

GLOW *ASSOCIATION*

BULGARIA



MISSION



GLOW Association has *a network of youth coaches using the peer-to-peer education method* in 15 major Bulgarian cities.

32 volunteers work in the organization, all aged between 14-30 years.

- *Stimulate the active participation of the youths in the social life*

- *Increase the knowledge, which youngsters have about typical problems coming into their teen years*

- *Build a stable and effective civilian society.*

OBJECTIVES, MAIN ACTIVITIES AND TARGET GROUP

- **Promoting equality**
– between sexes , nationalities, races
- **Tolerance, anti-discrimination;**
- Developing **leadership skills;**
- Promoting **active citizenship;**
- Teaching how to set goals, how to make decisions etc.

Objectives

- Summer **leadership academies for girls GLOW;**
- - **Youth clubs;**
- **Resourceful web-page for youth;**
- **Youth trainings;**
- **Social campaigns.**

Main activities

- Youth from the age from 14 to 30

Target group



GLOW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Girls Leading Our World Leadership Academy /GLOW/ offers **young females**, between the ages of 14 to 18 the opportunity to experience and share in a weeklong leadership academy where they **build confidence and leadership skills**.



It's main goal is to empower young women by giving them the social skills needed to break through the psychological barrier of our man dominated society.

GLOW retains the traditional ethos instilled by the Peace Corps volunteers focusing on encouraging the girls to think beyond the traditional limitations which our society still has.

HISTORY

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- 1995** Started in Romania by a Peace Corps Volunteer
 - 2000** Started in Bulgaria
 - 2004** Legally registered as a non-for-profit organization by Bulgarian alumnae
 - 2011** Transformed into a Leadership Academy
 - 2012** Announced Legacy project of the Peace Corps in Bulgaria

GLOW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- Legacy project of the Peace Corps in Bulgaria
- Traditionally *held in English*
- With the participation of American volunteers



- Each topic is *presented in a variety of dynamic and engaging ways*
- Guest speakers, workshops, interactive games, simulations, and large and small group discussions are an important part of the academy
- Peer-to-peer education;

GLOW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Awarded national prize

"I - Bearer of Enlightenment 2013"

for best educational practice in Bulgaria organized
by adolescents.

Featured on the official site of

"Let Girls Lead"

global movement, started by
the Public Health Institute, USA.



YOUTH TRAININGS

- Our team actively participates in projects in the European field such as youth cultural exchanges, youth trainings and conferences.
- With the combined efforts with our partner organisations, we are striving to create an environment for development for all young people to benefit from.
- Our alumnae conduct 3 to 5 youth trainings per year in Bulgaria and abroad as guest trainers to European Institutions and international youth organizations.



YOUTH CLUBS

GLOW Association has a network of active clubs all around Bulgaria for young people .

The clubs propose extra curricular activities for both girls and boys. With different interactive sessions they are stimulated to be active in their communities and look for solution for local problems.

Leaders of the clubs are trained young girls from GLOW Leadership Academy.



Topics: Teamwork & Communication; Goal Setting & Decision Making; Public Speaking & Presenting Skills; Media;

Human Rights&Gender Equality; Tolerance&Antidiscrimination; Intercultural Dialogue; Environment.



Its members - all young boys and girls - are given the opportunity to freely share their thoughts and can also discuss important issues for their hometown.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL CAMPAIGN

"I CARE ABOUT MYSELF"



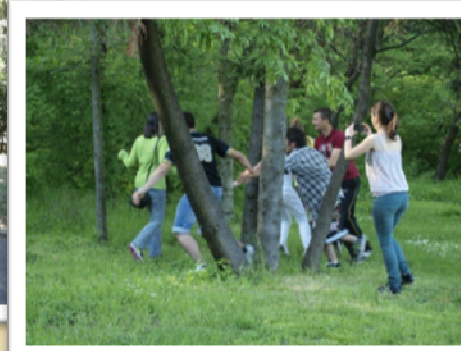
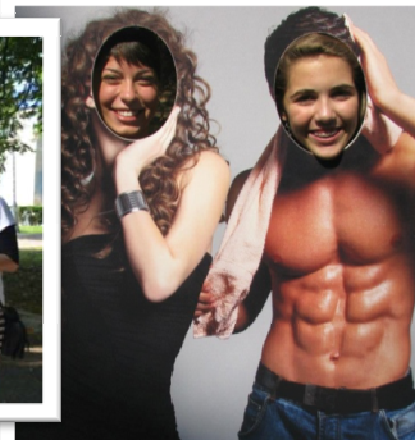
We have created a campaign called "I care about myself". It is aimed at the mobilisation of local communities to solve the current problems of society.

Till now we have conducted 11 initiatives in 13 different towns, dedicated to:

- Raising ecology awareness;
- Promoting healthy living;
- Stimulating communication;
- Promoting positive thinking;
- Improving the life of people in social institutions;

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL CAMPAIGN *"I CARE ABOUT MYSELF"*

All initiatives are conducted by GLOW Alumnae and all materials are assured through donations.



For the 3 years of the campaign more than 400 volunteers and 6000 people took part in our initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL CAMPAIGN

“I CARE ABOUT MYSELF”



Nominated

“Person of the Year – 2012”

for outstanding contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights in Bulgaria.

Nominated

“Voluntary Activity of the Year– 2013”

for innovative practice for promotion and stimulation of voluntarism in Bulgaria.



Nominated for

“European Charlemagne Youth Prize - 2014”

for most innovative youth initiative in Europe.

YOUTH RESOURCE SITE



The Youth Resource Site aims to collect and publish the main topics that each teenager must be informed on in order to grow into a healthy, intelligent and active citizen. Information on the site is sourced from a number of partner websites that specialize in various domains and developed by proven professionals. The site is updated daily by a team of 9 young volunteers.

The site has more than 2500 followers on Facebook and an average of 15 000 unique visitors per month.

The site is visible at: www.za-men.eu

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