

“It is good to record goodness”

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Place: Medical School Osijek, public spaces in the city

Type of activity: recording a report for International Volunteer Day in Osijek

Time: May 2015

Participants: 80 students (age 15-18) and 10 school professors

Number of hours: 30

Short description of the activity:

Medical School Osijek has its own volunteer club and the numerous members participate in different actions on school level, but also in a wide local community. For the past ten years there is an active film club “The Almodovars” which follows the enriched school life with many recorded films. As the Volunteer Center Osijek asked us to film numerous activities which happened in our city as the part of the manifestation “Croatia volunteers”, it was an amazing opportunity to combine learned skills during the education and directly contribute to the community.

From May 18th to May 23rd 2015, volunteers from Osijek were very active and our students have filmed a lot of it. The camera recorded numerous volunteer activities: when the students of School of Construction and Geodesy visited pensioners, the removal of chewing gums in front of the III. Gymnasium, the visit of artistic group Siraba from Burkina Faso and their environmentally thoughtful performances, volunteers of the City and university library Osijek reading picture books to children in the Health center and on the Promenade, artists from Osijek who painted the wall of a waiting room in the Health center, decoration of the space in Proni center for social education.

On May 22nd the finale of the manifestation was held on the Promenade. On this occasion the fair of information was held, the 10 year anniversary of the Volunteer Center Osijek was celebrated and the volunteers of all age groups presented themselves. It was all recorded, but also the activities of students of Medical school were filmed. While one group was voluntarily measuring the blood pressure of citizens (nurses), other group was massaging the palms of citizens (physiotherapists) and some were participating in a witty play (drama club). The students reviewed the huge amount of recording material, made an analysis, edited it and made a report which was shown to all the citizens on May 26th in Urania, the cinema in Osijek, on which projection were a hundred of visitors. It was an excellent occasion for an active inclusion of children and school staff in the life of the community, development of social competencies

and possibilities of helping a man in need, to develop altruism and empathy, intergenerational friendship. The movie is also available on YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/TOi7CtvnB_Y

Tin, 2nd grade high school student:

“I got an assignment to record one part of the event and to edit the material into a whole. I felt a big responsibility because different associations and institutions were included in the manifestation, and we are just students, high school students. The activity was on the level of the entire city and I wondered if we will know how to do it. The professor introduced us to basics of filming, angles and foreshortening, we played in school and did some practice. However, it is different on the field, you can forget something and can't fix it anymore. I was afraid not to mess up something, but everything went well and everyone praised us. I am happy because it was my first movie that I worked on. It was shown to all the citizens in the cinema, I was very proud when I saw our names on the big screen. I felt like we had done something good and useful. I think that there should be a lot more activities like this in school, then we don't feel bored, because we do things that we love and that make us happy”.

