

PORTFOLIO



АСОЦИАЦИЯ ЗА
КУЛТУРА,
ЕТНОЛОГИЯ И
АНТРОПОЛОГИЯ
МЕДИАТОР



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Basic Information



Association for Culture, Ethnology and Anthropology “Mediator” is a non-profit organization which is oriented to work with students and graduates with an interest in cultural heritage and diversity, ethnology, anthropology and human sciences, analysis, research and resolution of different cultural and social processes and problems in the Bulgarian society. It was founded in 2013 by a group of students of ethnology at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

MISSION



- Our mission is to mediate the relations between different cultural and social communities to improve intercultural dialogue and cooperation.
- We are conducting studies, promotions and use different types of cultural heritage as a resource for local development and as preservation of cultural diversity and heritage.
- We aim at arranging, conducting and participating in international and local training and project activities.
- We raise issues related to otherness and boundaries in the context of the political, social, social and economic discourse to promote / stimulate intercultural dialogue.
- Our mission is to build a network of partner organizations with similar objects of work, exchange ideas and models for research and development activities in the fields of ethnology, anthropology and human sciences.
- We organize training, further education and practical experience for youngsters, students in ethnology, anthropology and science culture.
- We expertize in the field of culture, religion and work with different ethnic groups.

TEAM



Our team consists of young and enthusiastic specialists in ethnology, social anthropology, socio-analysis and interpersonal relations. As a team, we believe that sharing brings people together and everyone's understanding is very important. We are trying to connect people, things and ideas! We will tell you less about each of us and this is just the beginning...



Aneliya Avdzhieva

- Ethnologist – expert of culture, religions and work with ethnic groups
- Expert of work with communities, identities, culture
- PhD of Social Anthropology. Field of research: mobility/migration, labour, gender, roma groups
- Work in the field of culture, cultural heritage and youth



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- Expert of work with communities, identities, culture
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- Work in the field of culture, cultural heritage and youth





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- Expert of sociology and human science
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- Work in the field of culture, cultural heritage and youth

PROJECTS



2013

Youth workshop „See the not-Seen Old Town“

Aim:

- To give an opportunity to youngsters to show their creative ideas about the cultural heritage and way of life in the Old Town of Plovdiv

Results are:

- Short movie “unSee-unHeard” about the House Nedkovich
- Exhibition of makets “ On a Walk with Stepan Hindliyan” in the House Hindliyan
- Dance Performance “Tha Dancing Memory” in the House Hindliyan

The project was supported by the Plovdiv Municipality program “Plovdiv For the Youth” in collaboration with the Municipality Institute “Old Plovdiv” and the Plovdiv University.

2014

“Feel the City” scientifically-applied project

Aim :

- To present the urban cultural heritage through the “view” of visually impaired people

Results:

- Ethnological and anthropological research about the access to cultural and historical heritage and the ways of communication
- Urban Orientation Training
- Interactive tour “Feel the City”
- Interactive map with braille

The project was supported by the Plovdiv Municipality program “Plovdiv For the Youth” in collaboration with Center for anthropological and ethnological research in Philosophy and History Faculty of the Plovdiv University, National Center for Rehabilitation of Blind People, National High School of Stage and Film Design.



Повече информация на <https://youthworkshopplovdiv.wordpress.com>



Повече информация на <https://feelthecitybg.wordpress.com>

PROJECTS



2017

„Feel the City – training of leaders and conducting an interactive tour“ in Plovdiv

Results:

- 3 days Training of leaders in interactive tour “Feel the City” where the participants were educated about the ways of interpretations of urban cultural heritage and offering it to visually impaired people
- The trained leaders implemented 3 interactive public tours in the Main street of Plovdiv where over 80 people took part



Повече на: <https://aceamediator.wordpress.com/2017/05/17/усети-града-обучение-за-водачи-и-прове>

2017

„Интерактивна работилница за културно наследство „Усети града“ във Варна

Results:

- 6 days youth workshop where 16 participants provoked and expressed their creative visions. They were trained in special methodology of sensory interpretation of cultural heritage and basic knowleages for leading visually impaired people
- Implementing of Interactive exhibition “Feel the City” that present the urban cultural heritage of Varna trough the senses.
- The Project was part of the events for European Heritage Days - Bulgaria



Повече на :<https://aceamediator.wordpress.com/category/работилница-усети-града>

INITIATIVES



Interactive tour “Feel the City”

In Plovdiv

- It is organized twice a year since 2014 and happens in the central city areas
- It focuses on various interpretations of urban space
- The route is composed of 6 interactive activities, which are named and detailed
- It can be attended by people from different age groups who want to "see" the city in a new and extraordinary way

In Other Places in Bulgaria

- “Feel Asparuhovo” tour in the Village of Asparuhovo, Varna district in 2015
- „Feel the City – Stara Zagora” in collaboration with The house of arch. Dimov duringt the "Night of Arts“ events in 2015



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Ethnology and Anthropology Day

2015

- Celebrating the World Anthropology Day
- Meeting of students, professors and guests
- Anthropology conversations
- Opening of photo exhibition "The world of childhood and the family"
- Evening Interactive Tour "Feel the City"

2016

- *"Theater of Differences" - playing scenes related to the topics of stereotypes and prejudices*
- *"The Other Reading" - the culture as text*
- *"Game of Tones" - visualization of arguments during discussions on various topics related to anthropology*

2017

- Over 40 participants - students, professors and guests
- Role play, forum theater, different ways of interpretation
- ShareAnthropoExperience about field work, everyday situations, communication with others and our experience as researchers



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“ShareAnthropoExperience”

- Aims to spread the knowledge of anthropology and even more the stories of people who have a touch with her in their work, interests, hobby or future plans
- We promote the experience of people in the sphere of anthropology, ethnology and everyday life
- We raise awareness about socially relevant topics
- The workshop “ShareAnthropoExperience” were organized during Ethnological student conference “The Field - Traditions and Innovations” at the Department of Ethnology at the "Paisii Hilendarski”

“Be a Mediator”

- We encourage tolerance and empathy among young people
- We engage different groups with themes such as cultural heritage, diversity, social communities, understanding, etc.
- We actively involves students and professors in joint forums and discussions



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