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EF Armenia

NGO PROMOTES ACCESS RIGHTS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

In June, EF Armenia awarded a grant to Unison NGO to support a project that will increase accessibility of public spaces in Armenia for those with limited physical capabilities. The project will include monitoring of the current situation, drafting a law on public accessibility and promoting this law through a PR campaign. For more information, please contact Yulia Antonyan, yulia@eurasia.am.

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BOOK OUTLINES RIGHTS FOR DRAFTEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

In June, Zinvori Mayr (Soldier's Mother) NGO published the 5th edition of "Our Son and the National Army". The book, co-financed by EF Armenia and the OSCE, aims at providing information to draftees and their families about their rights and responsibilities. For more information, please contact EF-Armenia office: eurasia@eurasia.am

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EF Azerbaijan

CAREER CENTERS OPEN FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Two career centers have been established in Azerbaijan University and Nakchivan State University with support from EF Azerbaijan. The centers provide important resources for university students seeking jobs, including informational lectures, resource libraries, computer access and scanners. For more information, please contact Kazim Guliyev, Civil Society Program Coordinator for Azerbaijan: kazim@efazerbaijan.org.

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NORWEGIAN EMBASSY AND EF FUND ELECTIONS PROJECTS

EF Azerbaijan and the Royal Norwegian Embassy recently awarded \$59,796 in grants to support 5 civil society projects in Azerbaijan. The projects address a number of pressing issues, including monitoring of and voter participation in the upcoming parliamentary elections. Project funds were provided by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and will be administered by the Eurasia Foundation's office in Azerbaijan. For more information, please contact Marguerite Baker: marguerite@efazerbaijan.org.

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EF Georgia

BOLOGNA PROCESS GUIDELINES TRANSLATED INTO GEORGIAN

The Civil Society Institute recently published a Georgian translation of the main guidelines for Bologna process in higher education. The translation is a part of a project funded by EF Georgia. Also as a part of the project, the Civil Society

Institute will develop recommendations for Georgia's involvement in the Bologna process, which will help to approximate the Georgian educational system to western standards. For more information, please contact Giorgi Vashakidze:

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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS MEET WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

On June 2, the Association for Public and Legal Education (ALPE) arranged a tour of the Georgian parliament and other state bodies for teachers and pupils from an Armenian school in Akhalkalaki. The students and teachers met with Georgian MPs Giga Bokeria and Kote Gabashvili to discuss the problems their school faces and ongoing reforms in the school system. The meeting was organized within the framework of an ALPE project, financed by EF Georgia. The project aims to increase civic integration of the youth of ethnic minorities. For more details please contact Merab Basilayia at

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION PARTICIPATES IN ONLINE DISCUSSION OF REFORMS

On June 22, Georgian Regional Media Association (GRMA) hosted Alexander Lomaia, Georgian Minister of Education and Science. The Minister presented updates on the educational reform process and participated in an online discussion to answer questions about educational reforms in Georgia. The event was a part of an EF Georgia funded project to promote awareness of educational reforms in Georgia among the regional media and public. For more details please contact Ia Mamaladze ia@gurianews.com.

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South Caucasus Cooperation Program

TRAINING IN EU INTEGRATION ISSUES FOR NGOS

SCCP and the European Commission Tacis project "Support to the PCA Implementation Process" will hold a seminar entitled "European Integration for South Caucasus NGOs" on July 13-15 in Gudauri, Georgia. The seminar will introduce participants to EU institutions, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements, and the European Neighborhood Policy. For more information, contact SCCP at synergy@eurasia.org.ge

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Caucasus Research Resource Centers

TWO UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT CRRC AZERBAIJAN

CRRC Azerbaijan will hold two workshops in July. The first, "Theory of Demographic Transition", will be conducted by Anatoli Vishnevski, Director of the Centre for Demography and Human Ecology of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The second workshop, "Macroeconomics: The State Budget and the Oil fund", will be conducted by Inqilab Akhmedov, Director of the Public Finance Monitoring Center in Azerbaijan. For more information, please contact Samir Murshudov, samir@crcc.az.

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ECONOMICS IN TRANSITION TRAINING

On July 7-9, CRRC Georgia will host a training in "Economics in Transition" for social scientists and policy professionals from the South Caucasus. The training will be conducted by Professor Glen Wright from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service. For more information, please contact Dato Chkheidze, david@crcc.ge.

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