

Project name: Let's support inclusive education – we are building a secure future

Project promotor: Lesbian organization Rijeka "LORI"

Partners:

- Rainbow Family Association
- Norsensus Mediaforum, Norway

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Project summary:

LORI has been actively involved in the field of human rights education since 2012. So far, it has conducted several trainings for educators, young people in secondary schools and is the first LGBTIQ organization to establish cooperation with educational institutions.

Gender orientation and gender identity / expression are the basis of discrimination, social stigmatization and marginalization in the education system. In Croatian schools, various forms of homo / bi / transphobia are visible, with the worrying presence of peer violence and the consequences it leaves on young people and their achievement in school. School textbooks contribute to the stigmatization of same-sex orientation as something unnatural, students do not have the opportunity to obtain objective information related to gender and sexual orientation and thus increase their understanding of equality, and educators are not familiar enough with LGBTI issues to conduct quality schooling, education and support for LGBTI youth. There is a lack of national policies and programs aimed at combating homo / bi / transphobia in education and protecting the rights of LGBTI children and youth.

The project contributes to building the capacity of CSOs and educational institutions to implement LGBTI human rights education and encourages cross-sectoral cooperation in the implementation of human rights education. It contributes to raising the awareness of young people about civic activism and empowering young people for social action. The project also enables greater influence on public policies in education through the development of advocacy resources and organizational capacities. In support of advocating for reform, an analysis of international directives and guidelines related to combating homo / bi / transphobia in education will be conducted, as well as an analysis of textbooks and curricula, and recommendations will be presented to decision makers and public bodies in education and human rights.

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen democratic culture and civic awareness by reducing homo / bi / transphobia in the education system and improving the position of LGBTI youth.

The target groups are young people, LGBTI youth, educators, educational institutions, CSOs, government institutions, the public sector and the general public.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To build the capacity of CSOs and educational institutions to combat homo / bi / transphobia in education and the implementation of LGBTI human rights education;
2. To provide support and empower LGBTI youth and
3. To strengthen the advocacy position of CSOs in order to improve public policies and programs and the effective protection of children and youth in the education system.