

TOKA'S QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS



The Power of Giving, 8 Stories That Inspire

A Celebration of Dedication and Unity with Prime Minister of Kosovo, Albin Kurti



In a warm and proud gathering, Prime Minister Albin Kurti and Deputy Minister Daulina Osmani welcomed the 8 winners of the 2024 Volunteerism of the Year Awards, honoring their selfless contributions to a better Kosovo.

Launched by TOKA and supported by over 50 local and international partners, the awards **received 100 nominations. From those, 17 inspiring candidates were shortlisted, and 8 were named as winners.**

The Prime Minister shared his full support for future editions of the awards and for growing a strong culture of volunteering across Kosovo.

More than just a celebration, the event showed that when people and institutions join forces, they can create real and lasting change.

We're back with the second edition of the Volunteerism of the Year Awards. Stay tuned on our social media and be part of the movement that spreads kindness and community spirit in Kosovo.

The Ripple Effect of Service Learning

A collective journey of five organizations driving innovation in youth education



TOKA recently helped create an inspiring study about the Service Learning Network, a growing group of educators and youth leaders working together to make learning more meaningful through real-life experiences.

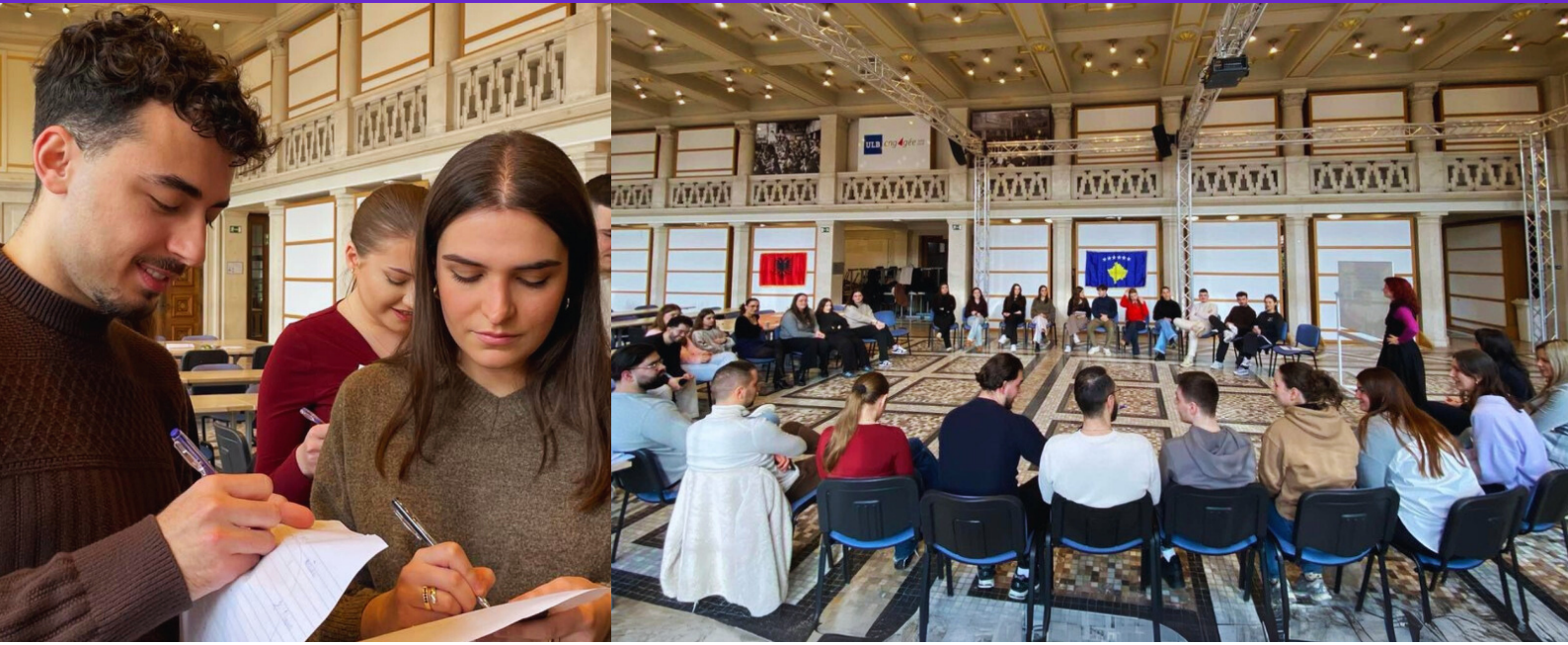
The study shares the **story of how this network of 5 organizations came together**, what they do, and how they're helping schools and communities grow stronger. By sharing ideas, creating training programs, and pushing for better education policies, the network is helping others build stronger, long-lasting service learning programs.

Thanks to this collaboration, many schools and organizations are now creating deeper learning experiences for students — and the impact is spreading across the region.

Curious to see how service-learning is making a real difference in the region? Download now the study **HERE**.

Stories, Identity, and Belonging

A Special Workshop Uniting Albanian Diaspora Youth in Belgium



On February 15th, the TOKA team brought great energy to the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), where **30 Albanian youth from the diaspora** came together for an inspiring workshop.

The event was organized in partnership with the VLERA Association in Belgium as part of the “Independence Week of Kosovo” celebrations. Its goal was to help young Albanians living abroad reconnect with their roots.

The workshop created a lively and welcoming space where diaspora participants could share stories, explore their cultural identity, and connect with others on a similar path.

If you're part of the youth diaspora that live in London, Brussels or Geneva and want to connect, learn, and grow, stay tuned with TOKA. More opportunities are on the way!

Nurturing Leadership through Service-Learning

A practical curriculum and standards guide to support effective, community-driven volunteering in education.



Two available resources are here to support impactful Service-Learning in Kosovo!

Curriculum for Capacity Building of Teachers and Youth Workers offers hands-on training and practical strategies to help educators and youth workers lead meaningful projects.

The Quality Standards Handbook provides easy-to-use tools and guidance for designing high-quality volunteering initiatives that meet recognized standards.

Together, these resources empower educators and young people to create volunteering experiences that make a real difference for individuals and communities alike.

Resources available to download:

Curriculum for Capacity Building of Teachers and Youth Workers for Implementation of Service-Learning

Handbook with Quality Standards

Protecting Water, Building Awareness

Training Teachers and Engaging Students in Sustainable Water Practices



This initiative aims to raise awareness among young people about the critical importance of Kosovo's water resources and how they can play an active role in protecting them.

As part of the project, **9 educators took part in interactive training sessions** where they explored creative ways to teach students about water pollution and sustainable water use. Through educational games and group discussions, they learned how to make these topics engaging and relevant in the classroom.

The training provided practical tools and knowledge that empower teachers to inspire their students to take meaningful action.

By equipping both educators and youth with the skills to protect Kosovo's water resources, this initiative is helping to build a generation of environmentally conscious and proactive citizens.

Train of Trainers in Experiential Learning Methodology

Training professors and Mentor-Teachers in ELM Methodology



In partnership with Faculty of Education, TOKA held the second “Train of Trainers” **with 11 professors and mentor-teachers present for co-designing the “Experiential Learning” methodology.** This training aims to enhance teaching methods by focusing on hands-on, real-world learning experiences.

Excitingly, the program will now be offered not only for primary and secondary education but also for pre-primary education and vocational education. This expansion ensures that more educators and students will benefit from the program’s innovative approach.

The program has been further enriched thanks to the valuable contributions of professors from the Faculty of Education, the TOKA staff, and mentor teachers. They shared their expertise and insights, helping to shape a more comprehensive and effective training experience.

With the combined efforts of all involved, we’re confident that the “Experiential Learning Methodology” will make a lasting impact on educators and students across various education levels.

Myopia Awareness Through Action

Engaging Super Volunteers to Protect Eyesight in Local Communities



The goal of the activity was to raise awareness among students about myopia and the importance of protecting their eyesight. This project, carried out by Super Volunteers, had a significant impact, with **more than 120 volunteers actively engaging in the activities and education.**

Through educational activities and information sharing, more than **3,000 people benefited** from the project, learning how to take care of their eyesight and take steps to prevent vision problems like myopia. This large-scale involvement contributed to increasing awareness at the local level.

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