



YourJob

Youth Overcoming
Unemployment Regionally
through Job Opportunities
on the Balkans



Project info

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Caritas Albania, Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina, Caritas Kosova, Caritas Serbia together with Caritas in Austria and the financial support of the Austrian Development Cooperation, Medicor Foundation, Secours Catholique and Renovabis have launched a regional program called YourJob - Youth Overcoming Unemployment Regionally through Job Opportunities on the Balkans, in order to increase employability of young people in the Western Balkans. The idea behind the programme is to give young people, especially those who are engaged neither through education, employment nor training, the opportunity to shape their future prospect for internships and starting a business. The added value of this program is the cooperation of Caritas organizations from the region, through joint messages of advocacy and lobbying, as well as the development of strategies that offer long-term solutions.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: To contribute to the employability of young people of ages 15 to 30 and create opportunities for their employment in Southeast Europe.

EXPECTED RESULTS: Increased employability of vulnerable young people with professional orientation, career counselling as well as firstwork experience and entrepreneurial practice. Employers in the Balkans show an increased level willingness to integrate the young workforce into their businesses. Planned activities: to open Caritas Youth Employment Counselling centres, training for active job search, organizing seminars to strengthen youth skills, organizing the training sessions, supporting programs for adult vocational training and education and internship programs, the incubation of business ideas, and grants for the start-up of social enterprises.



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Editor's note

Dear readers,

YourJob program has closed the first year of experiences, challenges and achievements in working with young people. This is one of the biggest opportunities offered to youth in four Balkan countries to face the challenges of unemployment, education, professional qualification and a series of other personal and interpersonal challenges.

We are pleased to present the fourth edition of the newsletter with the main topic: "YourJob during Covid-19 times".

Unfortunately the Covid-19 virus is still active in whole world but YourJob team has never stopped working, in the articles below you will find themes such as: Success Stories, Online-Counselling, Online-Trainings, Internships, Training- Strengthening work teams to empower young entrepreneurs.

Nikolin Sopi

Caritas Kosova

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YourJob – Message by Caritas Austria

Because of the Covid-19 virus almost the whole world has been in a lockdown. In one country after another,, people were separated and asked to stay at home. **The world has changed.** This little virus got the whole world trembling, hit all of us equally - the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak.

And even in tough times we have to share our responsibilities, our love, our values of solidarity and co-responsibility. Caritas' overall aim during the lockdown was to continue with our work to serve fellow humans.

Tackling problems and finding innovative solutions within the network! During the Corona-crisis one big advantage of the worldwide Caritas network was the exchange of experiences, and therefore we want to continue and focus on that and share the story of a very successful and very well-known social business of Caritas in Austria.



20 years ago, the tag.werk in Graz opened its doors and provided easy access to vocational education and creative development for young people who have limited access to the Austrian labour market. Usually they produce stylish bags and rucksacks, and during the corona lockdown, the production changed on short notice: Instead of stylish bags made of truck tarpaulins and old leather jackets,

the company started to produce face masks and face visors. Our colleague in Graz - Anna - asked Bernhard, the department manager of tag.werk and stoff.werk.graz, about the challenges and success factors when dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic situation and lockdown. Bernhard: *“The challenge was to comply with the corona rules and to start up producing large quantities.*

*It was not easy to get the required raw material or to deliver it in time. When more and more face masks were needed, volunteers helped us in the production. stoff.werk.graz, which was responsible for the production, launched an appeal in social networks and through media. People who wanted to help, contacted us via the Caritas hotline. We then sent sewing instructions to the volunteers by email or mobile phone and they sewed the masks at home and sent them to us by local post. Within eleven weeks, 42,000 fabric masks were made. Again we have learned about **success factors: Reacting quickly to needs and being among the first, reacting quickly to changes and taking decisions in a quick manner, and having the ability to access and mobilise human resources.** It is also important to be transparent in what you do.*

*And then, of course, you need employees who are passionate about the idea and the project, who are good at implementing it. And what you always need is a network of people with whom you can solve problems.”*We can attribute all these success factors to our partners in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia. Caritas Austria can consider itself very proud to be able to work with such motivated partners. We have one common home – and we are one human family!

Anna Steiner & Denise Wilfinger

Caritas Styria & Caritas Austria



Links on articles

Caritas Albania



Internships



Training-
Strengthening work
teams to empower
young entrepreneurs



Work challenges
during COVID-19



Application for
Boot-Camp in
Albania



SUCCESS STORY OF
MARIGLEN



Read the story of Mariglen Pecaku

A different life possibility for Mariglen!

Mr. Mariglen Pecaku is a 19 years young boy living in Shkodra. His life has been very difficult, as he has grown up with his mother, two sisters and stepfather, as his mother divorced his biological father when she was pregnant. Economic hardships have caused them to beg on the streets for charity and not attending school regularly. His stepfather, in unexplained circumstances, killed his mother and is serving his sentence in prison. After this occurrence, his sisters were sent to the SOS's village and Mariglen was sent to an orphanage.



From the info meetings with Parishes in Shkodra, he was introducing with Guidance Counsellor and with YourJob program. He participated also with some soft skills training's. Meanwhile, Guidance Counselor contacted a business which offers bar- restaurant- hostel, to offer Mariglen an Internship about waiter. Mariglen is very grateful for this possibility given by project, and started fully of ambition and pleasure, directly after signed MoU between Caritas, business and Mariglen.

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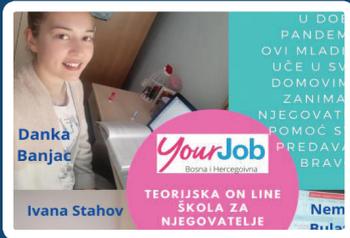


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Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina



YourJob BiH program challenges during COVID-19



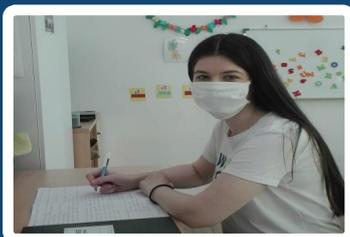
Theoretical online school for carers



YourJob BiH organized a series of five online soft skills training during Corona quarantine



YourJob info session on Instagram



Success Story

Read the story of Ivana Cerkez

Ivana Cerkez during COVID-19 time started internship as a pedagogue in The Kindergarten Mostar thanks to YourJob counselling and financial support. Furthermore, she completed an online training. This is her story.



Ivana is very grateful to the YourJob program. She is happy that this kind of program exists and offers many opportunities and services to young people. Her message to youths is "Invest in your knowledge and expertise, make your experience "build up" your CV because knowledge and quality are always noticed. The more you know the more worth you have!"

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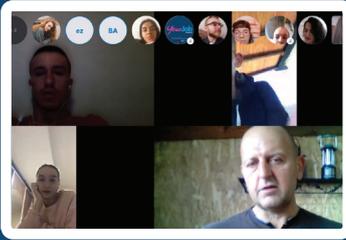


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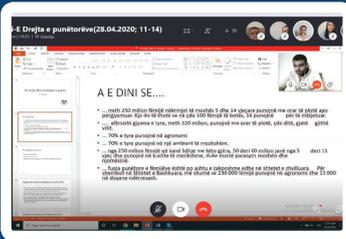
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Impressions of
YOUR JOB KOSOVA
project online training



Sales Training



Feedback from
rural students who
benefit
from yourjob Kosova



Success Story

Read the story of Donika Halabaku

Despite pandemic covid-19, YourJob Kosova at this period has systematized in practical work 4 candidates during June. 2 in Prizren, 1 in Mitrovica and 1 in Viti

To describe the details and challenges of this period, we talked to the beneficiary Donika Halabaku.



Donika also expressed her satisfaction with the possibility of practical work and since the first day has shown great enthusiasm for the work.

This has been confirmed by the staff of the mediteran company who are very pleased with the performance that Donika is showing.

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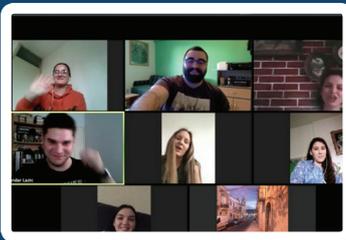
Your Job Incubator for youth Aleksinac: After Isolation – Internships



YourJob Youth Incubator Zrenjanin – Internships during the pandemic



Pitch within YourJob project was held online



Online soft skills trainings during the isolation



Meet Tamara Matic

Read the story of Tamara Matic

You should always work on yourself and learn new things, even if you think that you will not get any benefit from it. When some time passes and you encounter some obstacles, you will use your skills from the past and easily overcome all problems.



Then you will realize that everything you did have a purpose. Just work and don't give up! There will be a lot of ups and downs, but if you are constant in your intention to succeed, in the end you will surely come out as winners.

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