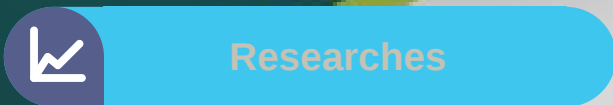


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Monthly magazine “Along with Time” contains comprehensive description of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO’s activities during the given month.





## THE SECOND TRANS\* KITCHEN TOOK PLACE

On October 7, the second Trans\* kitchen took place. The aim of the Trans\* kitchen is to visit Trans\* people in their houses to make salads and discuss the current problems and issues Trans\* people have. This time we visited Lika and named the salad we made together after our hospitable host.



The meeting was very interesting and effective. During the meeting we also discussed the list of events the participants of the kitchen would like to be actively involved in.



## LIFE2 OFFSITE INFORMATION PLATFORM FOR MSM AND TRANS\* COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

And so, LIFE2 offsite information platform came to its close. This time "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO held the meeting within the framework of "Right to Health" project for newly-starting MSM and Trans\* activists in a novel, unprecedented format.

The information platform was aimed at raising awareness on the right to health among the representatives of MSM and Trans\* communities, enhance their legal consciousness, acquaint them with the in-state and international human rights protection mechanisms as well as promote the involvement of the community in the bodies of National Response to HIV.



On the first day of LIFE2 information platform, the participants were introduced to the topic of "Human Rights" and "Right to Health".

In the frames of the first topic, the trainer of the meeting, NGNGO lawyer Anahit Mkrtchyan spoke about the Concept of Human Rights, Generations of Human Rights and International Human Rights Instruments. European Convention on Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights and Human Rights Protection Mechanisms were also discussed.

The participants were informed about the state-guaranteed free medical care and service, as well as the low level of legal consciousness and medical knowledge of RA healthcare workers, their discriminatory attitude and prevention mechanisms of such manifestations of discrimination were discussed within the framework of Right to Health topic.

The entire meeting was full of interesting video-screenings and practical activities.

The first day of the meeting also included a plenary session led by US department of State, Foreign Service Officer Somer Bessire-Briers.

The second day of LIFE2 started with the presentation of the topic on HIV and AIDS Prevention and the Importance of Testing by NGNGO president and “Right to Health” project manager Sergey Gabrielyan. Within the framework of this topic the participants were introduced to the HIV and AIDS related terms, the difference between HIV and AIDS, ways of transmission and vital fluids, correct usage of condoms, the importance of HIV testing. Next, lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan spoke about the provisions of RA law on “The Prevention of Disease Caused by HIV” and the rights of people living with HIV.



The second day of the meeting also included a plenary session led by representative of RA Ministry of Healthcare, Naira Sergeeva, representative of “Mission East”-Armenia Relief and Development Organization, Sona Orbelyan and CCM representative Armen Aghajyanov. The participants addressed their questions and matters of concern to the spokespersons of the session and received exhaustive answers to them.

## **A STORY OF COMING OUT**

On October 13, 2017, New Generation Humanitarian NGO conducted one of the most memorable events called “A Story of Coming Out”. During the event, the participants shared their coming out stories, and we are very thankful to them, as we realize how hard it was for the participants to experience the same emotions and tell about them without emotional bursts. There were people who were just about to discover their identity to the world.

In the nearest future New Generation Humanitarian NGO will publish a book with the same title, where the most interesting and memorable coming out stories taken from the Armenian colorful reality will be included.

The aim of the event was to provide time and space to all the participants, who had walked the difficult path of coming out. Also to collect those stories in the book under the title “A Story of Coming Out”.

Once again, we want to thank all the participants that attended the event and shared their own stories!

## SECOND MEETING OF THE “COLORFUL KITCHEN”

On October 24, 2017, the second meeting of the Colorful Kitchen took place which was organized by the MSM and trans\* communities mobilizers of the “Right to Health” project implemented by “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO.

The aim of the Colorful Kitchen was to unite young people in one place to make friends, share their unique and special recipes of tasty dishes and talk about their daily and many other issues.

The announcement and registration for participation in the kitchen was open to everyone.

The young people prepared special, tasty dishes and salads. Everybody was working in a team and helped each other, which was very inspiring.

It was also very interesting to note that some of the participants had come to learn to cook. One of the participants, Emil Avetisyan, the MSM community mobilizer of the organization, made Lasagne sharing the recipe with the others.

Later all the participants sat around the table to enjoy the dishes they had prepared and talk about their new ideas.



NGNGO president Sergey Gabrielyan also joined the table laid by the participants of the Kitchen. Listening to the young people’s ideas, the NGO president said that they all were free to use the resource center territory of the NGO office to realize their initiatives with the financial support of the NGO.

At the end of the event NGNGO office assistant Levon Chilingaryan awarded the participants with certificates in different categories.



## HOT WINE, HOT TALKS

On October 27, 2017, the "Hot Wines Hot Talks" event took place at the New Generation NGO office. The aim of the event was to create an intercommunity tolerant and warm atmosphere, as well as to provide legal advice to all those wishing to attend, to document the violations of human rights in the field of healthcare, and do the activists' mapping.



The meeting took place as expected, the participants made the mulled wine with great enthusiasm, after which they were engaged in the assessment of intercommunity issues and needs. We discussed the list of upcoming events and shared new ideas.

Considering the risks the event was only for adults, so we are planning many other events where wider age group range will be included.

"New Generation" NGO thanks everyone for participation.



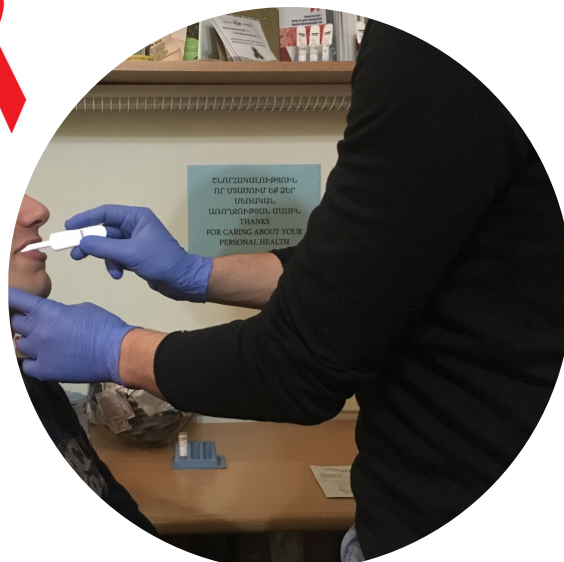
"Right to Health" project is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), on the funds of The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

## HIV and AIDS Related Situation in Yerevan among MSM (Men who have sex with men) and Trans\* People



Implementation of oral mucosal transudate testing for HIV at New Generation

Humanitarian NGO: since August 2017 until October 30, **210** beneficiaries were tested, among whom **5** HIV positive cases were recorded.



The project is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Mission East Armenia, from the funds of The Global Fund against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.



## WORKING MEETING ON HIV-RELATED SERVICES CASCADE

On October 12-13, 2017, working meeting on the cascade of HIV related services among MSM took place in Tallinn, Estonia.

Representatives of five countries including Armenia, that implement the project of Right to Health, discussed the usage of services cascade and the issues of application of the results in the analysis and advocacy processes.



## SUBSEQUENT SUCCESS OF NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO IN THE FIELD OF JUSTICE

On October 10, 2017 “New Generation” Humanitarian Non-governmental Organization recorded another success in the field of justice.

The RA Court of Appeal presided over by judge A. Azaryan, partially satisfied the appeal on A.A.’s case against the judgment made by first instance Court of General Jurisdiction of Kentron and Nork-Marash Administrative districts, October 7, 2017 (NGNGO attorney of the case Hayk Hayrapetyan)

Petitions of appeal were lodged against the judgment to impose pre-trial detention as preventive punishment on the defendants S. P. and A.A., clients of “New Generation” Humanitarian Non-governmental Organization ; of which only the appeal on the case of A.A. was partially satisfied and the court changed the preventive measure of pre-trial detention into an alternative preventive measure of bail. The bail was paid and A. A. was released.

### *Brief description of the case:*

On September 12, 2017, at 12:00 a.m., the accused persons T. K., S.P., A.S. and A.A. wearing women’s clothing, were standing near Best Western Congress Hotel, Italia street, Yerevan, Armenia, when a BMW car approached them. A.Z. was driving the car who later was recognized as victim of the case. Two women were sitting in the backseat of the car, one of them started filming the Trans\* people. The latter asked the woman not to film them but instead of stopping their inappropriate behaviour, they started cursing. Later the victim came out of the car and attacked the accused S. P. with fists. The blows resulted in S.P. falling down on the ground. After that the victim attacked the other accused A.S. and after hitting her several times, he grabbed the accused by the hair and pulled her wig off . The accused tried to bring the victim to reason for purposes of self-defense.

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Later the police came up and accompanied the persons involved in the incident to the Investigation Division where explanation was given on the incident. Criminal case was launched under part 4 of 258 article, RA Criminal Code, which states:

Article 258. Hooliganism.

1. Hooliganism: deliberate brutal violation of public order which is manifested in expressing disrespect in relation to the society, is punishable by a fine in the amount of up to 50-fold of the minimum wage, or with detention for the term of 1 month.

4. The action under part 1 or 2 of this Article, committed with the use of weapon or objects used as weapon, is punishable by imprisonment for the term of 4-7 years.

Accusation was brought against RA citizens S.P., A.S., T. K. and A.A. Petition was made to impose pre-trial detention as preventive measure on them which was satisfied.

NGNGO lawyers of the case:

Hayk Hayrapetyan

Ara Gharagyozyan



### **CRIMINAL ACTION AND PROSECUTION AGAINST TRANS\* PERSON – DISMISSED**

On November 2, 2017, “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO recorded another success in the field of justice.

The investigator at the Investigation Division of Kentron and Nork-Marash administrative districts made a decision on dismissing the criminal action and prosecution against P. A. Despite the Victim’s testimony, after confrontations and other legal proceedings, the absence of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO client, P.A.’s implication in the crime was proved.

The client’s defender was “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO defense lawyer Ara Gharagyozyan.

Reminder: P.A. was accused of committing a crime covered by Part 1 and Part 2 of Article 175 of RA Criminal Code (Banditry, i.e. an assault for the purpose of capturing someone’s property, committed with violence dangerous for life or health, or with a threat to commit such violence, by a group of people on prior agreement; by using a weapon or other item as weapon.





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