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**First Children ' s Embassy in the World – Megjashi – 1992-2003**

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**1. NON – FORMAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LOW SOCIAL STATUS**

In the beginning of May, after we had finished the preparation for the children's workshops and contacted with the children wards of the Municipality Centre for Social Work in Skopje and with the children-members of the First Children's Embassy in the World – Megjashi, we formed 11 workshops: four workshops for English language, two for computers, one for German, French, literature and art. Every working day two workshops are holding each lasts 90 minutes except on Thursday when the origami workshop is holding. In the workshops are included 90 children who get the basic knowledge of the areas that they had chosen, with the help of volunteers. These workshops will take place continuously during the summer and in that way we will give them an opportunity to fulfill their free

time creatively. The project is financed by the World bank, and coordinator of the project is Luiza Isailovska.

## **2. ACTION FOR CITIZENSHIP THROUGH THEATRE**

Since 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 First Children's Embassy in the World – Megjashi and Centro Regionale d'Intervento per la Cooperazione (CRIC), with financial support from EU, managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction, has started to realize the project: "Action for citizenship through theatre". The objective of the project is to strengthen the basis of multi-ethnic citizen society through active involvement of children and youths in creation of theatre performance asking for support of their families. The children will be included in artistic workshop in order to create four theatre performance that will be presented on 16 locations in Macedonia. A documentary film about the activities in the project, will be recorded

Direct beneficiaries of the project are the children and youths between 11 and 18 years, their families and three multi-ethnic schools in the region of Skopje. The schools are: "Petar Zdravkovski - Penko" in Cair settlement, "26 Juli" in Suto Orizari and "Partenie Zogravski in Gazi Baba. The sum of the participants and users in this project will be about 6.500 individuals from different ethnic groups from at least 16 communities in our country. The time of the project is 8 months, and its coordinator is Magdalena Rizova-Chernih.

## **3. STEFAN PLESKONIK – CHILD CONSUL OF THE FCEW-MEGJASHI**

From 25<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July in the National gallery for National arts in Sofia was opened the sixth independent exhibition of the eight years old Stefan Pleskonik. The exhibition was opened with a big presence of ambassadors, The Ministry of Culture of Bulgaria, as well as a big number of journalists. The exhibition was opened by our ambassador in Bulgaria, Mr. Ljubisha Gjeorgjievski. On June 27<sup>th</sup> 2003 by his own will Bulgarian premier and a king of Bulgaria Simeon Saksoburgotski visited the exhibition and received a picture from Stefan called The Bulgarian colors, and he gave him acryl colors. The opening and also this event came across great interest to the Bulgarian public, and in all popular Bulgarian shows and newspapers. At the closing of the exhibition (the eight room of the art), Stefan got special

award from the Bulgarian Ministry of Culture and from the same gallery. Participants in this gallery in the last eight years were also: Pako de Lucia, Richey Blakemore, Sting, Vanessa May, Boishoy theatre and others. After Brussels, Warszawa and New York Stefan conquered Sofia too.

#### **4. NATIONAL BICYCLE RACE**

From 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 bicycle race would be preserve all over Macedonia. Race is organize to be a base of ecological awareness with its motto "I'm riding a bicycle for health and a clean environment". Race would take several instructions which would be happening at a precise time of day. One of instructions is a national, which takes a participation of 30 professional bicyclists from Republic of Macedonia which would be racing three routs with length of 360 kilometers:

1. route: Skopje – Kumanovo – Sv. Nikole – Kocani (140 km)
2. route: Kocani – Veles – Negotino – Kavadarci (110 km)
3. route: Kicevo – Gostivar – Tetovo – Skopje (120 km)

The professional cyclists were from: Skopjr, Kumanovo, Sv. Nikole, Kocani, Veles, Kavadarci, Radovis and Kicevo.

Other instruction is a local one and contains amateur racing round nine cities in Macedonia and it involved 22 Mak Action activists as organizers of local events, over 100 Mak Action volunteers support local events. There were 436 amateur cyclists that competed at local level, at age from 12 years to 60 years old. Greatest number of participants (around 350) was at the age 12 – 18 years. Winners of the local amateur races in all 9 towns at the age 12 – 18 were awarded new bicycles, and 40 participants won other prizes like helmets, backpacks, gloves etc. Approximately 7000 – 8000 spectators viewed the whole event through Macedonia.

Bicycle race is organize by Macedonian volunteer for action – a project for promotion and development of volunteerism and as a technical organizer is Sport Union of Skopje. Financier of project is Initiative for help at community/The American governmental agency for international development, and administrator is First Children's Embassy in the world – Megjashi.Coordinator of this project are Snezana Janeska and Mitko Georgiev.

#### **5. FAMILIES IN OUR SHELTER**

#### **6. ADVOCASY**

As one of the multilateral activates on the FCEW-Megjashi is issue in helpful on the multilateral positive and negative sides in human lives. One of that activates is taken over for Suarez Alaskan from Skopje and Sonja Geneva from Skopje.

Suarez Alaskan is young person who had a lot of optimisms and courage who no matter what he had damaged sight the things always do till the end .Thanks to the FCEW-Magmata he could finish the thirty grade in secondary school in the center for children's with damaged sights "Demeter Vlahos", and write down in fourth grade in the same school graphic materials section. Sonja Geneva is unemployed self-supporting mother who has three children's from who the oldest sun (22) suffer from epilepsy and every day he needs a medical aid. She also has a daughter (17) and a sun (5) and in these moments they are on the street. The FCEW - Megjashi stand seeking to the Ministry of effort and social works, Mr. Jovan Manasievski with hope that he can help them for their accommodation in the shads in the village of Cicino.

## **7. PARTICIPATION ON NATIONAL TRAINING**

From 28<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2003 Executive Director MA-Dragi Zmijanac who was present on National training for public Advocacy and Lobbying, in Albany-New York and Washington, USA. His presence was enabled by World Learning and People Work, and it was financed by USAID.

## **8. ISC – project**

The lacks of communication and the overload with prejudices between the high school pupils from Macedonian and Albanian nationalities, are very often expressed through everyday conflict situations in the high schools and out of them. With intention to provide a space for non-violent communication, FCEW – Megjashi with cooperation of the NGO Rubikon, has started a new project which contains the following two components, which will help to improve the communication between students from Macedonian and Albanian nationalities in the medical high school in Skopje:

- **Education organizational component** with training of a part of the pedagogical personnel and creating informal net of professors for nonviolent cooperation of conflicts and
- **Active component of communication** with organizing workshops for high school pupils and different kinds of activities initiated by students.

This project is enabled by the Institute for Sustainable Communities-ISC and the American agency for international development – USAID.

Best regards from First Children's Embassy in the World-Megjhasi team!