

Kosovo School for Girls Aiming Public Office



Photo: Jeta Kurtaj, Participant at Kosovo School for Girls aiming Public Office

For this quarter, the staff of the project identified one girl amongst the participants in ‘Kosovo School for Girls aiming Public Office’ as the success story. Since joining the school, Jeta has been eager to participate in discussions and debates organized by other civil society organizations in Prishtina, while aiming to bring change to her community and society. Her experience is attached below:

“I recently met with woman my age and quite a few of them were not aware of their rights and lacked information on gender equality. This is one of the reasons why I decided to apply to the Kosovar School for girls who would like to participate in the civil service.

Through this, I was able to meet with girls and woman to discuss such issues on gender equality and human rights in general. I’m always surprised at how people are subjected to injustice by our society and/or their family. During the 3 modules, we talked about our family issues through them we realized that all of us face the same difficulties because of the patriarchal society we live in. This felt very frustrating at first, but it also made me realize that we’re not alone. We were also able to meet successful women from different fields who told us about their accomplishments and the challenges they had to overcome to get there. This is what I particularly enjoyed during the training. I think it’s important to surround yourself with people who believe in the capacities of others. Moreover, surrounding yourself with people who are open-minded about gender issues gives you more motivation and strength to keep on fighting for what’s right, no matter the challenges you may face. Additionally, we were asked to identify key moments in our lives which

strengthened us and were a lesson for our journey. After this, I realized what I would like to do in the future: I want to work for gender equality and raise my voice for human rights.”

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