exception from the control of correspondence.

A large part of CHC's activities is a registered professional social counseling service providing general legal assistance to all those in need. A significant part of the clients in this service are homeless people, victims of violence, or imprisoned persons.

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Mgr. Yuliia Mohylda

Counseling Center lawyer

Yuliia is an Ukrainian attorney-at-law who practices the law of human rights protection. She joined this team in project Counseling Center of CHC during spring of 2022. She likes reading, art, yachting, photography. She is fluent in English, Ukrainian and studying Czech.

Human Rights Its value and twilight

"Human rights. Its value and twilight" is aimed at the participants' full acquisition of 3 basic skills:

- Ability to define the multifaceted concept of human rights and increase the level of education in the field of human rights.
- The ability to monitor the evolution of human rights.
- Increasing sensitivity to the changing state of human rights in society.

Session program:

1. Acquaintance. Formation of expectations.
2. Catalog of human rights.
3. Application levels.
4. The state or why not human duties.
5. Inflation of human rights.
6. Human rights during armed conflicts.
7. The potential of the system.
8. Potential development steps.
9. The place and role of professional communities working with human rights.
10. Own daily experience of working with the human rights of Ukrainians who received temporary protection in the Czech Republic.

LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Human Rights League is a human rights watchdog. We point out violations of basic rights of mostly vulnerable people (patients, mothers, people with disabilities, children) and promote positive systemic changes to make life better for these people. The specific content of the job is diverse. We propose or comment on legislative changes, communicate with state representatives, provide legal assistance to selected (so-called strategic) clients, run a free legal consultancy, educate students and experts, etc.

website: www.llp.cz.



Karel Lach

lawyer in League of Human Rights

Karel has been working in the League as a lawyer since September 2019. He is currently in charge of running legal consultancy, including the coordination of a team of volunteers. Karel is actively involved in the issue of violations of the fundamental rights of vulnerable people (e.g. patients, persons with disabilities, children, etc.) in the field of health care, social and legal protection of children, limiting autonomy and discrimination in education. On behalf of the League, Karel participates in the meetings of the Committee against Torture and Other Inhuman, Cruel, Degrading Treatment and Punishment and the Committee for the Rights of the Child of the Government Council of the Czech Republic for Human Rights. Outside of the League, Karel is involved in self-development and educational projects and activities for young people, dances, takes photos, travels and likes to attend various cultural events.

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Protection vs. autonomy of an involuntarily hospitalized patient

One of the most fundamental values that our legal system protects is freedom. It can be limited only after meeting certain legal conditions. One such situation is the hospitalization of a person without his/her consent. The law allows it, but we encounter many fundamental problems both within the framework of the legislation and its interpretation, and in practice from the approach of health service providers, courts and attorneys.

At the workshop, I will present the basic legal framework of involuntary hospitalization to the participants and point out the main problems associated with it. Subsequently, we will talk about broader contexts, possible solutions and directions and experiences from abroad, taking into account the relationship between protection and respect for the autonomy of the hospitalized person's will. After the workshop, participants will know when a person can be hospitalized in the Czech Republic without their consent and what their basic rights and protection options are. They will think about balancing the protection and autonomy of the will of such a patient.