

## Generation Europe Survey

### 'To be or not to be... a volunteer'

#### A Survey on Volunteerism in Armenia

Ten young people, students of the Yerevan State University Centre for European Studies – a special thanks to Karine Ghahramanian for conducting the survey at the Centre for European Studies of the YSU – took part in the survey by completing the questionnaire forms prepared by the Bosnia and Herzegovina GE Ambassador Assistants and kindly adapted and distributed to all the GEAs for conducting the survey in their countries (see questionnaire below).

1. To the question regarding the definition of the volunteer work, 3 of the 10 respondents mentioned that volunteering is “Acquiring new knowledge and experience (a)”, 5 respondents mentioned that it is “Humanitarian work” (b), and 2 respondents noted that it is “Contribution to the community (c)”. None of the respondents checked the option (d) which was “Waste of spare time”.
2. To the question as to whether they have ever done any volunteer work, 6 of the 10 respondents replied positively, and 4 – negatively.
3. Two out of four respondents who noted they had never done volunteer work as a reason for that mentioned “Lack of information about volunteering possibilities (b) and two mentioned “Lack of free time” (c).
4. To the question about their reaction to the volunteers who attract their attention, two of the ten respondents mentioned “They would evade them” (a), one respondent mentioned “S/he will eventually take the leaflet” (b), and 7 respondents mentioned “They would hear them out and contribute to the action” (c).
5. To the question on the possibilities that can be achieved through volunteer work, two out of the ten respondents noted “Helping people who really need help” (a), one respondent noted “To promote human rights (b), and one respondent checked “to meet new people” (d) whereas the majority- 6 respondents noted “Everything mentioned above (e).
6. To the question regarding the respondents view of the volunteer organizations in Armenia, one respondent mentioned “All these organizations work to make their own profit” (a), three respondents mentioned “They do not know anything about those organizations” (b), and six respondents noted that “They know some organizations that have many people working as volunteers” (c), as examples of such organizations, the respondents noted AUNA, Red Cross, ICRC Yerevan, FYCA, Habitat
7. To the question if they would do volunteer work without being paid at all, 8 out of ten respondents checked “Yes” (a), and two answered negatively.
8. To the question if they would like to receive GE Vibes electronic magazine, six of the ten respondents answered positively and provided their mail addresses, whereas four responded negatively.

## Questionnaire on Volunteerism create by Tatjana Slijpcevic's assistants in B&H

1. According to you, what is volunteer work?
  - a) Acquiring of new knowledge and experiences
  - b) Humanitarian work
  - c) Contribution to the community
  - d) Waste of my spare time
  
2. Have you ever done any volunteer work?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  
3. If in the previous question your answer was "b", what was the reason for that?
  - a) Volunteering is not very interesting
  - b) There is no enough information about possibilities for volunteering
  - c) Lack of free time
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_ (other reason)
  
4. How you react when some volunteers of an action are trying to attract your attention?
  - a) I evade them
  - b) Eventually I take the leaflet
  - c) I give hearing to them and I try to give my own contribution to the action
  
5. What is possible to achieve through volunteer work?
  - a) To help people who really need help
  - b) To promote human rights
  - a) To contribute to local community
  - b) To meet new people
  - c) Everything mentioned above
  - d) Nothing mentioned above
  
6. What you think about volunteer organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina?
  - a) All these organizations work to make their own profit
  - b) I do not know anything about these organizations
  - c) I know some organizations that have many people working as volunteers ( \_\_\_\_\_ example of these organisations)
  
7. Would you do volunteer work without being paid at all?
  - a) Yes
  - a) No
  
8. Would you like to receive GE Vibes electronic magazine?
  - a) Yes (your e-mail \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b) No