

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS



AMANTIN QAMILI

Amantin is a master student of Economic Engineering and Management, BSc graduate of International Economic Relations, alumni of Erasmus + Mobility Exchange programme in Latvia and is currently working as Head of the Office for International Relations at Mother Teresa University in Skopje. In addition to his professional engagement, Amantin is dedicated to youth topics, such as youth innovation and development, civic education and social change. He has been working with the Youth Council of U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia for four years and is also actively engaged in society and volunteer at the European Forum Alpbach Club of N. Macedonia, where youth education and development are a topic of priority.



VETON ILJAZI

Veton is a young professional with a Bachelor in Computer Engineering and undergoing a Master's degree in Business Informatics. During his studies, he was a student activist and served in the SEEU Student Parliament for 4 years in the position of General Secretary and then as President. His passions are youth empowerment and business development while he believes that helping young people unlock their potential through access to professional development opportunities and encouraging entrepreneurship will drive access to sustainable and inclusive development in the region.



SARA MILENKOVSKA

Sara after her studies in political science, works as Program Development Assistant in an international development program in the field of anti-corruption, human rights, and good governance. Her social engagement started in the Red Cross and later evolved in a direction of advocating for gender equality, solidarity and freedom of speech (press) in different youth groups both formal and informal. Sara's experience in debating, debate competitions and later teaching debate to younger generations has helped her understand the need of actively participating in the public discourse, as a tool for changes. Civic activism, on the other hand, has always been a way in which she sought direct democracy and active citizen participation in the democratic processes. Working as a journalist highlighted the need for public awareness and the need for citizens to be well informed. Currently she is focused her work into the women and girls mentorship program of Stella Network and her work and coordination of activities at the Youth Council.



GUXIM NUHIU

Guxim Nuhiu has a BA in International Communications at South East European University in Skopje (multidisciplinary degree focused on Diplomacy, Political Science, International Organizations and Media). Volunteerism is so important for him, believing that is the right form to contribute in his society; to do small actions with a big impact that can improve changes for the better. At the same time he is a volunteer at the Center for Balkan Cooperation LOJA in Tetovo, Global Shapers Hub Skopje, and at Youth Council of the U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia. He strongly

believes that his generation's fight is to create a society that accepts everybody no matter what their gender, background, ethnicity or sexual orientation is. Main interests of Guxim are: reconciliation, gender equality and youth activism.



TRINGA BEKTESHI

Tringa is a Doctor of Dental Medicine. Currently she started her Master's Degree at the Faculty of Dentistry at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. Her passion for continuing education ensures that the technological advancements being made in the field of dentistry will be available to all her patients in the future. She has been part of many campaigns such as "Movember," "Find the Green," You Are Not Alone (YANA) Community Service Campaign, Career Expo Skopje and frequently volunteers on projects that address student issues, raise- awareness campaigns and various multiethnic activities which are based on coexistence and recognition of cultures. She is eager to find new challenges and new ways to improve society.



RINA PIRRINI

I am a Doctor of Medicine and a resident of Gynecology and Obstetrics. During the past years I've worked with MMSA (Macedonian Medical Students' Association) and have organized many raise-awareness campaigns such as "Fight against Breast Cancer", "Getting to 0 – HIV/AIDS", "Movember" and "End violence against Women". In addition to this, I am a part of the project Stella which seeks professional and academic advancement of women and girls in our country. While engaging in these projects, I have learned about the difficulty of tackling vulnerable issues in the community we live in. However, ultimately once people are given the opportunity, they always speak up and discuss about what matters to them.



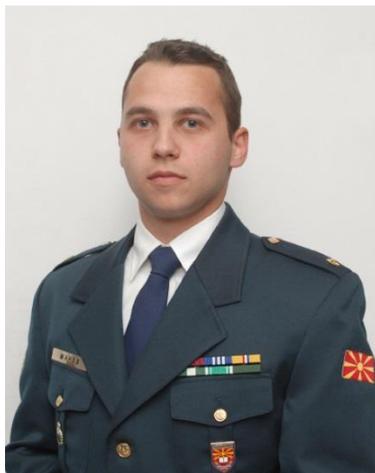
ARTINA ZEQIRI

Artina is a Researcher at Democracy Lab. She holds a BSc in Management and Marketing from the Faculty of Business and Economics at SEE University. She has also been an Erasmus exchange student in Otto-Friedrich University in Germany with a focus in management studies. This year she completed International Visitor Leadership Program in USA. Currently she is finishing her Master's Degree in Management at SEE University. So far, she has been distinguished with first place in Oratory Competition of the Republic of North Macedonia and the award for excellent performance in undergraduate studies from the Ministry and Science of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia. She is the author and moderator of the TV youth debate show called "Odë Rinore" which is focused on empowering critical thinking among youth in N. Macedonia.



FATON SULEJMANI

Faton currently is working as an associate for international financial relations and public debt management in the Ministry of Finance. He holds a BSc in Financial Management and graduated with Magna Cum Laude from the Faculty of Economics in Skopje, at ss. Cyril and Methodius University. Besides working in the public and private sectors he has been civically engaged for years as well. He has been involved and worked with the international student platform AIESEC as a student, contributing on youth issues such as brain drain and youth unemployment. He is a member of the Association of Young Analysts and Researchers (ZMAI) working on creation of research and data based policies and solutions for youth problems. Currently, he is finishing his Master's Degree in Statistics at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University. On a personal note, he loves running and swimming.



NIKOLA MANEV

Nikola Manev graduated at the top of his class from the Macedonian military academy and holds a Masters degree in Mechanical engineering. He is a tank platoon leader in the Army, and a teaching assistant at the Military Academy on the Engines and Engine Driven Vehicles Course. His research and scientific work is aimed at envisioning control mechanisms that simplify the system control processes found in cars. He looks at the Youth Council as a lobbying and action platform where young individuals can engage in the betterment of the position of youth in the Macedonian society.



SARA DJEKOVA

Sara Djekova is an electrical engineering student at the Faculty of electrical engineering and information technologies in Skopje. She strives to develop herself professionally and personally through interning at EVN, Inbox, Inno-FEIT, American Corner Skopje. Sara has taken up volunteering activities since young ages and is participating in non-governmental organizations to support youth empowerment. She is an energetic young activist who stands up for equality and equal opportunities for everyone. Besides her love for Math, she enjoys reading, cooking and exploring different cultures.



OLGA RAJCIC

Olga is working as a quality control manager and product manager in a mining company, as well as is involved in business development of a startup. Her main interests are SMEs development, social enterprise development, social impact and personal development. She strives for a socially responsible economy and is eager to solve everyday problems. Being born into an entrepreneurial family, one of her key characteristics are a strong attitude and being keen to continuously take part in new projects that have long-lasting positive impact on the society. She believes that women's potential is still not fully used, and that women energy can truly make a change within any society. She aspires to make an impact through establishing her own (social) enterprise, as well as take part in various impact projects.



JOVANA GJERAMOSKA

Jovana Gjeramoska is a Youth Council member from Kicevo. She is currently a student of New Media and Communications. Her knowledge and experience is continuously built by practices and educational opportunities, one of which is an internship in the U.S. Embassy North Macedonia. Jovana is passionate about gender equality, mental health and well being of students, and the role of media and effective communication in the development of communities.



IVANA KITANOVIKJ

Ivana Kitanovikj or Iva, as friends call her, holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and is currently pursuing her Master's studies in corporate financial management at the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius's Faculty of Economics in Skopje. You guessed it; she likes numbers. Besides that, she expresses her creativity through copywriting, graphic design, video making, and digital marketing. She has been involved with the American Corner Skopje, Peace Corps, USAID Projects, and the NGO Site siti. Helping others in her community, encouraging youth engagement, promoting gender equality and sustainability are things that drive her. Iva occupies her free time with reading, creative writing, music, and coffee with friends.



VIKTORIJA ATANASOVA

Viktorija Atanasova is a student at the Medical Faculty, University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. She frequently volunteers at different projects regarding public health and young people's responsibilities in the society. She enjoys taking part in academic congresses, student exchange programs and workshops.



ARTI QORMEMETI

Arti Qormemeti is a Mechanical Engineer, comes from the city of Debar. He's a Fulbright alumni and holds a MSc degree from Rice University in Houston, TX and a BSc in Automatics and Fluid Engineering from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Skopje. He's been awarded the Presidential Engineer's ring in 2016. He is a longtime Red Cross volunteer and a licensed national instructor in its Red Cross in Action-Promotion of Human Values program, motivating young people to undertake humanitarian projects. He's currently doing research on Neural Networks and their applications in engineering. He works at Feroinvest in the renewable energy sector as a mechanical engineer.



FJOLLA PUSTINA

Fjolla is a young professional with a master degree in Architecture and an alumni from Erasmus+ Mobility Exchange programme in Italy. In addition to numerous international exchange programs she was also a youth delegate at United Nations Youth Assembly. Nurturing a keen interest in sustainable development, which attempts to bridge social and environmental sciences, she believes that youth must be part of the leadership for developing healthy and sustainable societies.



HRISTINA MLADENOVSKA (KIKA AVEIRO)

Hristina Mladenovska (Kika Aveiro) is an Engineer of Computer Science and Engineering, graphic designer, video producer, social media marketer, influencer and activist. Additionally, she is an actor, plus size model and body positivity activist, taking a stand to change society's perspective towards the human body.



SANJA ANDREEVSKA

Sanja Andreevska is a master student of Statistical Methods for Business and Economy at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University Skopje and is currently full time employed. She has been active in NGO's since high school and continues with her dedication to the community and for the youth. Sanja has been part of the Work and Travel Program as well.