SIDP Newsletter

This is the monthly SIDP Newsletter, which covers updates of the current student projects and initiatives, upcoming program events and opportunities.



STUDENT INITIATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Basketball for All



Project Goals: To raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder and Down syndrome, as well as to create an inclusive atmosphere for 17 children with special needs through weekly basketball practices with 25 volunteers during the months of March and April, 2021.

Project Results: From March till April, 29 volunteers and tutors from AUCA and FLEX alumni program were involved in providing basketball sessions for 17 children. In addition, 'Autism Awareness' contest and informational sessions were held for 84 high school and university students in Bishkek, Osh, Toktogul and Naryn to spread awareness about inclusivity and autism spectrum disorder.

Project participants' feedback:

 "Thank you very much to the student organizers for this wonderful project! I wish there were many similar projects, Project Leader: Aidin Turganbekov, SOC-119

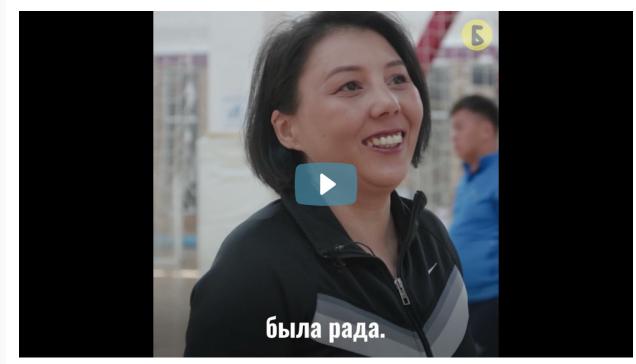
"The problem of providing equal rights and opportunities for disabled people has been a crucial problem for the entire time, particularly in the countries of the Post Soviet Union. When a person is with some kind of disabilities, he/she is immediately perceived differently or even excluded from the typical society. Following this, there are few almost to no opportunities which make the lives of these people convenient."

"[Thus,] I want to focus on physical development [of children with special needs] through an inclusive world and friendly atmosphere..."

and I wish health and happiness to everyone."







"Basketball for All" SIDP Project

Project Title: "Basketball for All"Project Leader: Aidin Turganbekov, AUCA student (SOC-119)Project Goal: To raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder a...

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The video above is presented by the media representative from "Bashta" digital project.
Special thanks to "Bashta" for sharing this video with us and participating in the enlightening work of spreading awareness and inclusivity!
Follow "Bashta" on social media via the links below!

Photography Training



Project Goals: To help 15 young Afghan women with sustainable development in their future career as professional photographers via a series of both theoretical and practical workshops held in Bamyan province, Afghanistan in the period of April 20 – May 3, 2021.

Project Results: In total, 25 Afghan female students received professional training in the field of Basic and Advanced photography concept and techniques.

Project Leader: Homayoon Sarwari, JMC-118

"Since 2014, I have been working on youth capacity building and women empowerment in Afghanistan. [...] From the perspective of a community servant/activist, I genuinely believe that sharing our knowledge and skill to less fortune people who don't have the opportunity we have is the best contribution one young leader/activist can do to their community."

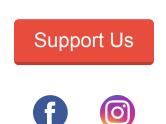


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