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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends, supporters, and partners of Rin'ON,

2024 has been a powerful year of growth and transformation for our organization. Through dedication, collaboration, and the energy of our incredible volunteers, we've continued to empower youth, promote civic engagement, and foster inclusive communities across Ferizaj.

A highlight of this year was the *Inclusive and Resilient Communities* project, implemented by a consortium led by ATRC, in partnership with Rin'ON, BIRN, and CBM. This project allowed us to strategically partner with five village councils to form inclusive decision-making bodies and support their first initiatives. In parallel, we built strong partnerships with five high school student councils, giving young people a real voice and helping them become advocates in their schools and beyond. These efforts are laying the foundation for the expansion of our Rin'ON program into more villages, ensuring even more young people—especially from rural areas—are engaged, empowered, and supported in their path as changemakers.

Our amazing Rin'ONistas have been the heart of this movement—proving every day that youth are not just the future, they are the present. This year alone, they completed over 1,500 hours of voluntary work, dedicating their time, passion, and energy to driving real change in their communities.

And in a year where Rin'ON stood as the only active youth NGO in Ferizaj, we're proud to have held the space for youth voices, ideas, and action when it mattered most.

As we move forward, we remain committed to creating meaningful opportunities, strengthening partnerships, and continuing to grow together—with and for youth.

With gratitude and hope,

Granit Sadiku

Executive Director, Rin'ON



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ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Rin'ON was established in December 2013, born out of the collective passion and inspiration of a group of young individuals.

Our story began with our involvement in the project 'Rinia dhe Qytetaria Aktive' (Youth and Active Citizenship) organized by the Youth Sector of Ferizaj and supported by ForumCiv (formerly known as Forum Syd). The project ignited a shared desire to work towards a better community. The energy we experienced while working together was incredibly motivating, and it was clear that we wanted to continue making a positive impact in our community by activating youth.

Initially, Rin'ON was a non-formal youth club, where we could channel our enthusiasm and commitment by volunteering for the community and making a small impact. It was an exciting time as we formalized our group and carved out our unique identity. This journey of self-discovery and community service led us to officially register Rin'ON as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in 2017.

Theory of Change

Civic participation among young people in Kosovo is low. Youth are not actively involved in their communities, even less so in rural areas. However, Rin'ON has identified that youth are willing to do so, but simply lack the tools, confidence, and motivation. This low participation also means that there is a lack of youth-driven approaches and peer-to-peer engagement on common youth issues such as online disinformation, bullying, unemployment and lack of inclusion among young people of different genders, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds.

What does rural youth say they need?

- A cool group or place to belong to
- More social opportunities to meet other young people
- Guidance on how to speak up for the things they believe in

Why are young people key agents of change?

Communities are stronger when youth participate. Young people are connected to their communities, schools, and peer networks. Engaging them in initiatives that address local issues ensures that interventions are relevant, culturally sensitive, and embraced by the community. Investing in youth is an investment in the future. Equipping young individuals with skills, values, and a sense of social responsibility can lead to lasting positive changes as they grow into leaders, professionals, and active citizens.

How will Rin'ON contribute to the empowerment of rural youth?

Rin'ON will engage and empower youth in rural areas, amplifying their voices and dismantling the barriers that hinder their civic engagement. Through our initiatives and partnerships, we aim to equip young individuals with the tools, knowledge, opportunities, and confidence they need to become catalysts for positive change within their communities.

In particular, Rin'ON plans to provide:

- A safe space and cool group to belong to by providing an accessible platform for young people to openly express their opinions and concerns and to join the network of Rin'ONistas who are agents of change across Ferizaj.
- Community Service Initiatives and other educational, social and cultural opportunities to engage young people from different backgrounds to engage with their peers in their communities in a fun way.
- Trainings and tools to build both the personal and professional skills they need to work towards a better future for themselves and their community.

Our Vision

The vision of Rin'ON is a future where active youth are the driving force behind a vibrant and improved community

Our Mission

Rin'ON mission is to actively engage and empower youth in rural areas, amplifying their voices and dismantling the barriers that hinder their civic engagement.

Through our initiatives and partnerships, we aim to equip young individuals with the tools, knowledge, opportunities, and confidence they need to become catalysts for positive change within their communities.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



11 new partnerships with local schools and villages



50 new volunteers from the Albanian and Ashkali community



5 village councils successfully led and implemented initiatives that engaged local youth and addressed community needs.



567 community members reached



3 projects successfully implemented



5 High School Student Councils were mobilised and each implemented a local initiative in Ferizaj and Kacanik



over 500K views across our social media platforms

Youth Development & Empowerment

Rin'ON *engaged 567 young people* in 2024. Our aim is to provide a safe space for their personal and professional development, actively breaking down barriers for equal access to socio-economic opportunities. To work towards our vision of a future where young people are the driving force behind a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable society we provide our volunteers with the knowledge and tools to increase their civic engagement.

Social Cohesion & Inclusivity

52 events on topics of social cohesion and inclusion were organized in 2024, highlighting the power of diversity and encouraging constructive dialogue. With activities ranging from informal movie nights and mini marathons to educational trainings and workshops, Rin'ON works towards more inclusive and resilient communities. Standing with the principle of Leave No One Behind, we focus on rural and hard-to-reach communities,

Community & Youth Engagement

During 2024, Rin'ON *supported 12 community- and youth-led initiatives* reaching 415 community members. Our approach prioritizes inclusion of the community and youth from the design phase of the initiative, fostering community agency and increasing sustainability. Through focus groups and workshops, we ensure that local groups have the knowledge, tools, and support to implement initiatives that they find important and address local challenges in their communities.

RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Rin'ON, as part of a consortium led by the Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) and in partnership with the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN Kosovo) and Community Building Mitrovica (CBM), contributes to building Resilient and Inclusive Communities across different regions of Kosovo. The project promotes inter-ethnic cooperation and social cohesion and builds the capacities of local actors in the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE), including empowering youth as agents of change.

Our role in the consortium focuses on mitigating youth vulnerability against violent extremism, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas by:

- Fostering social cohesion by bringing together youth from different ethnic backgrounds in social and volunteering activities and through awareness raising campaigns;
- Encouraging community agency by supporting high school councils and village councils in implementing grassroots initiatives in their communities;
- Strengthening youth's sense of purpose and equal access to opportunities through workshops, social and cultural activities;
- Empowering youth to become active agents of change in their communities.

The project “Resilient and Inclusive Communities” is funded by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) and will be implemented by July 2026.



VILLAGE COUNCILS MEETINGS

In 2024, Rin'ON engaged five village councils, fostering collaboration and empowering local communities to address issues that were important to them. Focus group meetings provided a platform for community members to voice their concerns and work together on initiatives that promote social cohesion, inclusion, and sustainable development.

Key Areas Covered in the Meetings:

Community-led Project Planning & Support: Each village council was provided with funding to implement a community-driven project, tailored to address specific local challenges or improve community welfare. Rin'ON provided guidance on project planning, ensuring that funds were used effectively, and projects were sustainable.

Youth Engagement & Leadership Development: The meetings emphasized the importance of involving youth in decision-making processes, encouraging the younger generation to take leadership roles in their communities. Training sessions were held to develop the leadership skills of both youth and adult council members, empowering them to initiate and manage community projects.

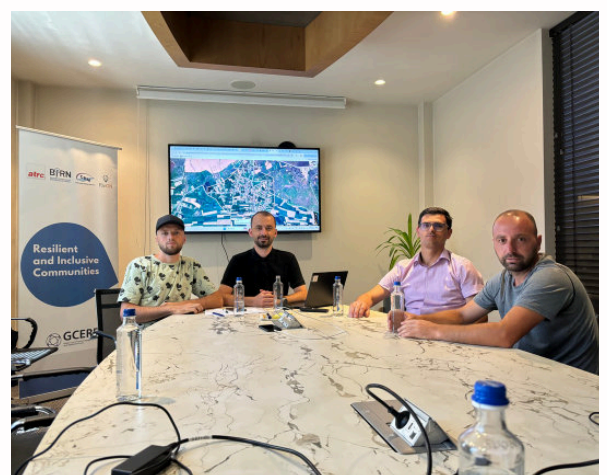
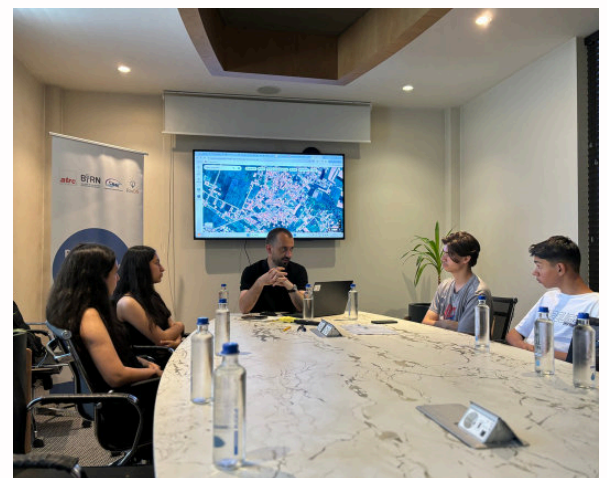
Strengthening Local Governance: Village councils were encouraged to work closely with local authorities, NGOs, and other community organizations to ensure that projects aligned with broader regional development plans. These collaborations helped enhance the councils' roles in local governance, ensuring that they could effectively advocate for their communities' needs.

Monitoring & Evaluation: Regular meetings allowed Rin'ON to track the progress of each village-led project, provide advice, and resolve challenges faced by the councils. The monitoring process also encouraged transparency, accountability, and reflection on the impact of the projects on the local communities.

Celebrating Achievements & Community Impact: At the end of each project, the success stories and positive outcomes were highlighted, recognizing the efforts of the village councils and their contributions to community development. These projects ranged from improving local infrastructure to promoting cultural heritage, with tangible results that contributed to the overall well-being of the community.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Empowered **5 village councils** in Balaj, Cërnilë, Dubravë, Mirash, and Talinoc which successfully managed and implemented projects that addressed their community's unique needs.
- Strengthened collaboration between village councils, youth, and other stakeholders, enhancing the sense of unity and shared responsibility.
- **98 community members** were engaged in the design and implementation of the initiatives. This activity increased community participation in local decision-making, with greater involvement from diverse age groups and backgrounds.
- Positive impact on local development, ranging from infrastructure improvements to the promotion of civic engagement and cultural preservation.



VILLAGE COUNCIL INITIATIVES



CËRNILLË COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

The Cërnillë Council's tree-planting project aimed to beautify the village park and foster environmental awareness. By planting 31 trees and distributing flyers with eco-friendly tips, the council not only improved the park but also encouraged the community to take responsibility for their environment. The project sparked meaningful conversations, fostering a collective commitment to sustainability.



MIRASH'S CULTURAL CENTER REVITALIZATION

The Mirash community revitalized an unused cultural center, transforming it into a space where youth can come together. Through murals and redesign, the center became a vibrant hub for creativity and community activities, laying the foundation for ongoing youth initiatives.



DUBRAVË'S CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Dubravë's cleanup initiative addressed both pollution and the lack of public bins. By cleaning up garbage and installing new bins, the community came together to create a cleaner, healthier environment. This effort not only improved the village's appearance but also instilled a sense of pride and ownership among residents, encouraging lasting change.



TALINOC'S MINI LIBRARY PROJECT

Talinoc's creation of a mini library, built through contributions from local homes, provided valuable resources for students and promoted a culture of learning. This initiative not only supported education but also fostered a spirit of collaboration and lifelong learning within the village.



BALAJ'S YOUTH SPACE REVITALIZATION

In Balaj, volunteers revitalized the basketball court to create a welcoming space for youth. By painting the court, they transformed it into a hub for social interaction and physical activity, encouraging young people to stay active and fostering a sense of community.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

In 2024, Rin'ON held regular meetings with five high school student councils, fostering collaboration and empowering students to act on issues that matter most to them. These meetings aimed to cultivate leadership, promote civic responsibility, and encourage student-led projects that drive meaningful change within their communities.

The participating schools included:

- "Shaban Hashani" High School
- "Zenel Hajdini" Professional High School
- "Cesk Zadeja" High School of Arts
- "Qendra e Kompetences" High School
- "Elena Gjika" High School of Medicine

Key Areas covered in the meetings:

Project Development & Support

Each student council received funding to design and implement a student-led project addressing local challenges or promoting positive change within their school. With guidance from Rin'ON staff, students learned to plan effectively, budget responsibly, and ensure the sustainability of their initiatives.

Youth Empowerment & Leadership

The meetings emphasized the importance of youth participation, offering workshops and discussions on leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement. Students were encouraged to identify key issues affecting their schools and communities, develop impactful solutions, and take ownership of the change-making process.

Collaboration & Networking

Student councils were encouraged to collaborate not only with one another but also with local community leaders, organizations, and school administrations. These partnerships helped strengthen the councils' influence in shaping school policies and fostering a culture of cooperation within both their schools and the wider community.

Progress Monitoring & Reflection

Regular check-ins allowed Rin'ON to track the progress of each project, provide ongoing support, and help students navigate challenges. These sessions also served as a platform for students to exchange experiences, share insights, and reflect on lessons learned, reinforcing accountability and continuous improvement.

KEY ACHIEVMENTS:

- **5 high school student councils** implemented impactful projects that addressed critical school and community issues, with long-term sustainability in mind.
- **168 young people** gained valuable leadership experience and strengthened teamwork skills.
- Participants developed a deeper understanding of civic engagement and responsibility.
- Stronger collaboration between schools and local stakeholders. Created a more inclusive and cooperative school environment.



STUDENT COUNCIL INITIATIVES



RELAXATION CORNER FOR STUDENTS

The Student Council of “Qendra e Kompetencës” identified the need for a relaxation corner to benefit students. They created a comfortable space with bookshelves, lazy bags, and board games, fostering relaxation and collaboration. The initiative has been well-received, offering students a place to unwind and engage in activities while waiting for transport.



UNITY THROUGH GRADUATION UNIFORMS

The Student Council of “Zenel Hajdini” High School took the initiative to design identical graduation uniforms for all students, aiming to symbolize equality and unity. Led by fashion design students, the project highlighted the importance of inclusivity and brought students together to create something meaningful. Rin'ON plans to support this initiative by facilitating a discussion on unity and collaboration during the graduation ceremony.



MOVIE DAYS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Student Council of “Çesk Zadeja” High School aimed to create a space for movie screenings, giving students an opportunity to enjoy films together and promote social interaction. The council set up a cozy environment with bean bags and organized a visit to a cinema for inspiration. The project aims to strengthen bonds among students and provide an outlet for relaxation and cultural exchange. .



TEAM BUILDING IN NATURE

The Student Council of “Shaban Hashani” High School organized a team-building event in nature to foster unity and collaboration among students. The day included icebreakers, group activities like “Art through Change,” and team challenges such as volleyball and crossing the river. The event was designed to encourage teamwork, learning from mistakes, and building stronger bonds among the students.



RAISING HEALTH AWARENESS

The Student Council of “Elena Gjika” medical high school students organized a public health initiative, offering free blood pressure and blood sugar checks to passersby. Using medical tools they purchased, they applied their skills in a real-world setting while raising awareness about preventive healthcare. This activity enhanced their practical experience and promoted community well-being.

MEETINGS WITH VOLUNTEERS & VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVES

In 2024, Rin'ON held weekly meetings every Saturday to engage with its volunteers, ensuring effective communication, collaboration, and progress on various projects. These meetings played a crucial role in the organization's operations, serving as a platform to discuss ongoing initiatives, set goals, and address challenges faced by the team.

Key Areas Covered in the Meetings:

Project Updates:

Rin'ON regularly briefed volunteers on the latest developments in ongoing projects. Discussions focused on timelines, deliverables, and necessary adjustments to achieve optimal results.

Task Allocation & Progress Tracking:

Each volunteer was assigned specific tasks for the week, with clear deadlines and objectives. Progress was closely monitored, and any challenges were addressed collaboratively to ensure smooth execution.

Training and Capacity Building:

Rin'ON dedicated time to equipping volunteers with relevant skills, knowledge, and tools. Workshops, discussions, and guest speakers were incorporated to enhance their understanding of topics such as project management, community engagement, and social impact.

Feedback & Reflection:

Volunteers were encouraged to share feedback on their experiences, providing valuable insights into both strengths and areas for improvement. This continuous feedback loop allowed the organization and its volunteers to grow together.

Volunteer Recognition and Motivation:

Special recognition was given to volunteers who demonstrated exceptional commitment or achieved significant milestones. By celebrating achievements and offering encouragement, Rin'ON maintained high morale and motivation throughout the year.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Consistent attendance and engagement from volunteers, reflecting their dedication to the mission.
- Successful completion of key projects with the active involvement of volunteers, leading to positive community impact.
- Enhanced team cohesion and collaboration, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in the organization's work.

VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVES

ART FOR A CAUSE

During the month of October, the volunteers of Rin'ON came together for a meaningful activity that combined creativity, teamwork, and social impact. They spent three days creating unique paintings, each expressing different ideas and emotions.

Once the artworks were ready, they set up a small exhibition in the main square, engaging with the community and selling the paintings.

The funds raised from the sale were donated to the “Have Hope Kosova” organization.



SUPPORTING WILDLIFE IN WINTER

During the winter months, the Rin'ON volunteers carried out a special activity to support wildlife during the winter season. They created and placed bird nests on trees, ensuring that the birds had a safe place to rest and survive during the cold months. The nests were filled with various types of food, providing a valuable food source for the birds during this challenging time of year.

This activity is ongoing, as the nests are regularly replenished with food, helping the birds have an easier winter. The Rin'ON volunteers are contributing to nature conservation and supporting the wildlife ecosystem with care and passion.



OUR VOLOUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Last year marked the beginning of my journey as a volunteer in Rin’ON, an experience filled with wonderful activities. During this year, we have not only had fun and created stronger bonds between us, but we have also learned and developed many new skills. I greatly appreciate the opportunity given to us as volunteers to express our ideas, to put them into practice and to take initiatives in addressing various important topics. All volunteers have worked with dedication and tirelessness, giving our contribution to every activity. Receiving the certificates and being chosen as "Volunteer of the Year" was an extraordinary appreciation, but above all, an even greater motivation to continue this journey. This appreciation is not only mine, but also of the entire wonderful team and every volunteer who has given their effort and time to make a difference. This experience has inspired me even more to continue with passion and dedication in this very meaningful work.

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MOVIENIGHTS

In 2024, Rin'ON NGO successfully organized 10 movie nights with a total of 374 participants, fostering community engagement and cultural appreciation. These events provided a platform for discussion and entertainment, bringing together diverse audiences to experience thought-provoking films. Each movie night featured a carefully curated selection of films that addressed social issues, encouraged dialogue, and promoted inclusivity. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in discussions after screenings, deepening their understanding of the themes explored in the films. Additionally, the directors of the movies were present, allowing the audience to gain insights into the filmmaking process and the themes behind the films. These gatherings not only strengthened community bonds but also aligned with Rin'ON's mission of promoting education and awareness through creative mediums.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Brought together **374 participants**. A diverse audience which engaged in discussions and connections.
- Showcased **10 thought-provoking films** that highlighted various social and cultural issues.
- Encouraged critical thinking and deeper understanding of important themes through post-screening discussions.
- Provided attendees with the opportunity to engage with directors and learn about the filmmaking process.
- **Promoted dialogue** on social issues, reinforcing Rin'ON's mission of education through creative mediums.

MOVIE LIST:

- "Përtej Territ" – Donjeta Mejtani
- "FORGIVE ME" – Besim Ugzmajli
- "SHOK" – Jamie Donoughue
- "Gjithçka Fillon Nga Ti" – Nxënësit e shkollës fillore "Dy Dëshmorët" në Talinoc të Muhaxherëve
- "Sea by the River and River by the Sea" – Sovran Nrecaj
- "Si në vaj" – Aulona Selmani
- "Skenderi" – Sabri Pajaziti
- "Kitbull & Alike" – (Animated short films, original directors: Rosana Sullivan & Daniel Martínez Lara)
- "Teatri Ilegal" – Sovran Nrecaj
- "Rutinë" – Bekim Guri

MEDIA EDUCATION CAMP & CAMPAIGN

At the end of the year, Rin'ON organized a Media Education Camp, recognizing its crucial importance in today's digital age. The camp aimed to empower individuals to critically analyze and evaluate the vast amount of information they encounter online. 24 Participants learned how to differentiate between facts and opinions, understand the influence of media on public perception, and recognize the risks of misinformation. By fostering responsible media consumption and critical thinking, the camp helped participants develop the skills necessary to navigate the digital world more effectively and make informed decisions.

Day 1: Introductory Discussion on Media Education

The first day focused on understanding the difference between facts and opinions and how they shape worldviews. Participants discussed managing information and critically evaluating it.

Day 2: Media and Civic Competencies

The second day explored the role of media in developing civic competencies and digital citizenship. After a lunch break, the session shifted to "Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech," where participants discussed online hate speech and created a simulated campaign against it.

Day 3: Campaign Ideas and Planning

On the final day, participants generated ideas for a group campaign against hate speech and developed detailed plans, including key messages and strategies for implementation in their communities.

#soshtveckoment

CAMPAIGN



Rin'ON implemented a three-phase campaign with the hashtag #soshtveckoment, addressing online hate speech and bullying.

Phase 1: Painting Over Hate Speech

The first phase involved painting over hate speech graffiti and covering them with flowers, transforming negative messages into symbols of positivity and growth.

Phase 2: Media Education in High Schools

In the second phase, Rin'ON visited three high schools to discuss media education, online behavior, and the impact of hate speech. These sessions aimed to equip students with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital world responsibly.

Phase 3: Artistic Installation – "The Impact of Thoughtless Comments"

This installation used clothes hangers to symbolize the unseen harm of thoughtless comments and hate speech.

- **Negative Comments & Black Clothes:** Black clothes with online hate comments were displayed alongside international statistics on hate speech.
- **Symbolism of Isolation:** Hangers formed a circle around a chair holding a tied teddy bear, representing isolation. Visitors could sit, hold the bear, and reflect.
- **Raising Awareness:** Volunteers shared statistics and participated in a filmed session to spread the message.
- **Change & Hope:** Black clothes were replaced with colorful ones carrying positive messages. A volunteer untied the teddy bear, symbolizing emotional healing.



UNITY MONTH

In 2024, Rin'ON successfully implemented the "Unity Month" project, aiming to strengthen ties between young people from two villages in the municipality of Ferizaj. The project aimed to address bullying, mental health and hate speech through discussions with experts, interactive activities and the "No Hate Speech" Campaign.

Meeting 1: Introduction to the “Unity Month” project

Participants, in addition to having the opportunity to get to know each other through various activities, were also introduced to the goals of the project and heard more from the Rin'ON team about their leadership journey.

Meeting 2: Building a respectful community

Understanding the phenomenon of bullying The discussion that followed the screening of a short film about bullying, led participants to raise awareness of the importance of building a respectful community, understanding the different forms of bullying and learning strategies to overcome it.

Meeting 3: Community well-being

Participants had the opportunity to learn and practice first aid techniques, thanks to experts in the field who shared valuable information and advice for dealing with emergency cases and saving lives.

Meeting 4: Mental health matters!

Through a conversation with the psychologist invited as a trainer, the participants raised their awareness of the importance of mental health and its treatment. They were also given advice and techniques for emotional self-regulation.

Meeting 5: “No Hate Speech” Campaign(Against hate speech)

The participants enjoyed the fifth day by painting Totebags, with self-awareness messages against hate speech

Meeting 6: “Run for Unity” Race

Through the race, the participants realized that only when they are united can they achieve their common goal.

This project was developed at ShFMU “Pavarësia” in Balaj, involving 20 young people from the villages of Dubravë and Balaj, and was funded by the Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC).

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 20 Participants developed a deeper understanding of bullying and its impact, learned strategies to create respectful communities, and gained valuable first aid skills to promote community well-being.
- The project emphasized the importance of mental health and emotional self-regulation, encouraging open conversations to reduce stigma.
- Through the "No Hate Speech" campaign, participants actively expressed their commitment to combat hate speech.
- The final "Run for Unity" race further strengthened the bond between participants, highlighting the power of collaboration.



BRIDGE 2

In 2024, NGO Rin'ON successfully implemented the BRIDGE 2 Project, fostering English proficiency, professional skills, and inter-ethnic communication among youth. Through interactive training, field visits, job-shadowing, and internships, participants gained valuable experience to expand their career prospects. We engaged 60 young participants across four diverse groups in Ferizaj Center (Tefik Çanga Primary School) and Dubravë (Social Education Center of Caritas).

Training Overview 60 participants completed 392 hours of training, covering: Academic & Career Readiness (KETNET): Leadership, communication, activism, and social-emotional learning. Technical Skills (LabBox & JCoders): UI/UX, web programming, robotics, data science, and entrepreneurship. Cross-Cultural & Leadership Activities: Camping, diversity-focused lectures, and civic engagement.

Funded by the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo and implemented with RIT Kosovo A.U.K, the BRIDGE 2 Project successfully connected youth from diverse backgrounds, promoting education, inclusion, and leadership.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 60 Participants completed 392 hours of training in leadership, communication, UI/UX, programming, robotics, and entrepreneurship, boosting their academic and technical skills.
- Through field visits, job-shadowing, and internships, participants gained practical experience, expanding their career opportunities.
- Activities like camping, diversity-focused lectures, and civic engagement promoted collaboration and mutual understanding among youth from different communities.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Bridge 2 project successfully concluded in June, marking the end of a two-year initiative that engaged over 200 young people from across Kosovo. Notably, 60 participants from the Ferizaj region demonstrated exceptional dedication and talent, earning recognition for their active involvement.

As a token of appreciation for their commitment, 30 of these outstanding participants were awarded new laptops, tablets, and Kindle e-readers.



STAFF



Executive Director



Program Manager



Project Manager



Finance Manager



Community Engagement
Officer



Volunteer Coordinator

SUPPORTERS & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Rin'ON is a Ferizaj-based NGO dedicated to empowering youth and building stronger communities.

Through our initiatives and partnerships, we equip young people with the tools, knowledge, opportunities, and confidence they need to become catalysts for positive change.

Over the past 11 years, we've built a vibrant network of young changemakers. We believe communities thrive when youth are actively involved. Young people are deeply connected to their communities, schools, and peers—and when they're engaged in addressing local issues, solutions are more relevant, culturally sensitive, and embraced by the community. Investing in youth means investing in a better future for all.

Our work is made possible thanks to the incredible support of our funders, partners, staff, and volunteers. We are especially grateful to our donors, whose generous contributions make our mission possible:

- Global Community Engagement & Resilience Fund (GCERF)
- U.S. Embassy in Kosovo
- Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC)

We also deeply value the support and collaboration of our local partners in education and community development, who help us reach and engage youth where they are:

Supporters

- Directory of Education of Ferizaj
- "Shaban Hashani" High School
- "Zenel Hajdini" Professional High School
- "Cesk Zadeja" High School of Arts
- "Qendra e Kompetencës" High School
- "Elena Gjika" High School of Medicine
- Cërnille Village
- Dubravë Village
- Mirashë Village
- Talinoc i Muhaxherëve Village
- Balaj Village

Building on the progress we've made this year, Rin'ON remains committed to our mission of engaging and empowering youth in rural areas, amplifying their voices, and breaking down the barriers to civic participation.

From 2025 to 2027, Rin'ON will focus on:

- Creating a safe and welcoming space where young people feel a sense of belonging—a place where they can freely express their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. We will continue to grow and strengthen our vibrant community of RinONistas.
- Supporting more youth-led and community-driven initiatives, as well as providing educational, cultural, and social opportunities that bring together young people from diverse backgrounds in fun, meaningful ways.
- Providing training and tools to help youth build the personal and professional skills they need to shape a better future for themselves and their communities.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, supporters, and every individual and organization that stands with us in this mission.

Thank you.

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