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The youth of Kaçanik/Kaçanik being active against violent extremism and radicalism



"Children and youngsters in the streets of Kaçanik/Kaçanik"

The youth in Kaçanik/Kaçanik have been very active during the last period in disseminating messages against violent extremism and radicalization leading to terrorism. Youth activism in this municipality is facilitated through various activities in Kaçanik/Kaçanik

Ardijana Tusha the representative of Youth Local Action Council (YLAC) in Kaçanik/Kaçanik, has collaborated with several other nongovernmental organizations in this municipality to promote youth activities in opposing violent extremism. Ardijana together with the Association of People with Disabilities and NGO "Gjethi", during this period have promoted messages of tolerance and cultivated traditional values in her community.

On May 31, 2017 in the center of Kaçanik/Kaçanik, were organized traditional games with the youngsters from this municipality. The important topic with dozens of young people has been the promotion of messages of tolerance and messages against violent extremism.

"The empowerment and raising awareness among the citizens, explaining them that this new global flow does not only lead to a tragic ending but also destroys everything you've built, is something that is increasing each day. Even though, an overall challenge is the low quality of education and lack of information, citizens need to raise their voice all together for a safer and more peaceful life," says Ardijana.

Through traditional games, dance and music, the youth of Kaçanik/Kaçanik have united and supported each other in confronting violent extremism and radicalism. The promotion of traditional values through youth activities and other categories of society aims to cultivate the love and prosperity of young people in Kosovo, avoiding extremist ideologies and deviant phenomena.

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