

# THE HRSI Herald

HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE

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## Aware. Concerned. Engaged.



### 11<sup>th</sup> NGO Fair at CEU (1/2)

The 11<sup>th</sup> NGO Fair at Central European University took place on 5 February. The event enables members of the CEU community to become more familiar with various *civil society actors* based in Budapest and Hungary and provides an opportunity to learn more about *volunteering opportunities and internships*.

It is also beneficial for the participating organizations as they gain access to a pool of several hundred people who are generally sensitive about a wide range of social issues and can provide a useful resource.

### Student initiative to commemorate Pharrajimos

Several students of the Roma Access Programs (RAP), supported by HRSI, have prepared a photo exhibition in the Laptop Area to commemorate the tragedy of the *Pharrajimos* on the occasion of the *International Holocaust Remembrance Day* on 27 January. Passers-by could also sit down in the Octagon and watch short interviews with Jewish, Roma and LGBT survivors as well as take publications and informative material on diverse topics related to the Roma minority in Europe.



This year, we had a record number of participants with 30 NGOs and civil society actors being present at 24 tables in 3 locations and several hundred people attending the event.

HRSI has asked organizations to fill out our usual *questionnaire* which has been expanded with a series of questions focusing on how they view the situation of volunteering and whether they are open to enhancing future cooperation.

We were delighted to see the generally positive feedback about the event as well as an overwhelming interest in working together. So far, 9 organizations have agreed to offer regular volunteering offers on our website, we have established a mailing list with one other and we are awaiting responses from several other. For a full list of those present, see left on the next page:

## 11<sup>th</sup> NGO Fair at CEU (2/2)

The full list of participants:

- AIESEC
- Átlátszó.hu
- Budapest Pride
- Chance for Children Foundation
- Cold War History Research Center
- Csoma's Room
- European Centre for Not-for Profit Law
- European Roma Rights Centre
- Haver Foundation
- Háttér Society
- Hungarian LGBT Alliance
- International Organization for Migration
- International Centre for Democratic Transition
- Labrisz Lesbian Association
- Mental Disability Advocacy Center
- Messzelátó Association
- MigSzol
- Minority Rights Group
- MüSzi
- Open University for High Schoolers
- Ökopolisz Foundation
- Phiren Amencia
- Romaversitas
- Roma Education Fund
- Roma Press Center
- Romedia Foundation
- Transvanilla
- Tom Lantos Institute
- Útilapu
- Verzio

If you are interested in contacting any of these for further information, write to us at [harsi@ceu.hu](mailto:harsi@ceu.hu)

## LGBT History Month opens with lecture at CEU

Historian *Günther Grau* gave a lecture on the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany on 1 February. Grau discussed how the image of the "homosexual threat" was constructed through the discourses of nationhood, national reproduction and eugenics. Among other things, the lecture touched upon persecution of homosexuals in militarized homosocial institutions of Nazi Germany, such as the Hitler Youth. The event was organized by the Human Rights Initiative in collaboration by the *LGBT History Month campaign organizing committee* which includes members of prominent local LGBTIQ organizations such as Labrisz and Hatter. The day before the lecture, Grau participated at the official opening of the campaign in Budapest.



## CEU students honor people with disabilities killed by care givers

For the last four years, ASAN, ADAPT, Not Dead Yet, the National Council on Independent Living, the Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund and other disability rights organizations held the *Disability Day of Mourning* annually to commemorate those with disabilities murdered by their care givers. CEU students held a commemorative event on 27 February where they read out the names of victims and lit candles following two short speeches by MA student *Kylie Boazman* and *Ádám Szklenár*, a representative from the *Mental Disability Advocacy Center*.

## HRSI expands focus on various human-rights related opportunities

The Human Rights Initiative intends to gradually increase its support for professional and academic development of members of the CEU community and beyond. We have started to gather and announce job offers, internship positions, conferences, seminars, summer schools, calls for papers and other opportunities related to different human rights issues. A similar themed map is in the works which will be launched in March. HRSI believes it is essential that as many graduates as possible are ensured the opportunity to remain in their original field of interest and to serve causes beneficial to society.



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## Workshop on Project Management

The third workshop of the 2014/15 Academic Year was held on 28 February with the topic being *project management*, led by *Kiry Noémi Ambrus* lead trainer and consultant of Civil Support Nonprofit Ltd, a company founded with the aim to improve efficiency of non-profit organizations by providing them innovative and integrated services.

Twenty participants could take part in the day-long seminar. We asked participants once again to fill out our questionnaire; they were generally satisfied with the content and were also awarded a certificate of attendance.



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## HRSI sends call for articles and editors for The Activist

We are pleased to announce a call once again for its annual human rights-themed student journal. The Activist, published since 2002, is an entirely student—led project supervised by HRSI's fellows. CEU students are directly involved in all stages of the publication: submitting articles, reviewing, selecting, editing, proofreading, and publishing. The Activist aims to offer students an opportunity to publish their work and to raise awareness of HR-related issues and to give students the opportunity to practice their editing, design, proofreading, and other skills related to publishing.