

Who are we?

Balkan Diskurs is an independent multimedia outlet that provides young citizen journalists, activists and academics in the Western Balkans with a space free from censorship to publish their opinions, analyses and impressions of the region in which they live.

In a media culture dominated by political elites and corruption, which serve to divide rather than unite, we offer young citizens from across the region a chance to engage on issues of common concern, with a particular focus on the lack of transparent, objective and accurate media.

Who do we work with?

We're partnered with organizations around the region and world to increase our reach and provide the best level of training to our participants. Primary partners in the region include: Human Rights House Zagreb; Association of Journalists Macedonia; The Center for Independent Journalism, Budapest; and The Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina. Internationally, we also work with Global Voices, Index on Censorship, War-scapes and Insight on Conflict.

What have we achieved so far?

Since we started in August 2014, we've:

- Trained 30 local correspondents in citizen journalism and multimedia.
- Published over 100 articles, photo essays, interviews and research papers from a range of contributors, including youth, journalists, media experts and academics.
- Received 7000 views on our website in the last three months alone.
- Gained over 850 Facebook likes and 300 followers on Twitter
- Published 4 issues of "BalkanThemes", an online magazine providing insights into issues affecting the Balkans.

What do we do?

We educate

At the heart of Balkan Diskurs lie our youth correspondents, drawn from villages, towns and cities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Each of them has a passion for bringing honest and objective news and analysis from their own communities to a wider audience. Balkan Diskurs provides the resources, training and space young people need to be heard in the present, and aim to lay the foundations necessary for them to become the media makers of the future.

We advocate

A free and independent media is essential to democratic transition in the Western Balkans. By promoting fresh and independent content that connects people throughout and bridges divides, Balkan Diskurs facilitates a flow of opinions and information across the region.

We promote positive values

Responsible and ethical journalism that rises above negative stereotypes and the provision of biased information provides a firm foundation for combatting online hate speech and discrimination. Our reporting is built upon a set of values, ideas and experiences that promote inclusion, respect for others, positive social structures and harmonious inter-ethnic relations.

We support others

Balkan Diskurs team members serve as consultants to like-minded organizations in the fields of media, human rights, peace building, and transitional justice in the region. Our staff possess a wealth of experience in investigative journalism, activism, multimedia production and the NGO sector, and an extensive multidisciplinary network of contacts.

**For more information and to view our publications,
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