



***"Building bridges between people and cultures through inspiring, quality education"***

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*Note from the Head*

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

Come August and despite the heat of the Herzegovinian rocks, here in Mostar, there is a spring in our step and a smile on our faces as the students begin to arrive. First the returning second years, feeling like they have come back home and then the first years, excited and apprehensive all at the same time. It makes me think about how the second year students were exactly the same last year at this time. How quickly we learn to adapt and consider a place our home.

Kurt Hahn really hit the nail on the head when he proposed that young people living together would learn much more and in a more experiential and practical way than just going to school and coming back home. And with the UWC model, youngsters from so many countries and cultures start to feel at home with each other and automatically develop the understanding that our similarities as human beings are far more than our differences as representatives of specific nationalities, languages or cultures. This is further emphasised by our alumni who return to us as partners and employees.

This year we have three of our own alumni and one from another UWC who are joining us in different roles. They come back as they want to give back to the college, the movement and to the Mostar community that hosts us with such warmth. The tone of the year will be set by our Annual Peace Conference that will be held on the 18th of September. I, for one, am waiting impatiently as there are very interesting panel discussions and workshops lined up which the staff and students will facilitate and participate in.

This year, the conference is in collaboration with a four Day event - Days of Peace in Mostar; that is organised by the college and a few other local agencies and civil society that work towards a more peaceful Bosnia & Herzegovina at the grassroot level. It makes me very happy that such collaboration and recognition is now possible for the college. Slowly and steadily we work towards

the vision of the founders of the college.

In Peace,

**Sonia Rawat**

*Head of UWC Mostar*

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## New School Year - New Beginnings



**Induction Week at UWC Mostar**

The Induction Week is designed to help our new students settle in, make new friends, and get acquainted with the college and the academics. We are thrilled to welcome our students at the start of an incredible journey! They are not just joining a school, but a vibrant community filled with opportunities, challenges, and unforgettable memories waiting to be made. [More](#)



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## Cooperations and activities





**Peace Conference in Mostar**  
**Celebration of International Day of Peace**  
**18-21 September 2024, Mostar**

UWC Mostar in cooperation with Network for Building Peace, forumZFD in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Forum Civil Peace Service), and the Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar), with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, are organizing the celebration of the International Day of Peace and UWC Day on September 21. [More](#)

## Events and Initiatives

### Center for Professional Development of Teachers

Organized by UWC Mostar's Center for Professional Development of Teachers, the first part of the program on "How to enhance students' communication in English classroom" took place in August at UWC Mostar.

A series of 4 workshops with 18 participants from the entire BiH - English language and literature teachers, was organized with the aim of professional development and exchange of experiences among the participants. [Read more](#)



Ivana Pehar

"SPEAKING"



Adla Velagić

"STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNICATION AND  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
SKILLS"



Ivana Knježević

"WRITING"



Ian Stroughair

"AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA"


**Naukatorlum:  
Poveži um**



**PETAK, 27.9.2024.**

# OTKRIJ, ISTRAŽI, IZUMI

## PRIDRUŽI SE EVROPSKOJ NOĆI ISTRAŽIVAČA!

**JESI LI ZNATIŽELJAN/NA O SVIJETU OKO SEBE?**  
Imaš li strast za otkrivanjem, ili možda ideju koja bi mogla promijeniti budućnost? Onda je vrijeme da zakoračiš u svijetlo reflektora i postaneš dio nečeg izuzetnog!

**Evropska noć istraživača** se vraća u Bosnu i Hercegovinu, a ove godine otvaramo vrata za sve! Bilo da si učenik, nastavnik, ljubitelj nauke, ili jednostavno neko ko voli učiti, ovo je tvoja prilika da zaroniš u svijet nauke, inovacija i obrazovanja.

**ŠTA SE DEŠAVA?**  
U petak, 27.9.2024., pridruži nam se na noći ispunjenoj uzbudljivim aktivnostima, inspirativnim govorima i praktičnim eksperimentima u čak 11 gradova širom Bosne i Hercegovine. Upoznaj sjajne umove, podijeli svoje ideje i istraži kako nauka oblikuje budućnost. Od interaktivnih radionica do eksperimenata uživo, za svakoga ima ponešto!

**ZAŠTO SE PRIDRUŽITI?**  
Nauka je za svakoga i ovo je tvoja prilika da budeš dio pokreta koji oblikuje budućnost. Plus, biće jako zabavno!

**POZIV NA PRIJAVE > UKLJUČI SE!**  
Pozivamo sve buduće naučnike, naučnice i znatiželjne umove! Bilo da želiš predstaviti svoje istraživanje, podijeliti kreativan projekat, ili se jednostavno uključiti – želimo čuti tvoje ideje!

<b>UČENICI</b> Predstavite svoje školne projekte, učestvujte u takmičenjima, ili se jednostavno inspirirajte.	<b>NASTAVNICI</b> Dovedite svoje učenike, učestvujte u radionicama i otkrijte nove načine za približavanje nauke.	<b>ISTRAŽIVAČI I INOVATORI</b> Predstavite svoj rad, vodite radionice, ili suradujte s drugima.	<b>LJUBITELJI NAUKE</b> Pridružite se zabavi, naučite nešto novo i upoznajte ljude sa sličnim interesima.
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Ne propustite ovu nevjerojatnu priliku da otkrijete, istražite i izumite nešto novo. Prijavite se sada i budite dio Evropske noći istraživača u Bosni i Hercegovini!






## European Researchers' Night in Mostar

European Researchers' Night is back in Mostar and once again UWC Mostar is the main partner and organizer of the event!

Make sure to join us on September 27, 2024 and stay tuned for all details.

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**€25 mln value of funds**


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**€19 mln total donations received**


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**€9 mln in total return**

\*estimated as at March 2024\*

10-year anniversary of Mostar Endowment - Bridge to the future



Thank you to our donors and supporters!

Bridge to the Future:

- a bridge to a bright future for deserving students
- a bridge to financial stability for UWC Mostar, and
- a bridge to peace and a sustainable future through education.

Thank you to all those 400 donors, to the Endowment Board members, trustees, supporters and UWC Mostar staff and students. We hope to count on all of you to help us continue this story of success!

[About UWC Mostar Endowment](#)



UWC Day is the annual global celebration of the UWC mission and values, which takes place on **21 September** every year, to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace. Each year, UWC Day is celebrated by thousands of people worldwide, including students and staff at UWC schools and colleges, national committees, UWC alumni and friends. [Celebrate with us this September!](#)

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### Welcoming New Staff

We are excited for our new staff members who are part of our mission and a part of our team starting this academic year.

[Welcome](#) to the UWC community!

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### Alumni



# STAY CONNECTED



## UWC Mostar Alumni Join our College Board!

Alumni who could contribute in one or several of the following areas:

- Local Bosnian financial and legal knowledge
- Student well-being, including mental health
- United World Colleges and IB networks
- Western Balkans as a region
- Education in transition, conflict, and post-conflict environments and who are interested in participating actively in the work of UWC Mostar College Board are invited to apply for the position.

[Information and details](#)



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