

1. Training of youths for peer educators in the field of environmental protection.

The training started on 24th June, 2013 in Surdulica (the Republic of Serbia), where, within a five-day period, up to 28th June, 2013, participants got information from the field of ecology, acquired basic facilitation skills as well as some basic knowledge about the development of peer education program. The training consisted of teaching the basic knowledge about ecology, pollution and environmental protection. It was carried out through workshops, whereas young educators had the opportunity to directly face the problems of pollution and get some information about the residents' attitudes towards the environment.

The training of peer educators started on 24th June, 2013, with the arrival of 20 selected students from the Secondary School in Tran, with the team from the partner school. After providing the accommodation and introducing with young educators from Serbia, the training began. The training was carried out in the hall of the hotel "Serbia", where educators and project team were placed. An expert in the field of ecology as well as an interpreter was engaged in the training, while assistants, who worked with the youths, and other members of the project team had an active participation in the training.

On the first day of training, the educators were presented with the training plan, and they were also given materials with the agenda for the training in Surdulica. At the beginning of the training, the participants did the test about ecology in order to show their level of knowledge about ecology, environment and pollution. At the same time, this test also had the purpose to compare the level of knowledge that participants are going to have after the training. The lectures, carried out on the first day, aimed at gaining knowledge about the basic concepts of ecology, dangerous substances in the environment, ramifications of pollution, and finally, peer education.

The training on the second day implied a bit more intensive work that involved work on the field. In the morning hours, the participants had lectures related to ecology, or to be more precise, circulation of matter in nature, natural and artificial sources of pollution and pollution of the soil. Within the morning activities, young educators had a workshop and presentation of their works related to the topic "Healthy diet". After lunch, they agreed on the field work that implied identification of ecological problems on the territory of Municipality Surdulica, as well as the analysis and comments about the ecological problems that had been spotted.



Field work and identification of eco-problems

The third day of training was identical with the previous day. In the morning, it consisted of gaining knowledge about air pollution, water pollution and water purification. Through debates and conversations, young educators had the chance to give their opinion and attitude to pollution problems. The workshop called “Healthy planet” was carried out .



Presentation of works within workshops

Afternoon hours were planned for the fieldwork and identification of ecological problems as well as conversation with the population about ecological problems in the town and its surroundings.

On the fourth day of the training, young educators had the chance to find out more about ionizing radiation as the source of pollution and to discover more about fires and protection from noise.



Working atmosphere

In the afternoon, young educators had the opportunity to visit the exhibition of drawings in the gallery of Cultural Center of Surdulica, named "Healthy food-ecology in us". Besides that, a lecture called "Healthy food" was also held in the gallery.

The fifth, or the last day of training , in Surdulica was specified for the topic " Protection and preservation of the environment" . The repeated testing of the students about ecology and environment showed that the training had been carried out successfully and the goals of the training were completely accomplished. The training in Surdulica was finished on 28th June, 2013.