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The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and
achieve it, generation after generation.

-- Pearl S. Buck

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WORD FROM THE TEAM

Dear friends,

As PATRIR's Youth Peacebuilding Center prepares to turn 2, we wish to share with you our first annual report. Still young and with plenty to learn, but already having reasons to be proud of, our center was lucky to be able to follow our mission that states that we work for "a world in which young people share the belief that their attitudes and behaviours are decisive in resolving conflicts and waging peace, a world in which they can and do act upon that belief with the beauty, creativity and enthusiasm specific to their age."

WE are proud of having completed a full year of events, with remarkable partners and remarkable volunteers. We traveled, we advocated, we sang and danced, we learned and taught and most of all, we were trying to be the change that we wish to see in the world.

*This annual report wishes to provide a glimpse of what 2008 was for us...in pictures and words. From 2009 we are already wishing for better and more, for closer partnerships and for happy beneficiaries!
Thank you for browsing through!*



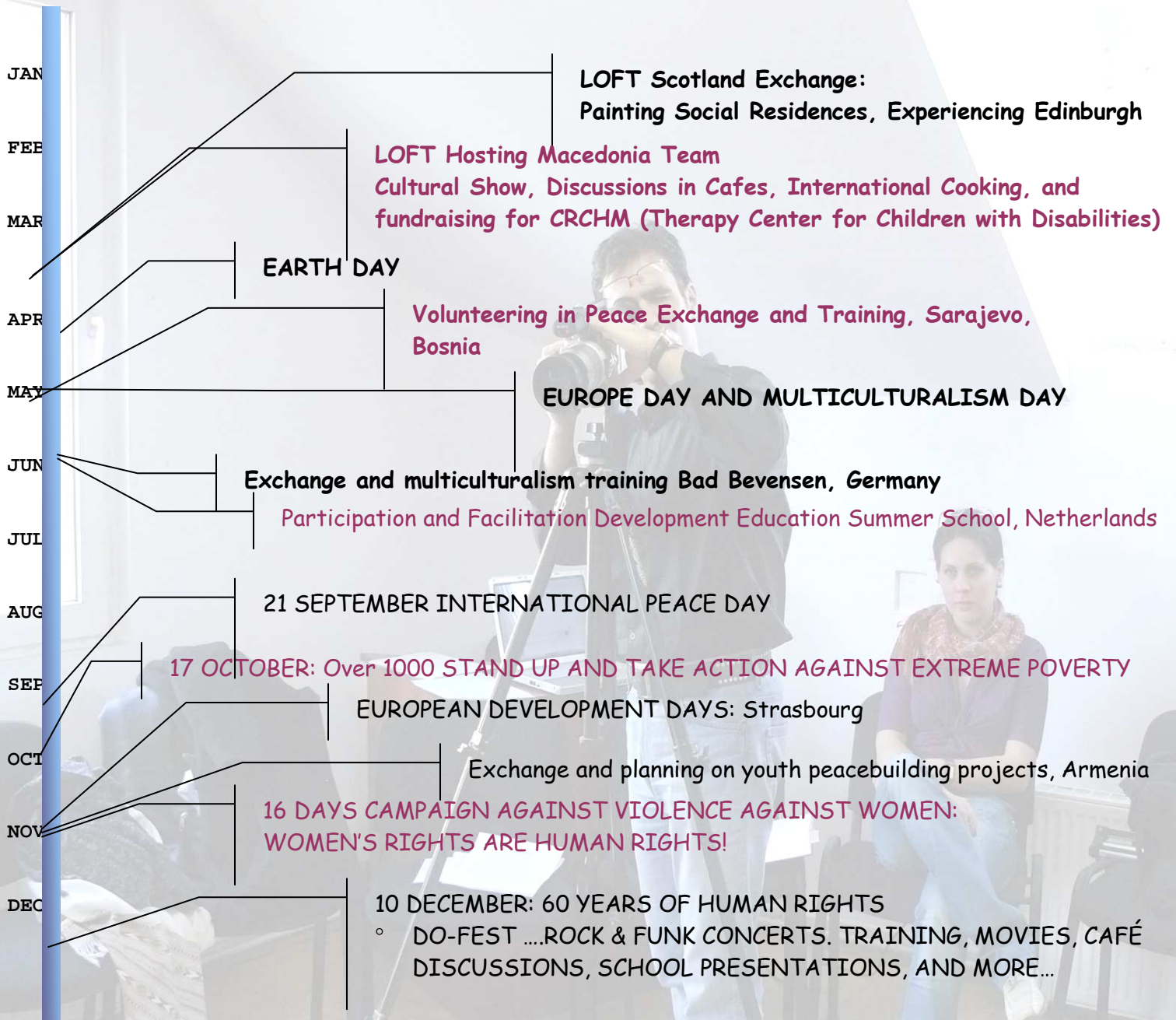
OUR AREAS OF ACTION



OUR RESULTS

- MORE THAN 2000 people visited our stands
- WE TRAINED OVER 100 youth
- WE SHOWED OVER 20 movies
- IN SCHOOLS we worked with more than 1000 students and teachers
- WE created a resource website and Developed a Report on Youth Volunteering Possibilities
- We 'traveled for peace' with the first group of educational travelers from Norway
- Our team was trained in Romania, Scotland, Germany, Bosnia, Armenia and France

2008 CALENDAR



HIGHLIGHT PROJECT: LOFT

The LoFT (Leap of Faith Together) is a project initiated by the British Council and Faith Regen Foundation aimed at creating greater cultural awareness and understanding in Europe

LoFT is based round a simple idea: working as a team enables individuals to understand one another. This team work breaks down barriers of ethnicity, faith, and other cultural and social divides.

The project recruited eight young people (aged between 20 and 25) from each of the four participating countries

Scotland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Republic of Macedonia and Romania.

The participants, already working and making a difference in their communities, had to run a project in their own communities and then worked together on a second 'super project' in each country

The LoFT Romania vision was for a society with improved intercultural relations where people have a stronger multicultural identity, a better awareness of various dimensions of multiculturalism, and a deeper appreciation of people with disabilities.

To reach this vision the team formulated and acted upon two main objectives:

1. *Raise awareness on people with disabilities and multiculturalism and involve different groups from Cluj in LoFT Activities*
2. *Gather the community behind shared goals such as raising funds for CRCHM (Centrul pentru Reabilitarea Copiilor cu Handicap Motor)*



With a lot to do on their hands, the team implemented the following activities:

Exhibition: To involve young members of the community in promoting and raising awareness about multiculturalism. The exhibition including drawings from kindergarten and high school students was on in Cinema Arta during the Film Festival "Talk Down the Walls" and at the City Hall (18- 23 march 2008).

CINEMIXX: Every two weeks PATRIR in collaboration with the French Cultural Center and Casa Tranzit is showing movies from around the world and about burning issues of the world. LoFT Romania participated at three screenings relevant for the project: "Merry Christmas" (how a carol transcended cultures and stopped the war for a day) "Aaltra" (a surprising lesson on life and our perception of people with disabilities) and "Before the Rain" (Macedonian production). During some showings our team sold some self-made handicrafts taking the profit to CRCHM.

Café discussions: Partnering with Quo Voids, a local very friendly café, LoFT Romania organized two public discussions on multiculturalism and the situation of people with disabilities.

Gastronomic night: This event facilitated intercultural dialogue and interaction by gathering some representative dishes of the different cultures that coexist in Cluj in addition to some dishes provided by our Macedonian friends who will be here to help so that the participants of this event can literally have a taste of multiculturalism.

Café discussions: Organize discussions in café's on multiculturalism/ different cultures, where professors are going to be invited, but also anyone can talk and freely tell us its views.(February 21st, March 19th)

Cultural show – Show Yourself: aimed to gather as many people as possible to present their own cultures, or the ones they like, by different performances (dance, music, poems etc.) and it is also a way of presenting the CRCHM. The cultural show included modeling different folk costumes from around the globe, salsa, Macedonian dances, Romanian dances, hip-hop, folk songs, Indian dance, canto and belly dancing.. As our friends from Macedonia expressed their interest to assist with the activities of our project, we planned a full week with them, where we wanted to have an intensive taste of what we did (CINEMIXX, Café Discussions, Expo, Cultural Show). And so it was...Between 16th -23rd of March, we had a short teambuilding activity on the first day in Cheile Turzii for climbing and barbecueing. Then we worked at CRCHM, attended the Café discussions cooked, watched a Macedonian movie, and danced and modelled at the Cultural Show. The following week we went to Scotland where we helped our friends from there paint two residences. And...we learned Scottish dances, we cooked and we walked the scary ghost trails and the not so scary whiskey trails...



HIGHLIGHT MOMENT: MULTICULTURALISM DAY



Within CLIC! project, PATRIR organized between 21st and 22nd of May a campaign aiming to mark both UN Day for Diversity, Dialogue and Development and Europe's Year of Intercultural Dialogue. This action aimed at increasing the visibility of the increasingly multicultural nature of Cluj-Napoca and at the same time to educate the public in the spirit of appreciation of cultural diversity.

On May 21st members of PATRIR staff and volunteers had interactive presentations in 7 highschools, launching dialogues with over 200 students over multiculturalism, learning about global realities, living in a diverse world and possibilities of acting for diversity.

Following this event, on May 22nd PATRIR organized a public event in front and later on inside the Central Library of Cluj, presenting different regions and cultures that co-exist or are brought to our city (India, Armenia, Muslim community, Venezuela, Ivory Coast, Congo, France, Germany, Japan etc) We had folk costume presentations, stories, dances, games handicrafts and plenty of talks, debates and non-formal learning.



HIGHLIGHT MOMENT: STAND UP AND TAKE ACTION!

A Day of Awareness about the State of the World and Our Influences on Poverty

To increase the awareness of the citizens of Cluj – Napoca on the realities and complexity of global poverty and the connections that citizens, organized civil society, cities and governments have towards amplifying the problem or solving it

Stand Up and Take Action Against Poverty

made visible the causes of global poverty and actions and commitment that are taken or can be taken to alleviate poverty. Focus was be placed on the Millennium Development Goals and Romanian and EU commitments to achieving the alleviation and eradication of poverty and global statistics on the state of the world's poor and the impact of aid and development programs in alleviating poverty.

17 OCTOMBRIE 2008
**RIDICĂ-TE
ACȚIONEAZA**
PENTRU ERADICAREA SĂRĂCIEI EXTREME



- Informational Stands and videos on the MDGs in one of the main Squares in Cluj –Napoca
- Training Teachers as Multipliers and Classes in different high-schools in Cluj
- Stand up Moment in Cluj and in schools in Gherla, Aghires, Cluj-Napoca
- Development Forum at the Babes Bolyai University - a dialogue between representatives of the Romanian MFA, British Embassy, UNDP, Academia, Artists, Media, NGOs, Cluj Napoca City Hall and students
- Stand Up Banner at the BBU and Students House



HIGHLIGHT MOMENT: 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Already at its 5th PATRIR-organized edition, the 16 Days Campaign, had as a main objective increasing the level of awareness on violence against women as a violation of human rights.



- Silent Witness Exhibition;
- Workshops in Schools;
- Public Info Stands
- Movie Showing;
- Café Discussion on Domestic Violence;
- Workshop with victims of domestic abuse;
- Gender Training;

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

HIGHLIGHT MOMENT: DO FEST

When we celebrate 60 years of Human Rights, and in the context of an intensification of the multicultural nature of our town, Cluj-Napoca, DO-FEST is organized as a first attempt to celebrate and learn about fundamental concepts such as human rights, diversity, international cooperation etc.

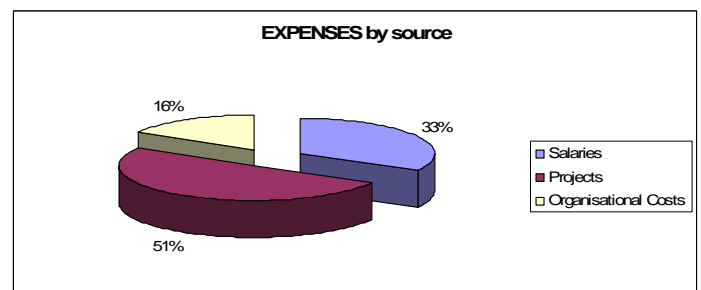
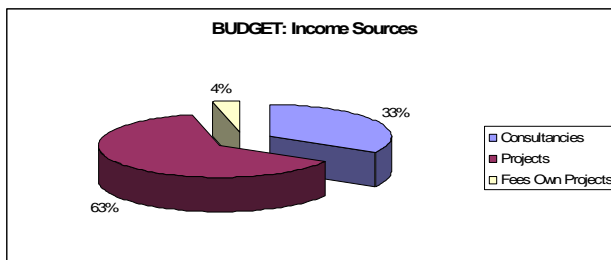


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HUMAN RIGHTS

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