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My Voice Matters



Aldi Hoxha, a member of Group of Young Advocates promoting the rights of people with Down syndrome.

”My name is Aldi, I am from Kosovo, My Voice Matters!” is the slogan that Aldi Hoxha is holding in his hands. A twenty year old Aldi is a member of the Group of Young Advocates that was established by Down Syndrome Kosova, with the aim to involve persons with Down syndrome in advocacy processes and raise their voice towards

realization of their rights. Down Syndrome Kosova has up to 900 persons with Down syndrome registered in their lists, age 0- 50 years old from all parts of Kosovo.

Today is the World Down Syndrome Day and the office in Pristina is formalizing the Group of Young Advocates. This group is made of 15 persons with Down syndrome, coming from different cities of Kosovo. The mission of the Group is to break barriers and prejudices in Kosovar society - through the willingness and work show the abilities and voluntarism of persons with Down syndrome - and become an equal part of the society.

Aldi Hoxha together with other members of this Group spends most of his time in Down Syndrome Kosova working on various projects in this center: “I work for Down Syndrome Kosova, but I am not just an employee of the organization, I decided to get involved in the field of public relation because I want to inform people about persons with down syndrome in TV shows, in the radio and as an actor on stage. My voice matters!” says Aldi.

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