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# Alumni Scholarship Donations

This year saw the start of the alumni fundraising campaign. With the creation of the Mostar endowment fund, the College is looking towards a financially secure future. Now it is time for our alumni and their parents to do their part! As alumni you have experienced the benefits of UWC Mostar like no other. It has given you opportunities you would have never had. It has shown you the impact our events and activities make on Mostar. It has allowed you to make friends from around the world. Now, by joining our forces we can give this chance to one student each year, forever! Because of a generous donor we can now DOUBLE all donations made by alumni and their parents. If all alumni donate on average €10 a month and we get some parents to join as well, we get the fund together within the year! So, do make a monthly donation! All little bits count so even €5 a month will help us out a great deal (that's the price of 1 or 2 drinks, we can all miss that). A lot of people are working very hard to make UWC Mostar succeed. If alumni don't step up to help the College, then why would anyone else? We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have already signed up to make a monthly

donation. The College and all its current and future students are very grateful! Now, to all others: step up to the challenge and make a monthly donation! You can sign up at: [www.mostar-endowment.com](http://www.mostar-endowment.com), clicking on the 'alumni scholarship donations' link. Donations can be made by Paypal or by bank transfer. Set up a monthly donation now!

*Dear students and alumni, In our ninth year of existence, and observing what is going on in the world around us, it is clear that having a school like UWC Mostar is more important than ever. This year our school is attended by 166 students coming from 47 different countries and 529 of you have successfully graduated and moved on in different parts of the world. It is always a pleasure to see on the social media or in communication with you how your life paths developed, your university graduation pictures, your first jobs, starting your families. We are even more pleased knowing that we have succeeded to keep a good communication with you in all these years. I am especially thrilled seeing you on the reunions we organized so far and realizing how many wonderful persons have attended UWC Mostar. This is my fifth year as Headmistress. We have spent these years mostly trying to deal with*

the consequences of the World Economic Crisis that hit us badly in 2010, as you would recall. We are continuously doing our best to keep this school going and to continue educating talented young people from around the world. During the last academic year two big events made us look towards the future with more optimism. Firstly, we built our first self-owned student residence and at the same time helped Mostar to have one ruin less in its heart – Old Town. At the moment we are preparing to start the similar enterprise and very soon you will find out about the first steps. Secondly, as you have already heard, the Endowment Fund “Bridge to the Future” was launched. In September 2015 we will be able to enrol eleven students on full scholarships coming from that Fund. It is very important to have a large alumni involvement in the endowment campaign. This is because potential donors are much more likely to donate if many – over 70% – of alumni/students donate to the school. This means that even a little donation helps UWC Mostar a lot! Also, if all alumni and their parents donate, we are able to have a big impact. With an anonymous donor doubling every donation, we need a total of €100.000 from (ex) students and their parents to fund one student each year, forever! I am pleased to announce that the first €20.000 has already been raised. It will still take time to collect the remaining, but, if we all donate a small sum each month, we will certainly get there. In the guidance below you can find how to subscribe for monthly giving. Thus, as our alumni, you will be able to fund one student every year coming from a poor socio-economic background. You more than anyone know the benefits of UWC education and the extraordinary life-changing experience that this scholarship will make available. You can find all the information about how to contribute to this scholarship below. Thank you and I am sure that with our joint forces we will be able to raise the funds in record time. Yours sincerely,

**Valentina Mindoljević,**  
**UWC Mostar Headmistress**

# MUN Conference, Mostar 2015

The 9th annual Model United Nations in Mostar conference took place from March 14th to 16th, 2015 at UWC Mostar.

Majority of the student body of UWC Mostar assisted in organization of the conference, with focus on sharing the UWC Mostar experience with participants of the conference. The opening ceremony took place on March 14th and UWC Mostar had the pleasure of welcoming MUN guest of honour, Head of the EU Office in Mostar Ms. Marsaili Fraser. The external participants came from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania, Italy, Macedonia, Denmark and the United Kingdom. Discussions on a wide range of topics were carried out in the UN Security Council, the World Trade Organisation and the World Health Organisation. The MUNiM 2015 conference also featured a team of conference journalists, who covered all major events in the councils and produced a daily conference newspaper, as well as the Special Task Force, whose members acted out crisis situations in order to make the councils more interesting and dynamic. Various activities and tours were organised to introduce the guests to the City of Mostar and life at the college.



Over 150 participants from all over the world were a part of this years' annual MUN in Mostar. The conference was closed on March 16th, with an official ceremony in the Mostar City Hall.

Sponsors and supporters of MUN 2015: City of Mostar, R&S Sarajevo, Students Hotel Mostar - Contact Travel, Lukas TP Nakić - Leda.



Thank you to the wonderful sponzors of MUN 2015!

UWC Mostar & MUNiM team

# Selection Report

Call for UWC Mostar scholarship was officially closed on February 24th 2015.

UWC Mostar conducted the pre-selection in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 91 applicant was found qualified for the final selection. The pre-selection testing was organized on the 7th of March 2015 in four cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Mostar, Tuzla, Sarajevo and Banja Luka. The test included four areas with the same number of points: literature and language; English language; natural sciences and Mathematics; social sciences and general knowledge. The final selection was conducted by UWC National Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The main selection took place in Mostar, on 21st of March 2015. 30 students were selected, including 30 for scholarships offered by UWC Mostar, and 6 scholarships for other UWC colleges.



# Marking the Earth Hour

UWC Mostar in cooperation with the ecological association "Eko-Most", Nature Park "Hutovo blato" and Mostar Rock School presented Earth Hour initiative at the press conference in Mostar. The event organized by WWF has been supported by UWC Mostar for three years in a row and has raised public and media interest throughout the country. UWC Mostar students prepared an artistic installation with candles and torches which took place at the Old bridge in Mostar on Saturday, March 28th. The main event was accompanied by wonderful acoustic performances of the Mostar Rock School members, who joined and supported the initiative for the first time this year. Earth Hour is a worldwide movement for the planet organized by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The event is held worldwide annually encouraging individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the last Saturday in March, as a symbol for their commitment to the planet. It was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide. Today,

Earth Hour engages a massive mainstream community on a broad range of environmental issues. The one-hour event continues to remain the key driver of the now larger movement.



# Physics Competition

This is the third year that UWC Mostar organizes cantonal Physics competition for both curricula in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton. Our Headmistress Valentina Mindoljević is setting up tasks and marking schemes and organizes event in cooperation with both Pedagogical Institutes in Mostar. UWC Mostar hosts the event on its premises. The cantonal team of winning students from both curricula will participate together on the Federal Competition of Physics accompanied by the teachers. Two students from UWC Mostar also qualified for the Federal Competition: Petar Josip Vidović in area of Mechanics and Thermal Physics, and Ena Hašimbegović in area of Overall Physics.

# Education for Peace

UWC Mostar is one of the schools participating in project called "Education for Peace" organized by Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of Republika Srpska and supported by USAID. Our students already participated in two workshops and organized one event. The workshops covered skills for youth engagement in reconciliation process, while the project had to be organized by the students and should include integrated groups of young people discussing conflict topics and promoting peace and tolerance. UWC Mostar students did their project with Privatna Gimnazija and Gimnazija Mostar, while the second project is to be executed by the end of May and in cooperation with Srednja škola Konjic. Four teachers from our school also participated in one workshop which was held in Brčko.

# Physics Workshops

During the winter holidays our Headmistress traditionally organized the professional development workshops for Physics teachers in Herzegovina - Neretva Canton. The topic of the workshops, held for both elementary and high-school teachers, was "Training in usage of contemporary laboratory equipment". The teachers were given practical exercises and many of them got the opportunity to work with digital laboratory instruments for the first time. We hope to continue with this topic and are looking for opportunities to help other schools get equipped up to the global standards in teaching sciences.



# SHL preparing the Academy for Young Leaders

UWC Mostar was invited to be one of the partners in preparatory meetings for SHL project named Academy for Young Leaders. Various SHL partners have already participated in sharing ideas in shaping the modules and curriculum of such Academy. Our school was represented by our CAS Coordinator Ljubica Bajo and the Headmistress Valentina Mindoljević.

# KEPASS Evaluation

KEPASS project of mobility of high-school students in Adriatic region was evaluated by all partners on the meetings held in Rovinj on the 9th and 10th of March 2015. Our Headmistress participated together with the partners from Ministry of Education of Herzegovina - Neretva Canton. The feedback from all the partners, students and schools was positive and the general conclusion was that we all have to find the way to continue it. The final meeting will be held in May 2015 when we will find out about the further possibilities.



# Exchange day with Gimnazija Mostar

When compared to other UWCs, United World College Mostar is specific for its location in a city. The perks of this location exist in the every-day interaction with the local community and it and experience that all UWC Mostar students share.

Sharing the school building with Gimnazija, a High School in Mostar, is one of these advantages – having the possibility to invite local students to CAS-es, participating in their extracurricular activities, or simply going for coffee with local students seems to be a beautiful experience. However, the language barrier, different backgrounds, and different ways of spending our time in Mostar has represented an obstacle in achieving the aforementioned idea. Therefore, the Commission of Relations and

Integration of the UWC Mostar Student Council started working with the Gimnazija Student Council in order to strengthen the relationship between the students who go to different schools under one roof. Brainstorming about possible activities that might bring the two schools together, our thoughts combined into an idea of an exchange day. Together with two representatives of Gimnazija students, the Commission decided that Gimnazija students should spend a day at UWC. Each Gimnazija student went to classes,

lunch, and breaks with a UWC host “buddy”. We thought that this would be an amazing way to experience a completely different educational system, as well as to have both local and international students have an insight into each other’s ways of functioning in Mostar. The exchange day idea, which was welcomed very warmly by both schools, was according to many UWC participants an extraordinary opportunity to comprehend the local community, to understand the background of “local” UWC students, as well as to learn more about Mostar.

Although the exchange took weeks of preparation, it was an experience defined by many as a wonderful opportunity of cooperation with Gimnazija students. The Commission for Relations and Integration and the Gimnazija Student Council are currently planning the second part of the exchange, which is envisioned as a day when UWC students would visit Gimnazija and we are all looking forward to new ideas and projects of our cooperation.

*Miljana Cadjenovic,  
UWC Mostar student,  
Monte Negro*

# Inter-religious Council Project in Mostar

Inter-religious Council of BiH, USAID and Cathoic Relief Service organized a an Open day for students and representatives from religious and education institutions from Mostar and Nevesinje. They visited

religious monuments and places in Mostar - Karadzoz-bey Mosque, Franciscan Monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul, Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity and the Jewsih Cemetery in Mostar. 46 students from Nevesinje and

Mostar visited UWC Mostar as well and were introduced to the life in an intercultural community. Ideas and experiences were exchanged and the visit was very productive and interesting for all students participating.

Once again, UWC Mostar connected young people from different backgrounds, countires and religious beliefs and proved to be a great a great ambassador of change for a better future in BiH.



# Finnish Ambassador at UWC Mostar

On February 10th 2015, UWC Mostar had the pleasure of welcoming Ambassador of Finland, Ljubljana, Slovenia H.E. Mr. Pekka Metso and Deputy Head of Mission Ms. Sirpa Oksanen.

Mr. Metso and Ms. Oksanen attended a presentation on UWC Mostar, education in BiH and future plans and met with UWC Mostar students from Finland who presented their view of UWC experience and life in Mostar.



# Denmark in Mostar

During the month of March, UWC Mostar had the pleasure of hosting two separate group visits by high school students and their teachers from Denmark. Students from Tarnby Gymna-

sium and Rodkilde Gymnasium visited UWC Mostar premises and participated in presentations on UWC Mostar, our programme, work and life as students of the college. Our students also provided a sightseeing tour of the city for our visitors.



# Mostar Summer Youth Programme

Following its successful launch in 2014, the Mostar Summer Youth Programme is preparing to enter its second year. The programme is bigger and better in 2015, reaching and empowering more young people from Mostar through its unique model of integrated education grounded in critical thinking, creativity, debate, leadership, and personal and professional development.

**M**SYYP is currently crowdfunding in order to maximize the impact of the programme in 2015, allowing more participants to take part, as well as financing additional workshops and other extracurricular activities. The Mostar Summer Youth Programme (MSYP) is a unique educational programme which is entering its second year in summer 2015. The programme is held annually at UWCiM, and this year it will run between Monday 22nd June and Friday 10th July 2015. MSYP is free to attend and open to young people aged 14-18 from Mostar and the surrounding area. Through a taught programme of thematic English language courses covering a wide spectrum of subject areas and academic disciplines, MSYP provides participants with opportunities to develop their confidence and key skills. MSYP also promotes community engagement and empowers participants in their educational and profes-

sional ambitions by connecting them with local organisations and businesses. In 2015, MSYP's curriculum is set to include courses on entrepreneurship, debate, career planning, critical writing, international affairs, social media, public speaking, the arts and much, much more. Thanks to its strong ties to local artists, youth organisations, NGOs and businesses, MSYP also puts on daily afternoon events for participants. These include voluntary work, presentations from local professionals, interactive workshops, arts, sports and cultural activities. In 2015, these are set to include a constitutional reform workshop led by civic coalition 'K-143', a workshop on challenging gender stereotypes led by Banja Luka-based NGO Perpetuum Mobile and a competition stimulating innovative business social venture ideas. MSYP also takes its participants on day trips through which they are able to witness successful local business and social enterprises and learn about educational



**Mostar**  
MSYP  
Summer Youth Programme  
Ljetni Omladinski Program



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**The Mostar Summer Youth Programme**  
22nd June - 10th July 2015

MSYP is a unique and locally recognised free educational summer programme for school students from in and around Mostar to be held between Monday 22nd June and Friday 10th July 2015 at United World College Mostar. We are currently looking to recruit inspiring individuals interested in teaching students aged 14-18.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS**

- Applicants must be aged 20+
- You must have experience working with young people
- You should be comfortable working in English

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- 3 weeks of teaching bright and enthusiastic students
- Freedom to design and facilitate your own courses
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- Work experience in a dynamic international team
- Experience the vibrant culture of Mostar
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and employment opportunities for young people in and around Mostar. 2015 will see the launch of 'Exchange for Change', a weekend-long exchange of a group of MSYP participants with their peers in another city of Bosnia-Herzegovina during the second week of the programme. Having been designed and organised by a team of three students

and recent graduates from the United Kingdom and United States, MSYP is supported by Mostar-based NGO Our Kids Foundation and currently financed solely by small-scale crowd funding initiatives. MSYP's teaching staff is made up of a diverse group of local and international volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds. **Freya Nowell, MSYP**

# International Physics Conference "Inspyre"

The International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, 2015 (IYL 2015) is a United Nations observance that aims to raise awareness of the achievements of light science and its applications, and its importance to humankind. UWC Mostar students participated in the conference and shared their knowledge with the UWC community.

**S**ince 2015 is the international year of light, all presentations and experiments at the International Physics Conference Inspyre were closely related to this topic. Not only were concepts already known to us, such as Planck's constant and gravitational waves,

discussed in more depth, we were also introduced to completely new and fascinating ideas that ranged from quantum physics to general relativity and nuclear physics. Particularly interesting were the experiments conducted in small groups and the insight to the work done at the INFN (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare) site,

such as the particle accelerator DaFne, which we gained. Outside of the physics conference we also got the opportunity to visit the capital, Rome, and enjoy the Italian cuisine, culture and architecture. As the name of the conference already suggests, we truly got inspired by all the amazing lectures and experiments in Frascati

and shared our knowledge at this year's Physics Fair, where UWC students and local students from other schools performed experiments together and attended interesting presentations given by students who attended the INSPYRE program. **Melina Arnold, UWC Mostar student, Germany**

# International World Schools Debate Tournament in Slovenia

**O**n the morning of 4th of March, 9 members of Debate CAS, along with debate coach, Mlungisi Dlamini, headed for Ljutomer, Slovenia, to participate in International World Schools Debate Tournament. UWC Mostar students Luka Kosmina, Marta Semeao and James Morgan formed team A. Ivan Pejic, Hanna Bargheer and Zuzana Kuban formed team B, while Alisha Erozer, Jady Brown and Annelie Boeren formed team C. The tournament was very well organized and challenging, with 49 very good teams from myriad of countries. For some this was the very first debate tournament, and all three teams showed great passion and improvement. After three days of intense debating, Hanna, Ivan and Zuzana proceeded to quarterfinals where they unfortunately lost against the Netherlands, placing them 5th overall with Hanna and Ivan breaking top 20 individual speakers. Apart from debating, the tournament offered opportunities for meeting wonder-

ful new people and also explore their cultures during the Country Expo organized on the last evening of the tournament. We decided to represent UWC instead of our individual countries, laying out our numerous passports to answer the frequent "What brought you guys together" question and tell everyone a bit about UWC. Additionally, all 9 debaters had homestay accommodations, which provided a wonderful opportunity for mingling with our Slovenian peers and host families and enjoying the amazing local cuisine. We had a lot of fun, we learned and improved tremendously, represented our school and UWC, and we are looking forward to our next debate tournament.

**Ivan Pejić, UWC Mostar student, BiH**



# Time for the Solar Eclipse

**U**WC Mostar and Gymnasium Astronomy section organised a public observation of the solar eclipse. Students and visitors showed great interest in being a part of the event, which occurred on March 20, 2015. This was the last total solar eclipse visible in Europe until the

eclipse of August 12, 2026. Using telescopes and filters, as well as filters for the direct observation almost all of our students and staff joined the observation. Many Gimnazija students, as well as local citizens and physics students from Karadjoz-bey madrasah joined UWC Mostar and enjoyed the unique experience of solar eclipse in Mostar

# Helping Salakovac refugee camp

**O**n March 3rd, 2015 UWC Mostar staff and students in cooperation with Gymnasium staff and students organized a humanitarian action for Salakovac Refugee camp. The camp is located in the outskirts of the City of Mostar. The families living in the refugee camp are

people who have been displaced from their own homes during the war and are currently living in extremely difficult and poor living conditions. The collected items were delivered to the refugee camp the next day and this will be just one in a row of activities planned to help the people of Salakovac.





# A Supermarket Action process

Supermarket Actions, aimed for collecting alimentary and household products for the families of the IDP Camp in Tasovcici, Capljina, have become a distinct feature of the CAS and an activity UWC Mo-star is praised for by the local community.

The actions often take place on a bimonthly basis. Before any super-market action, there is a whole process, usually extended throughout one or two weeks. It all starts on a typical Thursday morning meeting of the CAS, where all members agree on the day. Most actions, happen close to the student residences, but there have also been challeng-

ing cases of actions taking place in the outskirts of Mostar and even need to make last-minute changes due to inability of certain students participate. As much as we try to minimize such moments, it is precisely during them that we feel very lucky to be part of this community, where students are ready to take part in the action. Our Supermarket Actions have been happening in cooperation

with different super markets, such as Amko Komerc, Bingo, and the most consistent, Cosmetic Market in BiH. It has been challenging for other members and me to have actions in many different parts of Mostar, but what keeps us going is not only the need of the camp families for the products collected, but also the numerous very positive examples of people all over Mostar, caring for our actions.

When CAS members go to camp and distribute bags to the families, within those bags there is also the great and continuous support of so many local people who have become an inseparable part of our activities.

*Rega Sota, UWC Mostar student, Albania*

# Physics Fair

The Physics Fair was organized by the members of the Physics Club and participants of INSPYRE (International School of Modern Physics and Research) - a week long physics course for high school students held every year at the national laboratories of Frascati, Italy) and they also counted with the help of several UWCiM students who helped realizing the fair. The fair consisted of eight different presentations, which were held and prepared by the students themselves, with minimal help from the teachers. Some of the topics were based on workshops INSPYRE participants

had attended in Italy. The aprox. 30 participating students, coming from different schools and cities from BiH, including Gimnazija Mostar, enjoyed the about 4 hours of Physics. Like a magnifying glass, the Fair allowed an insight into the diversity of Physics with an high resolution. The aim was to trigger or emphasize own engagement and the wish to seek further knowledge. The possibility for the participants to conduct the experiments themselves gave the whole Fair a more practical aspect and supported the satisfying experience.

*Anna Leman Kiran, UWC Mostar student, Germany*



# International Peace Conference in Maastricht

The inaugural In-ternational Peace Conference of the United World College Maastricht was a con-gregation of hundreds of minds dedicated to the common goal of achieving peace and resolving conflicts that plague our world. Throughout the three days, this goal was debated, discussed and celebrated via activities, actions

and workshops organized by current students at UWC Maastricht, alongside externally organized workshops from NGOs such as Amnesty International. There were also speeches given by four inter-nationally renowned advocates of peace throughout the duration of the conference, which contributed invaluable to the international and intercultural dialogue that is the essence of the dream that peace

can become a reality. Their vision is to unite youth and peace workers to promote initiatives in finding solutions to the conflicts in the world, raise awareness, and promote a sense of duty in the participants towards their roles in peaceful resolution of conflicts. International Peace conference 2015 took place from 22 to 25 of January this year at UWC in Maastricht, with the goal of creating Israel-Palestinian youth parliament. The conference hosted students from various UWC schools: Atlantic, Adriatic, Robert Bosch, Red Cross and UWC Mostar. UWC Mostar representatives on the conference were the college secretary Nina Spago and students Noam Maman from Israel and Nikola Boskovic from B&H. The conference lasted for three days during which our repre-sentatives stayed in the host families. The participants had a wonderful time learning new things about peace, as well as exploring the beautiful city sites and discovering more about Dutch culture.

# New CAS activities introduced

During the school year 2014/2015 UWC Mostar CAS intro-duced three new CAS activities. International Elementary School CAS is an op-portunity for students to work with them, play games and introduce them to new English vocabulary.

Archery CAS in cooperation with the Archery Club Mostar provides a great opportunity for UWC Mostar students to develop their coordination and archery skills. Knitting Club is a new CAS club led by one of UWC Mostar students and it provides a lot of fun for ev-eryone who would like to learn the wonderful craft of knitting.



# Week of minority cultures

The aim of the Roma Week was to encourage students to look behind curtains, before they create stereotypes about the biggest Minority in Europe. Roma groups and societies are most often faced with prejudices from society and government and the week aimed to start a general discussion about minor-ity cultures, backgrounds and identity. The week included a singing/dancing workshop, a movie night focusing on Roma culture and Roma Festival with wonderful music and exhibition of paintings and poems by Roma repre-sentatives. Students also discussed their experiences from the Karaserbes Service CAS and their Project Week "Camp Konic" with 4000 Roma settlers in Podgorica during which they organ-ised many workshops with children and teenagers. During the week issues regarding the status of Roma in BiH were also discussed and the most influ-ential Roma representatives from the last 100 years were presented. We had the pleasure of hosting a guest speaker from the NGO Impact, Mr. Mufid Bešić, who held a presentation and addressed the issues of education, employment and discrimination in the society. UWC Mostar welcomed the week of minority cultures, showed great interest in the Roma week and were pleased to learn new things about Roma in BiH."The Festival was very powerful, thoughtful and has awoken the desire in me to discover more Art about this underestimated culture." - Miljana Cadjenovic

*Aleksandra Dykas, UWC Mostar student, Germany*

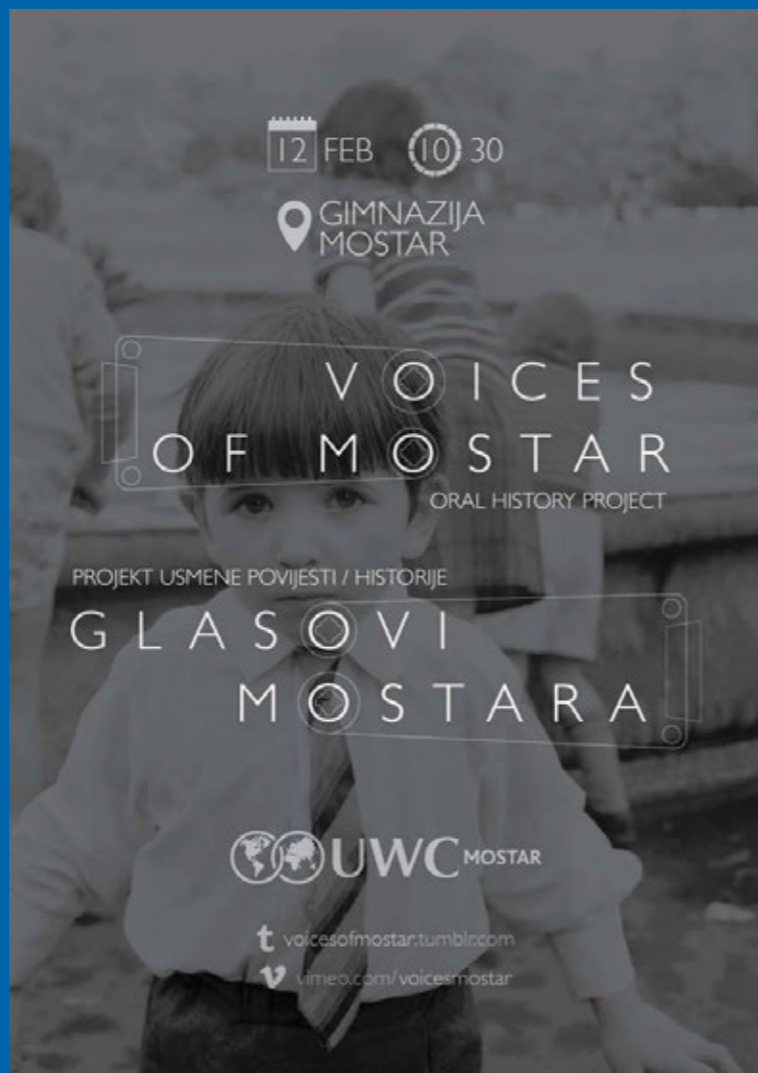
# Voices of Mostar – History Project

Balkan Studies is all about breaking the UWC bubble. Homeworks and assignments try to motivate our first-years students to engage with Mostar, to explore places, ideas and to get to know its people better. And it was with those thoughts, that "Voices of Mostar" came to be.

We started second term with the task of making an oral history project: a video, an audio recording, or a photo collection of a story of someone from the region (ex-Yugoslavia). January took off with lessons on interviewing, practicing sessions, an overview of good examples and some ideas to inspire our students to use their creativity at its fullest. After three weeks of preparation, the Balkan Studies class presented all the stories they gathered in an open event called "Voices of Mostar". Each classroom had a theme: "From UWC Mostar to Mostar, from Mostar to UWC Mostar" that encompassed stories either from our students about Mostar, or from Mostarians about our school; "Arts and Cul-

ture", that focused on the cultural scene in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including an interview with Visual Arts teacher Vladimir Mickovic; "Memories", that covered all sorts of stories, from people close to our community, like teachers, parents and grandparents, to strangers approached on the street, and others. As one of the coordinators, I couldn't have been more proud. Our students' efforts and commitment to the task was more than obvious, and it resulted on a beautifully put together set of stories, voices that tried to understand a little bit more of what living in Mostar (and in Bosnia and Herzegovina) is all about. Voices that I hope have opened their hearts just like it opened mine!

Clara Marques, UWC Mostar volunteer, Brazil



## UWC MOSTAR Newsletter

# Independent Theatre Projects

Free Judgment by Louisa Chas

Free Judgement is a play produced from Albert Camus' philosophical novel The Fall. The play is a reflection or open discussion on the importance and weight of judgement in human relationships; it explores how hu-

mans judge one another to make each other feel better and satisfy their own egos. "In The Fall there is only one character discussing with himself throughout the novel. However, I decided that it would more interesting to have different characters

on stage. Therefore, I proceeded by analysing three different aspects of the character's novel according to the Freudian structural model of the mind. Three characters were created from the text representing respectively the super ego, the ego and the id. My

aim was to challenge the audience to think about the world and themselves through the play. It was a very enriching experience that taught about directing and exploring new concepts."

Louisa Chas, UWC Mostar student, France



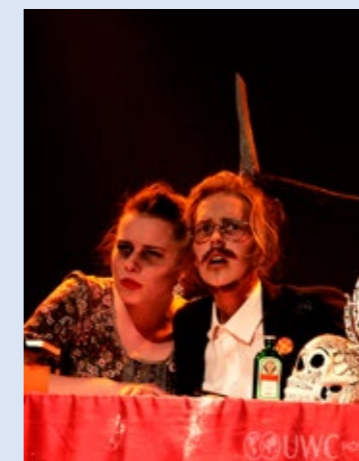
# Collection of Plays "All in the Timing"

"I look up, the stage lights burning my eyes, blurring away the crowd as I attempt to calm my beating heart. I'm an actor in "All in the Timing", the first years play based on David Ives famous collection of comical absurd plays."

Every year different generations of theatre students set out to direct, act and arrange a play of their choice in order to show off the talent and skills learned over their intensive theatre classes. All students partake in some way or another, testing out different roles within the process that is a theatre production, whether it be makeup, lighting, acting, directing, or stage setup. After a unanimous decision during the last semester, we as a theatre class decided to tackle the tradition "Theatre of the Absurd" in which the lines between reality and absurdity are blurred through repetitive, meaningless or strange dialogue, extreme characters and absurd situations that defy conventional life. The performances targeted societal control, historical confusion, miscommunication and other major themes that can be seen in everyday life, but told through a comical format which everyone could enjoy. After two months of planning and rehearsals, we were

finally ready, and although there were a few moments of improvisation and working around mishaps, the performance ran smoothly and all had their moments of utter laughter and brilliance. Theater students participating in the project: Ela Keegan, Lea Arzberger, Louis Celt, Leo Cеровsky, Luisda Rueda, Alisha Erözer, Le-man Kiran, Ida Tursić.

Hanna Bargheer, UWC Mostar student, Sweden



# Middle Eastern and North African Culture Week

The Middle Eastern and North African culture week this year started off with an opening ceremony that celebrated the arts from that region of the world with singing, dancing and poetry readings and a small representation of how weddings are celebrated in that region, mixing different religious and ethnic traditions. Throughout the week, students and staff were able to participate in dance and calligraphy workshops held by the MENA students, Henna, Sugar waxing and Tea

Sessions and movie screenings. The final event was the feast, where students from the MENA region spent the day cooking dinner for the entire school community from tasty starters, to filling main dishes and sweet desserts. The countries represented at this culture week were: Armenia, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Morocco, Syria, Turkey, UAE and Yemen. Thank you to all the student organizers and for attending our culture week events!

Malak Alsayyad, UWC Mostar student, Egypt





## A success story at Intera StartUp Weekend

The story begins a year ago, when UWC Mostar alumni Amar came to visit Mostar after graduating from Methodist University. We came in touch because he was looking for a programmer for a group of people who would work on games, websites and much more. It resulted in exchange of projects and a successful initiation of a new idea...

**T**hird member of the team was Josip Djola, who is a programmer and a mathematician. It was the time of the first StartUp Weekend in Mostar. The aim of this event was to gather technicians and non-technicians with business ideas that can succeed. We wanted to apply and present a game but in the last minute we decided to make a new application based on a custom of our own country - drinking coffee. The idea was to create an application that would connect friends for coffee in two clicks, providing an

opportunity to send an invitation to a person who is available at the moment and is not an acquaintance in order to make it possible to have company for coffee if one is in town visiting. Our idea passed the selection and we worked on it for a few days in order to get it ready for the presentation. It is an application that can be linked via Facebook and provides a possibility of sending invitation for coffee (or any other event) to your friends or persons who are also at the specific time interval in the mood for having coffee but are not among our acquaintances. It

includes filters such as friends (a list made by the user), city (a list of people currently in the city) and world/public (a list of people in and around the city). The application was a success and we won the first prize at the Start-Up Weekend. The application has been completed since then and we are waiting for subsidies to publish it. It all resulted with entrance in pre-incubation at Intera Technology Park where we are planning to establish a company for software development.

**Davor Pranjić,**  
**UWC Mostar student, BiH**

### Upcoming calendar events

**April 24th 2015**

Festival for Children

**May 21st-May 24th, 2015**

Street Arts Festival

**May 26th, 2015**

UWC Mostar Graduation Ceremony, Class of 2015

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