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ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation (NOS - OSF) is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to promote the values of open society, create opportunities for its improvement towards greater openness, transparency and equality of chances.

NOS - OSF operates in Slovakia since 1992 as part of the family of foundations known as Open Society Foundations operating in over 70 countries worldwide. Their founder is a philanthropist and financier George Soros (www.opensocietyfoundations.org). Since June 2012 NOS – OSF is a partner organization of the OSF network.

NOS - OSF implements 2 types of programs:

It's own programs which utilize professional experience and expertise of its employees, reflecting the following areas:

- *Training and education*
- *Law and well governed society*
- *Equality of opportunity*
- *Improving media*

Grant programs which provide financial support to non-governmental organizations whose activities help to:

- *Develop an open society*
- *Education*
- *Strengthen human rights and equal oportunities of disadvantaged citizens, taking specific needs of Roma into account*

VISION

„Open society is an ideal, based on the fact that our knowledge and thinking is imperfect, and that perfect society for us is unattainable. We need to settle with the second best option: with an imperfect society that is open to improvement and strives for it.“

George Soros

VALUES WHICH WE IDENTIFY WITH

- *openness*
- *dialogue*
- *non-conflict state*
- *tolerance*
- *activity*
- *transparency*
- *acceptance*
- *mutual respect*
- *responsibility*
- *free choice*

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS IN 2013

EDUCATION

By initiating activities in this area, we are trying to bring a critical view of the quality of education and its availability. We support the involvement of public and non-profit sector in education policy development, strive to strengthen the participation of teachers and parents in the process of bringing about changes in the education system and support the development of critical thinking.

We focus on linking and networking of various actors in the education field, provide space for discussions, sharing of experiences and international cooperation. Emphasis is put on the support and addressing of the situation of vulnerable groups of children, especially from excluded Roma communities.

During 2013 the education program conducted discussions, conferences, issued a publication and granted scholarships and grants, facilitating the transformation of the education system towards inclusive education model and creation of an inclusive learning environment as part of an open, multicultural and fair system.

Program activities in 2013:

PUBLICATIONS:

The result of the research on the effects of school environment on development of educational paths of Roma students in segregated and integrated schools in Slovakia is a study **EDUCATIONAL PATHS OF ROMA STUDENTS FROM SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED ENVIRONMENT**, realized by NOS-OSF in cooperation with Matej Bel University's Faculty of Education and Faculty of Education of the University of Prešov from January 2012 to January 2013. The research team was led by the authors of final research study, University teachers Štefan Porubský from Matej Bel University's Faculty of Education in Banská Bystrica and Alica Petrasová from the Faculty of Education of the University of Prešov.

DISCUSSION, CONFERENCE:

January 1., 2013, Prešov – expert debate in the Faculty of Education of the University of Prešov on the results of the research **EDUCATIONAL PATHS OF ROMA STUDENTS FROM SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED ENVIRONMENT**, outputs and feedback have been incorporated into the final study.

April 8., 2013, Prešov – presentation of research results and expert debate on the conclusions of the study **EDUCATIONAL PATHS OF ROMA STUDENTS FROM SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED ENVIRONMENT** (implemented by NOS-OSF in cooperation with Matej Bel University's Faculty of Education and Faculty of Education of the University of Prešov from January 2012 to January 2013, the debate took place in Methodology and Pedagogy Center in Prešov).

21. 5. 2013, Bratislava – **international conference INCLUSIVE EDUCATION – OPTION OR NECESSITY?**

issues were discussed in three panels: issues of education of Roma children; legal aspects of segregation cases in Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary; and possibilities of transformation of the education system towards the inclusive model. /80 participants/ The conference was devoted to the expert discussion on the issue of inclusive education at school level, level of communities and systematic arrangements in education.

The aim of the conference was to contribute to the expert debate on the need for changes in the education system in Slovakia, support the efforts to implement the principles of inclusive education at all levels of the education system, contribute towards finding solutions to removing barriers in education for all children, taking children from marginalized Roma communities into account, capitalize experience and results from the work of various education actors (from academical

environment, non-governmental sector and from government institutions), promote culture of cooperation between sectors and mobilize various groups of actors in the education field.

October 28., 2013, Bratislava – **FRONTLINE** debate **VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN SLOVAK SCHOOL SYSTEM**. The debate focused on the violation of the rights of those children whose right to education is with various justifications denied by schools and state institutions.

On **December 9., 2013**, **DEBATE WITH STUDENTS** from Psychology and Social Services and Counseling programmes on the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care was held **on Constantine The Philosopher University in Nitra** to present the results of research on the issue of segregated education of Roma children. Presented studies were initiated and carried out with support from the Open Society Foundation in 2012 – 2013. Oľga Gyárfašová (Institute for Public Affairs) presented the conclusions and recommendations of the research study ***Segregation or inclusion in education: A choice for schools?*** Qualitative and quantitative results of the research ***Educational paths of Roma students from disadvantaged background*** were presented by the main researchers and authors of the study, Štefan Porubský (Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica) and Alica Petrasová (University of Prešov).

EXPERT GROUP:

Working group of experts focused on support of **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION** (NOS-OSF, Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture, SGI, Institute for Public Affairs, New Education portal, Public Committee for Education Reform, Milan Šimečka Foundation).

On the initiative of NOS-OSF, the working group was formed during the years 2012 and 2013, arose from the need to accumulate joint efforts to stimulate changes in the school system towards inclusion. At the first official meeting on **June 10., 2013** the participants discussed the possible directions of joint efforts, two preliminary courses have been outlined – one was wide public discussion on the issue of inclusive education with strong involvement of parents in this discourse (New Education portal as initiator of this course prepared an 18-month strategy of this campaign during summer); the second course was an effort to promote the opening up of schools towards the wider public with the involvement of local governments and communities in the support of the quality of education in primary schools. On September 10., 2013, at the second meeting of this working group, given the transformational changes in NOS-OSF and given the reduced financial and moral support to the education program of NOS-OSF, and thereby reduced activities of this program in the coming period, we have temporarily restricted our engagement in this group which however continues its initiative to promote inclusive education in Slovakia.

OTHER GRANTS AWARDED:

Škola dokorán n.o.

25 489 EUR

Trvalá udržateľnosť Škola dokorán n.o. (Permanent sustainability)

Scholarship program for Roma high school students

In 2013, NOS-OSF team received 410 applications for scholarships for Roma high school students, of which 344 applications met the criteria of the project. Out of the 344 applications, NOS-OSF supported 320 Roma high school students, of which 50 were grammar school students, 70 students from SOŠ with grade average up to 1,5 and 200 students from Secondary Professional Schools with grade average from 1,6 to 3,0.

The Program allows the supported high school students to directly use two other services at the schools, that is mentoring services by teachers – mentoring and free tutoring. The project involved 42 mentors and 68 tutors who worked on 101 schools and provided mentoring to 310 scholarship

high school students. 110 students were without mentors. It was those students who achieved good results and the schools did not consider it necessary for them to apply for mentoring.

Of 320 students, 310 passed successfully. 1 student had to quit school from health reasons right after the semestral evaluation, 9 students didn't pass.

Granted scholarships:

Ádám Juraj	Rožňava	Cibuľa Alexander	Rimavské Janovce
Adam Tomáš	Nacina Ves	Cibuľová Loreta	Rimavská Sobota
Badová Valéria	Košice	Cina Mário	Vyšný Orlík
Badžová Dominika	Košice	Cina Michal	Vyšný Orlík
Bagárová Oľga	Smižany	Cina Miloš	Stropkov
Baláž Peter	Nitrianske Pravno	Czímer István	Kolárovo
Balážová Anita	Liptovský Hrádok	Čechová Simona	Lukov
Balážová Klaudia	Hontianske Nemce	Čonková Kristína	Dobšiná
Balog Dezider	Kecеровce	Čurda Marián	Levoča
Balog Kristián	Veľké Dravce	Danielová Dominika	Helcmanovce
Balog Miroslav	Soľ	Danihelová Michaela	Prievidza
Balog Slavomír	Hodejov	Danyi Adam	Lenartovce
Balogová Dagmara	Malčice	Danyi Atila	Jesenské
Balogová Dominika	Kysak	Danyiová Diana	Rimavská Seč
Balogová Irma	Kecеровce	Davidová Alexandra	Giraltovce
Balogová Ivana	Kysak	Demeter František	Michalovce
Balogová Klaudia	Rozhanovce	Demeterová Miriama	Remetské Hámre
Balogová Romana	Kecеровce	Didiová Katarína	Hontianske Tesáre
Balogová Svetlana	Sečovská Polianka	Doktor Roland	Prešov
Bangová Jana	Levoča	Doležal Tomáš	Košice
Baniková Lea	Soľ	Dome Omar	Šaľa
Bari Ladislav	Lenartovce	Dreveháková Mária	Bardejov
Barkociová Monika	Jelšovce	Ďudňová Veronika	Soľ
Bartoš Ľudovít	Kremnica	Dunko Viliam	Hliník nad Hronom
Bartošová Júlia	Kremnica	Dunková Silvia	Kežmarok
Batka Adrián	Veľké Kapušany	Dunková Silvia	Slovenská Ves
Bikárová Gabriela	Kuzmice	Dunková Skarleta	Kežmarok
Bilá Lenka	Giraltovce	Dužda Stanislav	Giraltovce
Bilá Tatiana	Giraltovce	Duždová Timea	Košice
Billá Michaela	Malcov	Džudžo Roland	Košice
Bodorová Silvia	Nová bašta	Džudžová Gabriela	Košice
Boldiová Eunika	Jelšava	Fabula Zdenko	Turčianske Teplice
Botoš Róbert	Jesenské	Fečo Daniel	Okrúhle
Botoš Roman	Veľká nad Ipľom	Fečo Jozef	Giraltovce
Botošová Erika	Fíľakovo	Fečová Eva	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Bryndzák Róbert	Jelšava	Fečová Nikola	Giraltovce
Bundová Nikola	Seňa	Fedáková Jarmila	Bukovce
Buša Viktor	Rimavská Seč	Fejczová Karolína	Bardejov

Fejczová Nikola	Bardejov	Hlaváč Ivan	Štítnik
Ferenc Lukáš	Vyšný Orlík	Hlaváčová Terézia	Štítnik
Ferenc Lukáš	Vyšný Orlík	Hlucho-Horvátová Daniela	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Ferenc Patrik	Cernina	Holub Miroslav	Spišský Hrhov
Ferenc Peter	Soľ	Holubová Barbora	Spišský Hrhov
Ferenc Peter	Vyšný Orlík	Holubová Monika	Prešov
Ferencová Radka	Vyšný Orlík	Horňák Ján	Zalužice
Feriová Juliana	Zámutov	Horňák Peter	Hnojné
Ferko Lukáš	Rožňava	Horvát Dávid	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Ferko Patrik	Tornaľa	Horvát Patrik	Bardejov
Filka Kristián	Moldava nad Bodvou	Horvát Šimon	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Fízerová Stanislava	Závadka nad Hronom	Horváth Nicolas	Rimavská Seč
Gábor Ján	Kecеровce	Horváth Tomáš	Michalovce
Gábor Milan	Kecеровce	Horváthová Alena	Prakovce
Gábor Miroslav	Kecеровce	Horváthová Anna	Veľká Ida
Gáborová Klaudia	Kecеровce	Horváthová Dominika	Slovinky
Gáborová Martina	Kecеровce	Horváthová Iveta	Slovinky
Gáborová Simona	Kežmarok	Horváthová Miroslava	Hnúšťa
Gáborová Tatiana	Kecеровce	Horváthová Miroslava	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Gáborová Veronika	Helcmanovce	Horvátová Laura	Bidovice
Galjuš Kamila Kamala	Prešov	Horvátová Monika	Hanušovce nad Topľou
Gaži Mário	Košice	Huňák Lukáš	Soľ
Gáži Michal	Brezno	Huňák Marek	Soľ
Geňová Petra	Hnúšťa	Huňák Martin	Soľ
Gora Bartolomej	Kecеровce	Huňák Pavol	Soľ
Goroľ Jozef	Soľ	Huňák Peter	Soľ
Goroľ Štefan	Prešov	Ikri Tibor	Rožňava
Goroľová Klaudia	Stražské	Jakab Ferdinand	Rimavská Sobota
Grajcárová Vlasta	Zalužice	Jana Zacharová	Poniky
Grundza Ladislav	Kružľová	Janoščíková Renáta	Poprad
Grundza Michal	Košice	Janová Izabela	Košice - Šaca
Grundza Stanislav	Kružľová	Jarková Sára	Vranov nad Topľou
Grundzová Dominika	Kružľová	Jeseníčová Mária	Nové Zámky
Grundzová Miroslava	Vyšný Orlík	Jónášová Sabína	Včelince
Grundzová Petra	Havaj	Juhasová Džesika	Gíraltovce
Grundzová Radka	Kružľová	Juhasová Rebeka	Gíraltovce
Grundzová Simona	Košice	Kačur Rastislav	Spišský Hrhov
Gul'kášová Jarmila	Kunova Teplica	Kačurová Jana	Spišský Hrhov
Hadiová Martina	Kysak	Kamenská Dominika	Poltár
Haffner Jakub	Liptovský Hrádok	Kamenská Miroslava	Poltár
Hakelová Iveta	Krupina	Kanaloš Patrik	Svidník
Hamburgbadžo Kristián	Spišský Hrhov	Kanaloš Róbert	Humenné
Hamburgbadžo Róbert	Spišský Hrhov	Kanalošová Jaroslava	Svidník
Hangurbadžo Tomáš	Podolíneec	Karalo Ľubomír	Slavošovce
Hangurbadžová Mária	Podolíneec	Karalová Nikola	Spišský Štiavnik
Hangurbadžová Natália	Poprad	Királyová Mária	Žiar nad Hronom
Harvanová Lenka	Heľpa	Knapeková Diana	Veľký Krtíš
Heráková Beáta	Holíč		

Kočko Boris	Levoča	Mydliarová Patrícia	Úbrež
Koky Dušan	Stará Ľubovňa	Novák Tibor	Lučenec
Koky Ľubomír	Spišská Teplica	Oláh Ján	Banská Bystrica
Koky Štefan	Markušovce	Oláhová Zuzana	Dolná Strehová
Kokyová Ľubomíra	Markušovce	Ondič Peter	Stará Ľubovňa
Kokyová Zdenka	Markušovce	Oračko Marek	Holumnica
Kolesár Róbert	Košice	Oračková Kristína	Podolíne
Kompušová Patrícia	Košice	Ovšák Peter	Soľ
Kónyová Henrieta	Brzotín	Ovšáková Petronela	Soľ
Kónyová Priska	Brzotín	Pačaj Alexander	Vikartovce
Kotlár Ján	Soľ	Pačaj Matúš	Malý Slavkov
Kotlár Jozef	Liptovský Mikuláš	Palenčár Patrik	Turček
Kotlár Martin	Soľ	Palenčár Štefan	Turček
Kotlárová Helenka	Soľ	Pešta Róbert	Soľ
Kotlárová Zuzana	Sečovce	Peštová Michaela	Soľ
Kovács Zsolt	Veľký Blh	Pišta Tomáš	Veľký Slavkov
Kováčsová Monika	Dolné Plachtince	Pišťová Martina	Veľký Slavkov
Kováč Gabriel	Veľká nad Ipľom	Pitulová Martina	Smižany
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Kováčová Elena	Dolné Plachtince	Poláková Angelika	Spišský Hrhov
Kováčová Mária	Bušince	Polyáková Laura	Brzotí
Kováčová Martina	Čelovce	Pompa Dávid	Toporec
Kováčová Nikola	Banská Bystrica	Pompa Jozef	Kežmarok
Krok Jozef	Košice	Pompová Klaudia	Slovenská Ves
Kronová Eva	Prešov	Pompová Lýdia	Spišská Belá
Kronová Petra	Prešov	Pompová Mária	Jakubany
Lakatos Milan	Pohronský Ruskov	Pompová Vladimíra	Slovenská Ves
Lakatosova Nikoleta	Komárno	Porteleky Ladislav	Figa
Lakatoš Roman	Dvory nad Žitavou	Porteleky Tamás	Tornaľa
Lázók Vojtech	Gemerská Ves	Putnoková Monika	Košice - Šaca
Ľoľová Jana	Vyšný Orlík	Rácová Iveta	Bánovce nad Bebravou
Lovašová Martina	Tornaľa	Rácz Roman	Lučenec
Mačo Jaroslav	Soľ	Ráčzová Jana	Mojmírovce
Maková Andrea	Rožňava	Rafaelová Martina	Kalná nad Hronom
Matiaš Štefan	Prievidza	Remperová Izabela	Rimavská Sobota
Michalková Beáta	Malčice	Révész Mário	Jelšava
Mirgová Ladislava	Spišský Štvrtok	Rezanková Adela	Vehec
Mitáčová Nikola	Soľ	Ridaj Radoslav	Pavlovce nad Uhom
Mitráš Jaroslav	Bystré nad Topľou	Rigóová Ildikó	Nový Život
Mitráš Miroslav	Soľ	Ruszó Ján	Tornaľa
Mižigárová Adriána	Jaklovce	Rybárová Gabriela	Košice
Mošorová Veronika	Košice	Rybárová Silvia	Košice
Mucová Patrícia	Závadka nad Hronom	Sajko Oto	Lenartovce
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Mušuková Simona	Čierny Balog	Sándorová Mária	Michalovce

Sási Alexander	Košice	Žigová Adriána	Bidovice
Sási Arnold	Košice	Žigová Jana	Košice
Sivák Kristián	Vyšný Orlík	Žigová Júlia	Jasov
Sivák Marián	Kružlová	Žigová Markéta	Bidovce
Sivák Miloš	Bardejov	Žigová Timea	Mníšek nad Hnilcom
Sivák Miroslav	Kružlová		
Sivák René	Vyšný Orlík		
Sivák Tomáš	Bardejov		
Siváková Mária	Zborov		
Slepčík Patrik	Rozhanovce		
Slišková Milada	Humenné		
Szajková Ildikó	Košice		
Szendreiová Patrícia	Veľký Ďur		
Šamková Ivana	Gíraltovce		
Šamková Soňa	Marhaň		
Šamková Valentína	Kružlová		
Šándorová Radka	Košice		
Šarkozi Tomáš	Zvolen		
Šárkoziová Aneta	Dvory nad Žitavou		
Šárkoziová Mária	Kremnica		
Šereš Peter	Číž		
Šoma Lukáš	Vyšný Orlík		
Šoma Michal	Vyšný Orlík		
Študijová Daniela	Gíraltovce		
Tokárová Mária	Humenné		
Tomášová Klaudia	Zámutov		
Tomesová Nikoleta	Rožňava		
Tomková Kristína	Smrečany		
Tomková Noemi	Smrečany		
Tóthová Mária	Hliník nad Hronom		
Tóthová Miroslava	Veľké Kapušany		
Tulejová Renáta	Košice		
Vaľanyová Timea	Gíraltovce		
Vaňová Mária Magdaléna	Košice		
Váradiová Barbora	Štrkovec		
Váradiová Orsolya	Štrkovec		
Várady Dávid	Hostice		
Varga Milan	Starňa		
Vašková Stanislava	Košice		
Viola Jaroslav	Plešivec		
Viola Nikolas	Plešivec		
Viola Vojtech	Plešivec		
Violová Janette	Slavošovce		
Virágová Henrieta	Levice		
Záslav Lukáš	Hontianske Tesáre		
Zsíros Csaba	Hostice		
Zubatý Patrik	Krásnohorské Podhradie		
Žigmundová Judita	Hontianske Nemce		

Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program

Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program is implemented by NOS – OSF in collaboration with the Roma education fund Budapest since 2007. The aim of the program is to motivate Roma students from accredited universities in Slovakia, through grade scholarships, to achieve the highest education and create conditions for adequate placing in the future. The application process takes place online. Closing of the program was set on May 24., 2013. On July 18. and 19., 2013, the selected freshman students on all study-levels received a personal interview with members of the commission in the NOS – OSF branch in Prešov.

On October 30., 2013, a meeting of supported grantees of the RMUSP program was held in Nitra, which was designed to enable the grantees to gain more information on the REF activities and get to know other fellow grantees of the program.

In the academic year 2012/13, 93 Roma university students have received a scholarship.

Expert commission of the program:

Agnes Horváthová, Romano Kher, Bratislava

Alica Petrasová, University of Prešov, Prešov

Lýdia Gabčová, Roma Institute, Bratislava

Granted scholarships:

Adam	Róbert	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Andrej	Ladislav	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Balog	Ján	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Balog	Milan	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Bartošová	Iveta	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Bartošová	Nikola	Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín in Trenčín
Bene	Olivia	Selye János University in Komárno
Berky	Marek	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Berky	Ján	Police Academy in Bratislava
Bihari	Ivan	Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava
Botošová	Eva	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Bužo	Lukáš	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Bužová	Ivana	University of Prešov in Prešov
Cína	Miroslav	Technical University of Ostrava
Cína	Miloš	Masaryk University in Brno
Čonková	Miroslava	Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
Danihelová	Inéz	University of Prešov in Prešov
Danišová	Alica	Comenius University in Bratislava
Deme	Ján	Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
Duda	Ladislav	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Dunka	Ivan	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Facunová	Monika	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Farkašová	Lucia	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Farkašová	Monika	University of Constantinus the Philosopher in Nitra
Balazs	František	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Gáborová	Gabriela	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work

Gaborová Kroková	Jana	University of Prešov in Prešov
Gašpar	Ľubomír	Ján Albrecht Music and Art Academy in Banská Štiavnica
Godla	Róbert	International Business College in Prešov
Goroľ	Lukáš	Dubnica Technology Institute in Dubnica nad Váhom
Goroľ	Matúš	Dubnica Technology Institute in Dubnica nad Váhom
Goroľová	Lenka	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Goroľová	Otília	University of Economics in Bratislava
Goroľová	Marta	University of Prešov in Prešov
Grajcarová	Michaela	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Gumanová	Jana	College of Public Administration Economics and Management
Gunár	Erik	University of Prešov in Prešov
Hamburgbadžo	Róbert	University of Economics in Bratislava
Hluchová Horvátová	Daniela	University of Prešov in Prešov
Hluchová Horvátová	Valéria	University of Prešov in Prešov
Horváth	Vojtech	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Horváth	Pavol	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Horváth	Roland	Ján Albrecht Music and Art Academy in Banská Štiavnica
Horváthová	Nikola	Comenius University in Bratislava
Hronec	Peter	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Jarková	Ružena	University of Prešov in Prešov
Jonášová	Anna	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Jonášová	Stanislava	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Kačicová	Nadežda	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Kanaloš	Michal	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Kandráčová	Simona	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Katriňák	Miroslav	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Korčkovský	David	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Kováčová	Bronislava	University of Constantinus the Philosopher in Nitra
Kováčsová	Karina	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Kroščenová	Jana	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Maková	Dana	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Maľarová	Eva	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Mirgová	Lýdia	University of Constantinus the Philosopher in Nitra
Mirgová	Jarmila	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Mitrášová	Denisa	International Business College in Prešov
Nátherová	Jolana	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Piskorová	Jana	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Pohlodková	Jozefína	University of Trnava in Trnava
Pompa	Matúš	University of Žilina in Žilina
Pompa	Dominik	Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
Pompová	Simona	Catholic University in Ružomberok
Rihariová	Barbora	Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)
Rusnák	Július	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Šandorová	Viera	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work

Sendrei	Róbert	Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica
Sendrei	Vladimír	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Sendreiová	Janka	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Sivák	Petr	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Siváková	Monika	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Slepčíková	Paulína	Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
Slišková	Milada	University of Prešov in Prešov
Štanská	Kvetoslava	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Štefanová	Nikoleta	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Študijová	Daniela	Comenius University in Bratislava
Teru	Viktor	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Tokár	Michal	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Tokárová	Božena	University of Prešov in Prešov
Tokárová	Miriama	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Tökölyová	Vlasta	Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín in Trenčín
Tóthová	Andrea	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Vaňová	Klaudia	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Vaňová	Jarmila	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Vidlička	Jozef	St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work
Vöröšová	Paula	University of Constantinus the Philosopher in Nitra
Vozárová	Andrea	Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
Žiga	Ivan	University of Prešov in Prešov

Foreign scholarships program

The program is being implemented since 1993 to enable students to study at an American or British high school, assist convergence and understanding of different cultures, learn about foreign lifestyle through stays in a family, educational programs, engaging in club and community activities.

Number of applicants: 85

Number of awarded scholarships: 9

American Secondary School for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST), USA

1. Ľudmila Babicová, Gymnázium J. G. Tajovského, Banská Bystrica
Wyoming Seminary, Pennsylvania
2. Ema Mária Gazdíková, Škola pre mimoriadne nadané deti a Gymnázium, Bratislava
St. Margaret's School, Virginia
3. Tereza Váradyová, Bilingválne gymnázium Milana Hodžu, Sučany
Colorado Rocky Mountain School, Colorado

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects for Central and Eastern Europe, Veľká Británia

1. Jakub Dovčík, Gymnázium, Javorová, Spišská Nová Ves
Old Swinford Hospital School, West Midlands
2. Mária Dudáková, Gymnázium Andreja Kmeťa, Banská Štiavnica
Windermere School, Cumbria
3. Martin Gaži, Gymnázium Františka Švantnera, Nová Baňa
Whitgift School, Surrey
4. Lucia Kotulová, Gymnázium Matky Alexie, Bratislava
New Hall School, Essex
5. Sandra Martinková, Gymnázium Jura Hronca, Bratislava
Ackworth School, Yorkshire
6. Alžbeta Virdzeková, Gymnázium P.O. Hviezdoslava, Dolný Kubín
Ashville College, Yorkshire

English Essay Competition

English Essay Competition is a competition in writing English essays for grammar school essays organized by Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti - Open Society Foundation since 1993. It is the oldest competition of this kind which is organized by a non-governmental organization.

The program this year involved **132 grammar schools, including 7 from Czech Republic**, and NOS-OSF received **902 essays**. Of all the essays committee selected **78 finalists**, among which **13 winners** were finally selected.

Essay topics:

1. Hateful speech on the Internet
2. Computers and cell phones: Do they unite or divide?
3. Education vs. wisdom

Winners in the "younger" category:

- 1. place** – **Zoltán Szoplák**, Gymnázium a ZŠ Sándora Máraiho s VJM, Košice
- 2. place** – **Katarína Polomská**, Gymnázium Jána Adama Raymana, Prešov
- 3. place** – **Denis Demeter**, Gymnázium A.H.S, Veľký Krtíš
- 4. place** – **Soňa Haľková**, Gymnázium Jána Adama Raymana, Prešov

Winners in the "older" category:

- 1. place** – **Frederik Hudák**, Gymnázium Jána Adama Raymana, Prešov
- 2. place** – **Martina Kubíková**, Gymnázium , Olomouc - Hejčín
- 3. place** – **Kristína Urbanová**, Evanjelické gymnázium, Banská Bystrica
- 4. place** – **Adam Sidó**, Gymnázium Ladislava Dúbravu, Dunajská Streda

Winners in the “English-speaking” category:

- 1. place** – **Julia Ackley**, Gymnázium Jána Papánka, Bratislava
- 1. place** – **Niamh McCullough**, Gymnázium Jána Papánka, Bratislava
- 2. place** – **Ema Červeňová**, Gymnázium Bilíkova, Bratislava
- 3. place** – **Marek Ruman**, Gymnázium Golianova, Nitra
- 4. place** – **Natália Tóthová**, Škola pre mimoriadne nadané deti a Gymnázium, Bratislava

LAW AND WELL-GOVERNED SOCIETY

Strengthening of the judiciary

Following the appointment of a new government in 2012 and thus the new Minister of Justice, Tomáš Borec, judiciary issues partially withdrew from social discourse in 2013. The public was expecting what kind of changes will the new Minister come with. Nevertheless, the problems of the judiciary were not addressed to an extent that would ensure increased trust. The state of the judiciary remains significantly polarized. NOS-OSF seeks to reflect the situation and encourages open dialogue between the judges and the public that aims to promote openness and independence of the Slovak judiciary, ethics, transparency and quality in the judicial system.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Access to justice: Barriers and solutions: Judicial professional ethics

NOS-OSF as a partner of the main organizer Via Iuris (VI) has been engaged in the preparation of a judicial conference on the topic of Judicial professional ethics. The conference was the eleventh working conference VI from the cycle Access to justice: Barriers and solutions. The conference was attended by judges, public protector of rights, lawyers, representatives of the third sector and representatives of foreign embassies.

Conclusions of the conference:

- Participants agreed on the need to **reopen the topic of judicial professional ethics**, particularly in the judge state,
- Participants of the conference **challenge The Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic**, to open the debate, in accordance with the Law on the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic, on the need for approval of the new Ethical Code, on the establishment of an ethics committee and to put emphasis on education in ethics while determining content of training of the judges,
- Participants also **urge the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic**, to implement a regular program of education in ethics,
- Participants also encourage **the wider judge community**, to take part in the establishment of ethical rules and their fulfillment, because a good code of ethics should come from the judge community itself.

With contributions appeared:

- JUDr. Anton Jaček, Chairman of the Regional Court in Trnava
- Zuzana Čaputová, Lawyer, cooperating with Via Iuris
- JUDr. Marián Trenčan, Judge of the Regional Court in Bratislava
- JUDr. Eva Behranová, Judge
- JUDr. Elena Berthotyová, Judge of the Supreme Court of Slovak Republic

Date: May 23., 2013

Partner: Via Iuris

Hate crime and extremism

Extremism has become a whole-society problem using urgent topics of unemployment, inclusive classes, social benefit abuse or crime. Leader of the People's Party Naše Slovensko (Our Slovakia), Marián Kotleba, has ridden this wave in the elections to higher territorial units, while not hiding

sympathy towards Jozef Tiszo and Slovak state, or antipathy towards the Roma. Kotleba gained 55,5% in the region of Banska Bystrica and became a regional councillor. The topic of Hedwiga Žáková Malinová doesn't leave Slovak society cold either. In 2012 – six years after the incident - General Prosecution proposed to examine her mental state at the mental hospital, in 2013 Hedwiga passed the ambulant examination. Even on basis of these matters, Hedwiga leaves Slovakia at the end of the year and becomes a Hungarian citizen. The question that comes into spotlight is the question of the needs of victims of hate violence, opportunities of their reintegration, weak-spots in institutions of first contact with these victims or knowledge of helping professions in work with this specific group. NOS-OSF tried to raise the visibility of the issue of hate and seek solutions for its elimination based on a public debate.

PROJECTS:

Projekt nežná (The Velvet Project)

On the occasion of Slovak state formation anniversary, NOS-OSF prepared public event which celebrates the principles of democracy, freedom of speech and human rights. It is a project that values the people regardless of gender, age, education, ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. At the event were screenings of films commemorating the threat of terrorism and penetration of ideas of national socialism among people. The Project nežná (Velvet Project) follows the activities of *Dost' bolo ticha* (Enough of the Silence).

Date: March 13.-14., 2013

Storočie židovských spomienok (Century of Jewish Memories)

NOS-OSF in cooperation with residents' association Centropa in Hungary prepared an international seminar for teachers of primary and secondary schools of V4 countries. The seminar offered educational methodologies focused on the topic of Holocaust and their implementation in practice, opportunities for exchange of experiences, examples of good practice and the establishment of curriculums in cooperation with the teachers themselves. The seminar took place in Budapest with the participation of 13 teachers from Slovakia.

About project: http://www.osf.sk/novinky/storocie_zidovskych_spomienok/

Partner: Centropa, Hungary

Pozitívne priestory (Positive Spaces)

The project **Sme otvorení/We are Open** offers people the freedom to choose a space without prejudice, a space where discrimination does not have a reserved seat. The project is aimed at any commercial or non-commercial space which is interested to manifest values of tolerance or multiculturalism, accepts and welcomes visitors without distinction of national, ethnic, sexual, religious or regional minority belonging. By signing up as a positive space it sends a signal that in this particular space, vulnerable groups are in the right place and at the same time welcomes the representatives of majority with similar values.

The basis of the project is a web portal, which businesses can use to demonstrate the idea of absolute tolerance and visitors may use to express their views and experience with the visited space. This creates a map of spaces where discrimination will certainly not be an issue. The project will be launched to public in 2014.

Pre-research: Psychosocial reintegration of hate crime victims

Pre-research was focused on comparison of aspects of psycho-social reintegration of hate violence victims among minorities and majority population. The main objective was the comparison of the level of processing of negative experiences of the two groups and the subsequent assessment of the quality of life of the victims. Another objective was to highlight the importance of psycho-social level

in coping with the trauma of hate violence. We then investigated how strongly do the respondents experience fear of repeating of the incident.

Mini-research serves to focus NOS-OSF in the subject of hate violence victims.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

NGO platform Hate Crime

Since 2008, NOS-OSF coordinated platform of NGO's and experts that work on the topic of intolerance, racism and extremism, which aims to encourage and develop cooperation and communication of the major players in this field.

NOS-OSF is a member of the **Committee on the Prevention and Elimination of Racism, Xenophobia, Anti-semitism and Other Forms of Intolerance** of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.

GRANTS AWARDED:

Mario Homolka

5 000 EUR

Film Od Fica do Fica / From Fico to Fico Film

Promoting transparency

Transparency of the society as well as its individual components is one of the most crucial premises for the proper functioning of the whole society. Slovakia in particular has a considerable transparency problem. According to the Transparency International's rankings it is one of the worst countries in the EU in corruption perception. Transparency is a prerequisite to the elimination of corruption.

NOS-OSF with its activities in 2013 sought to contribute to enhancement of transparency through professionalization of patient organizations and also through transfer of our experience to Balkans.

Capacity building of patient organizations

In 2013, NOS-OSF won a tender announced by the European Patient Forum (EPF) to implement capacity building project of patient organizations in Slovakia. The project aims to ensure permanent sustainability of seven Slovak patient organizations.

Within the project, NOS-OSF processed a general analysis of external environment focusing on the health system in Slovakia, seven specific analysis of external environment which are always focused on the status of patients with a particular disease (according to the participating patients organization) in the society. Strategic plans and analysis capacities of organizations will be processed in an interactive form with the very organizations. Subsequently, we will propose specific training that EPS will prepare for individual organizations.

Organizations involved in the project:

- Asociácia na ochranu práv pacientov SR (Association for the Patients Rights Protection)
- Slovilco - Slovenské združenie stomikov (Slovak Ostomy Association)
- Združenie na pomoc diabetikom (Association for Diabetic Help)
- Slovak Crohn Club
- Združenie sclerosis multiplex Nadej (Multiple Sclerosis Association Hope)
- Odos - otvorme dvere, otvorme srdcia (Odos – open the doors, open the hearts)
- Spoločnosť parkinson Slovensko (Parkinson Slovakia Society)

The project is part of the European Patients' Forum Capacity Building Programme for Patient Organisations that EPF implements in the years 2012-2014 in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

Partners:

- Európske pacientske fórum (European Patients' Forum)
- Asociácia na ochranu práv pacientov (Association for the Protection of Patients' Rights)

Towards Efficient Public Procurement Mechanisms in the EU (potential) Candidate Countries

Since 2012, NOS-OSF is the partner organization in an international project Towards Efficient Public Procurement Mechanisms in the EU (potential) Candidate Countries. The project is aimed at increasing the transparency of public procurement in Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. The role of Slovakia is to provide know-how from within the European Union and the accessing process of Slovakia to EU. In the course of 2013, NOS-OSF has prepared an analysis of EU legislation on public procurement and examples of good practice in implementation of public procurement. September 16.-22., 2013, a study tour of representatives from partner organizations from the Balkans was organized. The aim of the trip was to become familiar with public procurement practices in Slovakia. The partners met with representatives of public administration, non-governmental sector, media and politicians to discuss the positive and negatives of our, as well as European, system.

Term of implementation of the project: 2012 - 2014

Partners:

Open Society Fund, Serbia

Open Society Fund Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Center for Civil Communications, Macedonia

The Network for Affirmation of the NGO Sector – MANS, Montenegro

The project is funded by the EC under the program Partnership Programmes for Civil Society Organizations Budget line(s): 22.020701 – Regional and Horizontal Programmes

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS – SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR NGO'S

The program is part of the implementation of the 2009-2014 EEA Financial mechanism, through which donor countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway, involve in reducing of the economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area.

Program Democracy and Human Rights will support NGO projects in Slovakia with total amount of 505 058,66 EUR.

Transversal priority of the program is to develop the capacities of non-governmental organizations and improve their position in society.

The program pays attention to the development of cooperation between civil society, public and private sectors through the promotion of partnerships at the level of projects in all supported program areas.

Specific objective is to develop bilateral cooperation between non-governmental organizations in Slovakia and non-governmental organizations, as well as subjects of public and private sector, which reside in donor countries.

At least 10% of total eligible expenditures will be dedicated to supporting children and young people. The program is also aimed at the specific needs of minorities.

NOS-OSF, during the implementation of the Program and projects of individual NGO's, pays attention to fill principles of good governance, sustainable development, gender equality and equality of opportunity.

The Program supports projects of NGO's in 4 areas:

1. Democracy, good and transparent governance of public affairs.
2. Human rights, including minority rights.
3. Gender equality and the fight against gender-based violence.
4. Prevention of discrimination, the fight against racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

The Program supports projects that contribute to the achievement of the following objectives:

- Strengthening of active citizenship
- Increase of NGO's involvement in policy-making and decision-making processes at local, regional and national level
- Promotion of democratic values, including human rights
- Development of advocacy and watch-dog activities
- Strengthening of NGO's capacities and improvement of conditions for the functioning of civil society
- Strengthening of vulnerable groups

Grants awarded in 2013:

Orbis Institute Lidri bez hraníc (Leaders Without Borders)	150 EUR
Slovak Centre for Communication and Development Lobbying for a better society	1574,78 EUR
EPIC Tools for increasing of the employability of people with disabilities	150 EUR
Citizen, Democracy, Accountability (ODZ) Capacity building of NGO's working in the field of gender equality, prevention of discrimination and protection of women's human rights	1182,83 EUR
Citizen, Democracy, Accountability (ODZ) Support of the implementation of Slovak Republic's commitments in the women's human rights field directed towards the enforcement of systemic changes in elimination and prevention of women's discrimination, including gender-based violence by public institutions	1299,14 EUR
4people Buddies from the web	49 999 EUR
Fair-play Alliance Public officials under civil scrutiny	105 000 EUR
ASPEKT (ASPECT) Support for the development of gender competence through publication and educational activities	80 928 EUR
Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture Racial prejudice and discrimination in orphanages – time for a change	44 235 EUR
Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture Enforcement of equal opportunities for Roma men and women through temporary balance arrangements.	85 000 EUR
People in Need, o.p.s. - Slovak branch Youth for Democratic Society	60 134 EUR
EDAH Testimonies of Sered'	75 786 EUR
Fenestra Increasing of the availability and quality of specialized protection, assistance and support for women experiencing gender-based violence	121 221 EUR
In Minorita Civic participation of Roma women	56 492 EUR
Intercultural Dialogue Institute Sport connects (different colors, one game)	72 352,76 EUR
Institute for Public Affairs More open Slovakia	73 575 EUR

Human Rights League Vanishing children	36 000 EUR
LOToS – Association of local TV stations in Slovakia Citizens for Democracy	33 391 EUR
Freedom of Choice Promotion of the ratification and implementation of the Agreement of the European Council on prevention of violence against women and domestic violence and combating	97 455 EUR
Non-governmental organization EPIC Tools for increasing employability of people with disabilities	68 814,50 EUR
NomantinelS Rainbow year	74 931,75 EUR
Citizen, Democracy, Accountability (ODZ) Promotion of implementation of Slovak Republic's commitments on women's human rights directed towards enforcement of systemic changes to eliminate and prevent discrimination against women, including gender-based violence by public institutions	68 750 EUR
OZ Woman in distress Love ≠ violence	65 163 EUR
Center for Civil and Human Rights Improving Access to justice in cases of discrimination in Slovakia	93 884 EUR
Against corruption Guardian of transparency and democracy in the area of public funds administration	74 677,80 EUR
QUO VADIS, o.z. When traditions hurt	56 000 EUR
Romano Kher Roma Documentation and Information Centre	87 732 EUR
TransFúzia (TransFusion) TransFusion – building of trans * organizations capacities	50 000 EUR
Transparency International Slovakia Monitoring of Public Procurement	87 750 EUR
VIA IURIS Judge as a person – Key to quality justice	104 925,10 EUR
The association for help to people with mental handicap Dignified life – a right, not a privilege	104 976 EUR

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Res publica 2009-2013

In 2009, the Foundation has announced a grant program Res publica, which ended last year. During the four years we have awarded 29 grants. The Program was aimed at involving NGO's in addressing disadvantaged groups, promoting the principle of non-discrimination and tolerance.

All of the calls of the Res publica program have put special emphasis on those projects that promoted and supported activities of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015. Monitoring and evaluation of the National inclusion of Roma communities strategy was another specific objective of this program. Today the Foundation continues to support NGO's actively in the field of human rights and minorities through the NGO Support Program – Democracy and Human Rights, which is part of the EEA 2009 - 2014 Financial Mechanism implementation program.

Support for the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005 – 2015)

Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015 represents an international commitment of governments in Central and Eastern Europe countries in order to create space for the inclusion of Roma in each country, including improvement of their economic growth.

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation was present on international level as a member of the advocacy working group. Valentina Petrus represented NOS-OSF on the 24. International Steering Committee Meeting in Zagreb (June 2013) where she hosted a presentation and debate on progress in the Decade based on national reports from Albania, Romania and Spain. Chaired by Montenegro in September 2013, 25. Steering Committee Meeting took place in Podgorica. NOS-OSF representative, Valentina Petrus, hosted an expert debate on the legal status of Roma and then presented the experience of Slovakia and the Foundation with an EEA and Norwegian funds grant scheme administration.

In cooperation with the training program we have implemented one international conference in support of equal opportunities and a Frontline debate on inclusive education.

International conference *Inclusive education – option or necessity?* - was held on May 25., 2013 in Bratislava. Issues of current education of Roma children, legal aspects of segregation cases in Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary and possibilities of transformation of the education system towards the inclusive model, were discussed in three panels. The aim of the conference was to contribute to the expert debate on the need for changes in the education system in Slovakia

Frontline debate *Violations of children's with special educational needs rights in Slovak education system.* The discussion panel featured Jana Dubovcová, Public Rights Protector, Jana Žitňanská, National Council of SR, Maroš Matiaško, Mental Disability Advocacy Center and Human Rights League and Elena Gallová Kriglerová, Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture. Host of the debate was Valentina Petrus from Open Society Foundation.

SOCIETY AND INFORMATION

In the media sector, Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation draws attention to quality work of journalists, supports professionalisation of journalism, creates space for informed debate on sensitive issues and ways to display disadvantaged groups in the media. By performing activities in this area, it creates space for mutual Exchange of ideas, confrontation and discussion.

Journalism Award 2012

NOS – OSF in cooperation with partners organizes a competition for journalists from all media types since 2004. Within nine years, the Journalism Award has become a respected competition and a representative forum for quality Slovak journalism.

360 authors with 618 contributions have entered the 9th volume. Independent international juries evaluated contributions in 16 categories and selected nominees and winners for print and electronic media. Public voting has decided about the Czecho-Slovak Journalist Award. Winner of each category received a prize of value 830 EUR. The Competition Council has granted 2 special awards: Open Society Award, dedicated to the memory of Karol Ježík, and Association of Newspaper Publishers in Slovakia Award. Winners received 1 660 EUR. The names of the nominees and winners were presented at the award ceremony on April 23., 2013 in KC Dunaj in Bratislava.

Part of the Journalism Award is an annual **No Comment exhibition**, which introduces the registered journalist photographs and cartoons to the general public. During May and June 2013, the works were made accessible in the OPEN Gallery on Baštová 5 and in autumn 2013, the exhibition was transferred to the Langhans Gallery in Prague.

General partner of the competition in 2013 was Slovenská sporiteľňa (Slovak Savings Bank).

Partners were: Google, Pianomedia, British Council, Mayer/McCann Ericsson, MEMO 98, Association of Newspaper Publishers in Slovakia, Open Society Fund Prague, PRime time.

Information about the competition is available at www.novinarskacena.sk.

Face 2 Face

Face 2 Face debates with guests from the USA and Slovakia are organized by Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation in cooperation with the US Embassy each month. Debates are held in the OPEN Gallery on Baštová 5 in Bratislava. Videofootage of the discussions are published on vimeo.com/groups/face2face

List of discussions:

19.2.2013 WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS: ENDANGERED SPECIES?

14.3.2013 Is the nuclear energy path the right choice for Slovakia?

23.4.2013 Torn Apart: School Segregation in Modern Society

13.5.2013 "It's a man's world?" Not anymore! Women's Entrepreneurship in Slovakia

17.9.2013 How to Ensure LGBT Acceptance in Slovakia

4.12. 2013 CHALLENGES OF WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Frontline Club

Frontline Bratislava creates room for informal discussions and meetings of diverse groups of people who share a common interest to discuss about what interests and resonates throughout our society. We invite domestic and foreign guests to the meetings, who inspire and motivate with their experience and determination. Location of Frontline debates is OPEN Gallery on Baštová 5 in

Bratislava. Frontline Bratislava links to Frontline Club London activities. In 2003 it was founded by Vaughan Smith in honor of colleagues – photoreporters who died in their work in the „front line“. All of the discussions are available online at <http://vimeo.com/groups/frontline>

List of discussions:

March 20., 2013: Power of photography

Topic: Photo-shooting of socially important and sensitive issues

Peter Dench, Photographer, Getty Images

Josh Lustig, Assignments Editor, Panos Picture, Ľubica Stanek, NOS – OSF

May 30., 2013: Do courts endanger freedom of media?

Topic: About how accusations against journalists affect media freedom. Organizers are trying to address various currents of opinions.

Jana Dubovcová – Public Rights Protector, Tom Nicholson – Investigative Journalist, Tomáš Kamenec – Lawyer, Zuzana Wienk, Director of Fair-play Alliance

June 3., 2013: Cervanová Case

Topic: Investigative document

Mario Homolka, Producer, Director, Robert Kirchhoff, Director, Screenwriter, Producer And Cameraman

Petr Minařík, Publisher, Producer, Dramaturg (Czech Republic), Andrej Bán, Photographer and Journalist

September 29., 2013: Frontline at BLAF (Bratislava Art festival)

Topic: Photography and photojournalism

„How can a photojournalist capture a story of refugees without being forgotten among thousands of other similar photos? How is it possible to express horrifying saga journey in a static picture?“

Discussion with American photographer who lives alternately in London and East Africa.

Shannon Jensen, Reportage by Getty Images, Ľubica Stanek, Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti - Open Society Foundation

October 21., 2013: Velvet terrorists

Topic: Three romantic heroes who attempted an armed resistance against communist power in Czechoslovakia. All of them were convicted according to section 93 – terror, but neither one has killed, nor hurt anyone. But terrorists also have their private life, their love, their families. And that is what this film is about.

Ivan Ostrochovský, film’s Director, Peter Jašek, Nation’s Memory Institute, Ľubica Stanek, Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti - Open Society Foundation

October 28., 2013: Violations of the rights of children with special educational needs

Topic: Discussion focused on violation of children’s rights whose right to be educated in mainstream education, particularly in private schools, is denied from various justifications of schools and other state institutions.

Jana Dubovcová, Public Rights Protector, Jana Žitňanská, Committee of National Council for Education, Science, Youth and Sport, Maroš Matiaško, Mental Disability Advocacy Center, Human Rights League

Elena Gallová Kriglerová, Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture, Valentína Petrus NOS-OSF

November 4., 2013: Life and death in Tanvald

Topic: Life and death in Tanvald is a documentary detective story in which the authors, Filip Remunda and Vít Klusák, follow the footsteps of Czech xenophobia.

Vít Klusák, Director, Oľga Gyarfášová, Sociologist, Analyst at Institute for Public Affairs, Ľubica Stanek, Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti - Open Society Foundation

November 26., 2013: Non/freedom of media in Slovakia

Topic: Lawsuits against journalists and requests for huge amounts as compensation may lead to bankruptcy of Slovak media. Will the journalists work as in the distant past, with a high degree of auto-censorship?

Otto Brix, MP, Member of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee of the National Council of Slovak Republic, Dušan Čimo, Judge of the Regional Court in Trnava, Member of the Judicial Council, Alexej Fulmek, CEO of Petit Press publishing, Zuzana Petková, Deputy Chief Editor, TREND, Zuzana Wienk, Director of Fair-Play Alliance.

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Rules for members of the Expert Commission

1. Members of the Expert Commission (further as EC) are voluntary advisors in the respective grant program.
2. Members of the EC help fulfill mission and goals of Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation.
3. Members of the EC regularly attend meetings of their commission or other important meetings and actively participate in the work within their program.
4. Members of the EC shall act in comply with the code of ethics. This means:
 - a. All project information is confidential and shall not be published before its implementation,
 - b. Members of the EC may not give a bad name for the Open Society Foundation
 - c. There shall not be any conflict of interests, meaning the following:
 - i. If a member of the EC can not remain unbiased and objective in assessing a submitted project because of deciding between the interest of the Foundation and personal interest.
 - ii. If a member of the EC (or relative, close friend, business associate) has a financial interest in awarding the grant or closing of the deal or decision-making in procurement of the Foundation
 - iii. If a member of the EC (or relative, close friend, business associate) has business participation with the applicant for the grant or is his potential contracting partner or gets into other conflicts related to loyalty towards the Foundation which may influence the decision-making in the Foundation. This remains the case even if it's not about financial benefit of a member of the EC from the respective grant.
 - iv. It relies on conscience of the individual members of the EC to admit their involvement/bias on the project that is being approved
 1. In the case of direct involvement/bias the member is excluded from the discussion of the project
 2. In the case of indirect involvement/bias (eg. Expert Project Guarantor) shall explain his/her own position to the commission which will decide on his/hers participation in the debate

If a member of the EC breaks any of these points, he/she may be released from the EC.

5. Members of the EC assist the program coordinator in the creation of overall direction, strategy and priorities for the respective program.
6. Members of the EC are required to study the information available on individual projects which they will receive from the program coordinator and submit their assessment at the EC meeting.
7. Members of the EC monitor the work of the program coordinator.
8. At the end of the year, members of the EC formally evaluate its activity in fulfilling the mission of the program.
9. Members of the EC are obliged to participate in its meetings. In case they can not participate, it is necessary to justify in advance. In another case, unannounced absence arises. If a member has three unannounced absences and does not participate on total one third of

the sessions during one calendar year, a proposal for his/her release from the EC may be submitted.

- a) In exceptional cases where the member of the EC has prepared for the session, but can not make it at the last moment, he/she will send his/her standpoint to the program coordinator
- b) In the case of long-term absence, member of the EC may find an alternate

FINANCIAL REPORT

The budget of the Open Society Foundation for 2013 was approved by the Board of Directors on 8.2.2012, while the total planned amount was 1 663 829 EUR. The Board also determined the costs for the administration of Open Society Foundation in the amount of 300 140 EUR. Fixed assets, extraordinary expenses and foreign Exchange losses are not included in the budgeted costs for the administration of the Foundation. Costs for the administration have been budgeted in the following breakdown:

131 000 EUR foundation operation (§ 28 section 2, letter c/), 6 000 EUR travel compensations (§ 28 section 2 letter e/), 163 140 EUR labor costs (§ 28 section 2 letter f/), of which 12 000 EUR is reward for the performance of the administrator function (§ 28 section 2 letter d/).

Foundation's account statement for the year 2013 is attached in the appendix No.1 of the Annual report.

Income overview by sources and their origin in EUR and overview of Donors with their donations exceeding 331,94 EUR

1.	1 529 750 EUR	European Economic Area and Norwegian Grant
2.	1 035 455,03 EUR	Open Society Foundations Private non-profit fund active in Switzerland and USA
3.	110 221 EUR	Roma Education Fund, Zurich, Switzerland
4.	70 000 EUR	Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Office of the Plenipotentiary for Roma communities
5.	35 083,64 EUR	contributions of individuals to the activities organized by OSF
6.	25 313,17 EUR	Open Society Foundation Serbia, private foundation in Serbia
7.	12 126,62 EUR	2% proportion of the paid tax
8.	10 201,88 EUR	interest received from the accounts of the foundation
9.	4 311,88 EUR	American Embassy in Slovakia, Bratislava
10.	3 384,27 EUR	refunds of provided unaccounted grants
11.	1 000 EUR	revenues from sales of services
	2 836 847,49 EUR	total income

State and movement of assets and liabilities

Foundation asset in EUR at purchase price: to 1. 1. 2013 to 31. 12. 2013

1. Software	59 292,41	0
2. Small intangible assets	5 738,45	0
3. Buildings	211 560,68	117 546,64
4. Machinery, tools	259.430,98	14 377,48
5. Vehicles	39 918,41	0
6. Small tangible assets	70 682,55	0
7. Property, estate	14 795,23	12 532,74
8. Monetary resources	1 993 457,76	2 401 320,96
9. Financial investments	383 975,31	854 892,87
10. Receivables	369 652,02	2 614 583,04
11. Estimated receivables active	5 487,21	1 736 902,37
TOTAL	3 413 991,01	7 752 156,10

Accumulated depreciation on tangible assets of the foundation in EUR:

1. Software	0
2. Small intangible assets	0
3. Accumulated depreciation of buildings	69 619,74
4. Machinery, tools	14 377,48
5. Accumulated depreciation of vehicles	0
6. Inventory	0
7. Small intangible assets	0

Depreciation total: 83 997,22

Foundation commitments in EUR:

1. Liabilities to suppliers	11 407,90	5 025,83
2. Other liabilities	4 130,59	2 827,38
3. Payables from grants	370 745,68	1 472 650,52
4. Liabilities to employees	17 127,43	12 808,22
5. Liabilities to insurance	4 087,55	6 956,29
6. Liabilities to state budget	0	27,99
7. Estimated receivables passive	627 536,54	3 549 554,75
8. Backup	28 343,73	35 259,08
9. Share capital	96 276,54	96 276,54
10. Foundations' equity	6 638,78	6 638,78
11. Retained earnings	717 234,61	1 845 193,27
SPOLU	1 883 529,35	7 033 218,65

Activity overview of foundations' funds together with an overview of the means of foundations' funds

Under the Act No. 34/2002 code on foundations, in the assessment period – the year 2013 – NOS – OSF has not established and does not dispose of any endowment fund.

Changes of the Foundation Memorandum in 2013

Under the Act No. 34/2002 code on foundations, in the assessment period – the year 2013 – there were no records of changes in the Foundation Memorandum concerning the change of Board members in NOS – OSF.

Authority structure in 2013

Structure of authorities of NOS – OSF established by the Foundation Charter:

NOS – OSF Administrator

Executive Director (Executive Director until November 2013) and Administrator of NOS – OSF in 2013 was **Alena Pániková**.

The Board of Directors of NOS – OSF

The Board of NOS – OSF has 6 members:

Name:	Position:
Richard ĎURANA	Member
Daniel KLIMOVSKÝ	Member
Ingrid BROCKOVÁ	Member (until November 2013)
Zuzana KUŠOVÁ	Chairman
Milan VAJDA	Member
Janet LIVINGSTONE	Member (until November 2013)
Ján KONDÁŠ	Member (until November 2013)

The Board of Directors delegates deciding on support of projects in specific areas to expert commissions. Expert commissions follow the same rules as the Board of Directors.

Council of Elders in 2013:

Rudolf Chmel
Martin Bútora
László Szigeti
Pavel Demeš
Štafan Markuš
Lev Bukovský
Iveta Radičová
Mária Zelenáková
Katarína Vajdová
Eugen Jurzyca
Grigorij Mesežnikov

Council of Elders is an advisory authority to the Foundations' Board of Directors. Its mission is mainly to strengthen the ability of the Foundation to open new topics in accordance with current challenges in society, seek solutions for short-term and long-term strategy. Council of Elders consists of figures

of domestic public events, primarily former members of the Board of Directors. The Council of Elders meets twice a year and does not decide about financial funding.

Transparency of financial resources in NOS – OSF

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation has the status of a foundation and has the obligation by law to have the account statement verified by an auditor (Act No. 34/2002 code on foundations and change of Civil code as amended in the latter regulations). Verdict of the auditor is available to public.

Slovak Republic's entry into the EU entails many processes related to adaptation to the demands of this aggregation. One of them is the emphasis on unification of the accounting regulations in order to achieve comparability of data in account statements, regardless the residence of the entity compiling account statements. For these needs, International standards for the preparation of account statements (IFRS) have been introduced in the area of EU by EU legislative acts. These standards are issued by the independent International Accounting Standards Board Foundation. In addition to the statutory audit, NOS – OSF compiles yearly financial statements in accordance with these standards, making it more transparent and trustworthy for foreign donors as well.