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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – MITROVICA EDITION

CALL FOR ALL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AGED 18-24

Join the **Community Leadership Academy**, a 12-week activity designed to get you **organized** and **committed to positive changes** in your community.

The Academy offers training and professional preparation through workshops, meetings and practical work that enable you to develop skills for organizing and implementing community initiatives, as well as build a network with activists and other professionals. Participate in the Academy and become an active and responsible citizen in the communities where you live and are active. This program is a unique experience developed by trainers with proven knowledge and experience.

YOU QUALIFY FOR THE ACADEMY ACTIVITY IF:

- You are **18 – 24 years old**;
- You are from **South or North Mitrovica, Skenderaj, Vushtrri, Leposaviq, Zvečan, or Zubin Potok**;
- You are interested in expanding your **knowledge** and **skills** to **commit to positive changes** in your **community/school/local organization**;
- You are you interested in **youth participation/civil society organization/activism in the community**;
- You are ready and motivated to join and complete the Academy program by attending it regularly, as well as to benefit from **other commitments** and **opportunities** after the Academy.

KCSF encourages gender and ethnic inclusivity.

HOW TO APPLY?

If you meet the criteria, click and fill the [Application Form](#) to become one of the 25 participants selected to begin the journey of **learning** and **community activism**.

The application is open until **February 22, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.** So, **hurry up and be part of our program!** If you are accepted and commit to completing **the Academy program (March – May 2024)**, you will receive the best possible support and preparation to **organize your communities** and **bring about changes** with the support of **Citizen Engagement Activity** which is implemented by **KCSF** in partnership with the **USAID mission in Kosovo**.



The detailed program of the Academy will be shared with the participants after the selection process.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ACADEMY, YOU WILL BE BETTER PREPARED FOR:

1. The basic principles of democracy and the role of citizens in preserving and developing democracy;
2. Democratic development in Kosovo, including weaknesses, challenges and opportunities for further development;
3. Identification of the main problems and issues affecting your neighbourhood or city, or the community group you belong to or support, as well as finding opportunities to address these problems through citizen engagement;
4. Leadership and activism, including critical thinking, communication, expansion of advocacy group and community, and research skills;
5. The process of developing an initiative to address an issue/need in your community.

AND YOU WILL:

6. Demonstrate increased confidence in your abilities to bring about positive social change;
7. Collaborate and expand your personal and professional networks with others committed to positive change in Kosovo.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE ACTIVITY, YOU WILL ALSO:

- be provided with a certificate;
- develop and compete with original ideas for implementing an initiative in your community;
- serve as a point of reference and support for activism and participation in public life for members of the community where you live;
- become part of a network of young activists, which is the first of this format in Kosovo.



ABOUT THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

The Citizen Engagement Activity is a five-year initiative implemented by KCSF in partnership with the USAID mission in Kosovo. The primary goal of this partnership is to nurture the culture of activism that makes life in our neighbourhoods and cities better, more caring, and more meaningful. Through its program, the Activity will carry out several actions based on three essential pillars: community engagement, increasing inter-societal trust and expanding and mobilizing new resources.

Contact us:

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