

KOSOVO RESOURCE CENTER FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

**CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL OF ACTIVISM**

The Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF) and Community Building Mitrovica (CBM) invite all civil society organizations to apply to the first edition of the School of Activism to be offered within the Kosovo Resource Center for Civil Society.

**School of activism (School)** is a space for professional education of CSOs and growth of activism which aims to develop skills, and increase the competence of small, medium and grassroots CSOs, to increase their presence in the community in which they operate and in policy-making processes, following the principles of participatory advocacy and transparency. The school will be offered on a regular annual basis for 20-25 CSOs, and contains 5 trainings which are rated as basic topics and knowledge for the development of the organization and increasing their impact through their work.

Moreover, CSOs that successfully complete the School of Activism will have the opportunity to benefit from mentorship by experts in various fields, to further increase their professional development and support for the implementation of the strategy and long-term goals of the organization, such as participation in thematic/sectoral networks of CSOs which will be organized and supported by the Center.

All ongoing training, mentoring and support is provided free of charge to selected organizations. In addition, for participants coming from outside Prishtina, travel expenses will be reimbursed.

**TOPICS OF TRAININGS WITHIN SCHOOL OF ACTIVISM:**

- **Module 1: Internal governance and financial management for CSOs**
- **Module 2: Gender Mainstreaming:**
- **Module 3: Systems and processes for impact assessment and fundraising**
- **Module 4: Participatory Advocacy**
- **Module 5: Community mobilization techniques;**



### **WHAT WILL THE PARTICIPANTS BENEFIT:**

With the participation of CSOs in the School of Activism, each participating CSO will be able to:

- Better understand the organization, internal governance and financial management of the organization;
- Use appropriate forms and tools to identify the needs of the community with which they are engaged;
- Develop a clear strategy or activity plan for achieving the goals of the organization;
- Include gender mainstreaming within internal and external activities of the organization;
- Create better strategies for fundraising, project planning and implementation;
- Participate in decision-making processes, at local and central level, with better knowledge of participatory advocacy tools and methods;
- Understand better and be more competent in applying community mobilization techniques;
- Create a network of organizations and cooperation with different groups for the common interests and goals of the organization;

During the participation in the School for Activism, and after completion of the School the participants will have opportunity to benefit from:

- Continuous mentoring and advice by experts engaged by the Center for addressing and advancing specific issues within the organization;
- Networking and cooperation with other civil society organizations for joint engagement in advocacy initiatives, addressing the needs of the community, etc.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

All civil society organizations registered or operating in Kosovo have the right to apply. Each CSO should nominate 2 to 5 staff members based on their responsibilities within the organization to participate in the School modules.

## **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

- To be a Civil Society Organization, registered in Kosovo;
- To be Civil Society Organizations operating mainly at the local level;
- Have community activity and/or interest in involving citizens in the work of the organization;
- To have identified as a need, the development of various internal documents in improving procedures and regulations for functioning of the organization;

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Resource Center will select 20 to 25 CSOs that will be participating in all 5 (five) modules during the set dates. They include the following:

- The application is fully completed and all questions are answered;
- Each CSO has proposed staff (minimum 2, maximum 5) in the respective field based on staff responsibilities;
- The importance of how participation in the School contributes to the achievement of the organization's strategy;
- The importance of how school attendance contributes to community involvement within the goals of the organization;
- Capacities for the internal development of organization based on the presented needs;

*Only selected CSOs will be contacted via email.* The Kosovo Resource Center for Civil Society, in close cooperation with the selected CSOs will also appoint the participating members in each module.

Upon completion of the School, participants are expected to share knowledge and experiences within their organization.

Before the end of the School, each participant will be provided with a *Certificate of Participation*.

### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Interested CSOs should complete the application form online.

Only applications that meet all the requirements specified in this call and application form will be considered. The deadline for application is December 12, 2021, at **23:59**.

Any additional questions or information you have about the School or application process please e-mail to [rc-kosovo@kcsfoundation.org](mailto:rc-kosovo@kcsfoundation.org).

The application of small, newly established CSOs outside Pristina is encouraged.

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