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The mission of LDA Georgia is to strengthen local democracy and civil society, to support democratic reforms in Georgia, and to develop new and innovative approaches to local and national challenges by cooperating with local and international stakeholders.



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ALDA Representatives' Visit to Georgia

The Executive Director of Local Democracy Agency Georgia, **Nino Khukhua**, hosted the representatives of the "European Association for Local Democracy" (ALDA).

The meeting was attended by **Marco Boaria** - head of ALDA's programs and development department and **Andrea Rilievo** - member of ALDA's board. The executive director spoke about the organization's activities and achieved results, as well as its goals and objectives.

Meetings were also held with representatives of Kutaisi and Zugdidi municipalities, who are members of ALDA and often have to implement joint projects through cooperation.

At the meeting, the conversation touched on new opportunities for cooperation and ALDA's activities in Eastern Partnership countries.



“Europe Day 2023”

Local Democracy Agency participated in the information meeting dedicated to “Europe Day”, which took place at **Kutaisi University**.

LDA Georgia was presented with a stand, which included small souvenirs and informational brochures about the organization’s projects. Representatives of the organization had an opportunity to inform interested people about the organization’s activities and future plans.

At the end of the event, LDA Georgia carried out a quiz game about the European Union and EU-Georgia relationship. Winners were awarded with branded T-shirts with the LDA logo.

The information meeting was organized by Information Center on NATO and EU. “Europe Day” takes place every year to inform Georgian people about Georgia’s european integration process and to increase citizens’ involvement in this process.



Public Consultation

Organized by **Imereti Regional Hub** - Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) and **Civil Society Institute (CSI)**, a public consultation was held for representatives of civil society organizations of Imereti region.

The purpose of the consultation was to inform the audience about the issue of bringing the registration data of non-entrepreneurial non-commercial legal entities into compliance with the new law and to participate in the discussion.

The following issues were reviewed at the public consultation:

- Review of the main directions of legislative changes, deadlines for ensuring compliance and possible results;
- New standards established for N(N)LE;
- Rules for compliance with the new requirements of the N(N)LE registration data;
- Documents to be submitted for compliance of registration data.

The goal of the Imereti Regional Hub is to strengthen civil society at the regional level, by maintaining the sustainability of civil society organizations, ensuring the increase in the quality of transparency and accountability.

The meeting was held within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.





**FREDDY
TSAO**

Peace Corps Volunteer

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Local Democracy Agency Georgia will host **Peace Corps Individual and Organizational Development Program volunteer Freddy Tsao** for two years (2023-2025).

As a multimedia designer, Freddy has years of experience in human-centered design, which at its core is the concept of creating and inventing products and services that improve human well-being, user experience, and promote social change.

Freddy's expertise lies in developing human-centered research practices and communicating user needs effectively, with a focus on fostering social change. Prior to joining us, Freddy worked as a design researcher and strategist in Chicago, Illinois, and has also worked as a program communications strategist and designer for a variety of non-profit organizations in the United States. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a degree in Public Policy and Cinema and Media Studies.

In his new role, Freddy will support our mission by supporting our organization and community groups in areas such as employability skills, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and project design and management, will work with youth to develop leadership, employability, and English language skills.



Meeting with the Members of the Gender Equality Council

Within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", LDA Georgia held a meeting with the members of the **gender equality council of Tskaltubo municipality** about public and private cooperation.

(Meeting with the Members of the Gender Equality Council, continued.)

The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

- General overview of corporate social responsibility;
- The importance and positive results of corporate social responsibility;
- State and corporate responsibility;
- State agencies and civil society organizations;

The meeting conducted by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



Seminars of the Youth Club in Sachkhere Municipality

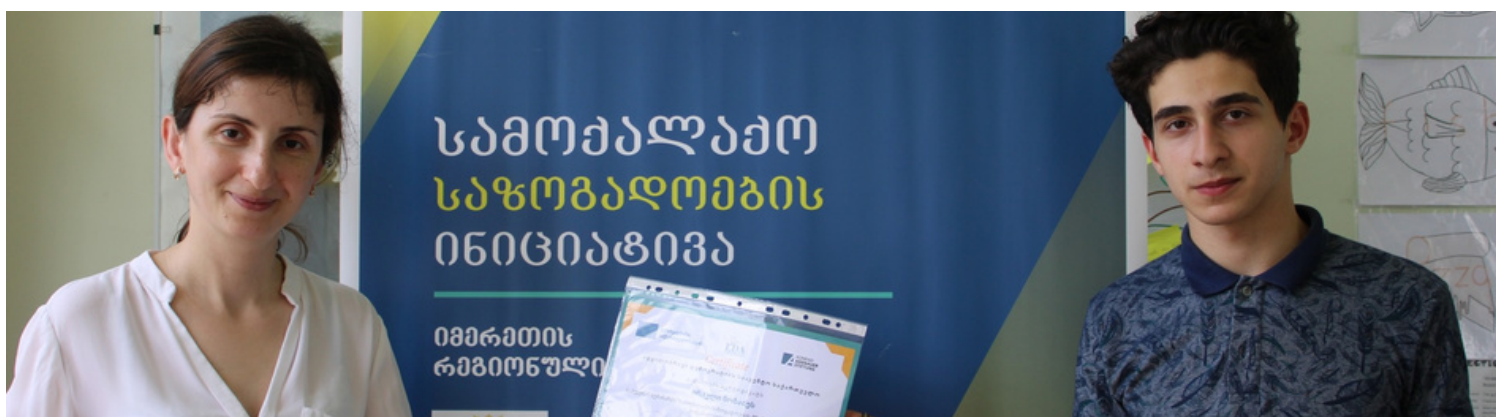
Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", hold seminars of the **youth club in Sachkhere municipality**.

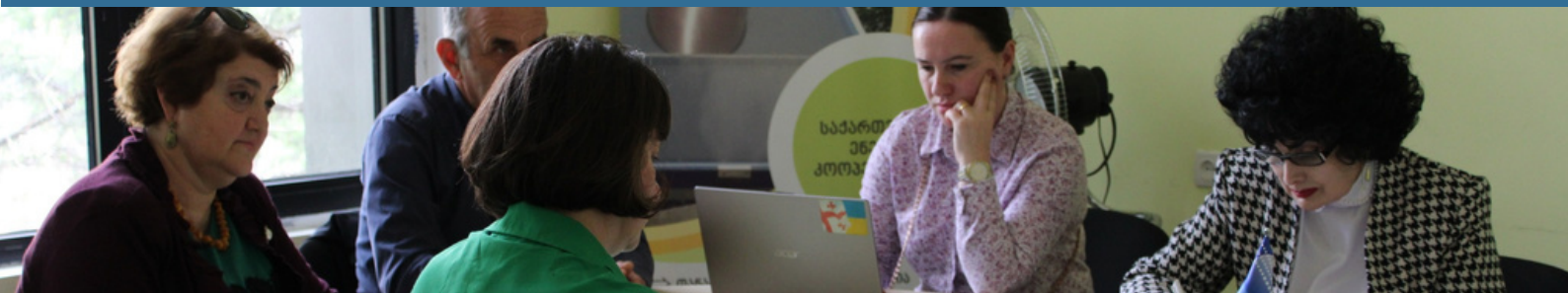
Seminars included issues such as:

- The democratic functions of civil society;
- Theories of social capital;
- The importance and role of civil society;

The aim of this activity is to change the attitudes of young people / students towards civil society and community organizations, to promote volunteering among young people and to increase their interests in the activities of civil society organizations.

The club was established by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.





Consultation Meeting in Khoni Municipality

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, within the framework of the project - "Civil Society STAR Initiative", provided a consultation with members of civil society organizations and active citizens of **Khoni municipality**.

At the meeting was given the information about the grant competitions announced in the Imereti region; also, was introduced the documents prepared on the basis of the needs of civil society organizations operating in the Imereti region.

Similar meetings will be held in the municipalities of the Imereti region.

The meeting was held within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", which is supported by the European Union (EU) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).



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