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Creative Development Center has been established in February 2014, as a continuation of a work of initiative group that has implemented number of projects in Georgia and region of south Caucasus since 2009. Organization has developed 4 main working directions which are:

- Supporting youth initiatives
- Non Formal education
- Peace building and conflict management
- Social ART in education and civic activism

Staff of CDC has experience in working with conflict affected people and youth from rural areas using innovative methods, such as Social ART, simulation games, Forum Theatre. We also actively use mentoring to support young people and students facing challenges of entering labor market.

Our staff represents group of young people, who assembles different experiences in training and non-formal education. We mainly focus on trainings, which provide young people, as well as multipliers with knowledge on project management, startup management and conflict management. Our board is completed by experienced managers and trainers, who are in youth field since 2008. Our staff and trainers have gone through number of qualification programs such as for instance:

- Council of Europe Youth Peace ambassadors program (We are part of the network)
- Theodor Heuss Kolleg (Germany) mentor and Trainer preparation programs
- Council of Europe Youth Information management program

We have experience to work with participants from different countries mainly coming from conflict affected areas, such as Eastern Europe, Middle East, Caucasus, as well as Russia. Mainly we can identify 2 main target groups:

- ➔ Young people aged from 7-25 - we empower those groups through different tools mentioned above by directly working with them
- ➔ Upper age groups, who mainly represent multipliers, working with young people and conflict affected communities – we empower them with new knowledge and tools, such as mainly simulation games. We are also working on ToT programs in different directions - it can be general ToT or topic oriented one. Only in 2015 We have

trained up to 100 trainers through long term programs around Caucasus, Ukraine, turkey and EU countries.

Below are short descriptions of the projects we have implemented in 2014-2015:



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## Projects:

- “Creative Café” – Social enterprise, funded through Georgian ministry for youth and sports, Creative Café is a social space offering young people accessibility to Non formal education, Co-working space and services supporting them in career and personal development. Creative Cafe is social enterprise, that spends all income for existence of this space and provided services. Buying our services also means supporting space for youth development.
- “Conflict Consultant for IDP”, In the framework of project trainers and multipliers from Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia working on conflict and IDP issues came together to design the Simulation Game. Main Goal of this project is to support integration process of IDP, for reaching our goals we develop innovative approaches through simulation games. Funding comes from IfA, Germany and German federal foreign ministry
- “Revising Regional Memory through simulation games” – In the frames of project was organized meetings for young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, that served as a platform for discussion on how decisions were made in Soviet Political system and how inheritance affects our everyday life on different levels. Project was divided in 3 different phases: In the first phase was organized ToT in facilitating the simulation game in June 2015, participants of the first phase developed concrete vision of the forum. In the second phase local trainers worked online on creation of the simulation game together with invited expert. The third part of the project was the forum, regional meeting, held in Bakuriani, where the participants from three country were suggested different innovative tools for revising regional memory, such as Memory work, Simulation Game. Project was supported by Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Georgia
- “Trainers Against discrimination” Erasmus +, - is a project led by Creative Development Center in cooperation with CRISP e.V. It foresees awareness raising about the problems of discrimination as well as Empowering Local Organizations in Caucasus and Europe with the Tool of simulation Games.
- “Social Leader Forum”, Erasmus +, The Social Leader Forum 2015 was the continuation of the previous activities from 2013 and 2014 with the new focus on employability, brain drain, labor migration of young people and the development of innovative tools to address these challenges. The Forum offered young professionals from Georgia,



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Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Turkey a unique communication, learning and exchange platform on topics of social innovations and cross-sectorial collaboration concerning the issue of employability, social entrepreneurship and social innovation.

- “Trainer Preparation program” for students of University of Georgia, January – July 2015, funded by University of Georgia for providing facilitation of the ToT program.
- “Big Jump Challenge” - Water protection campaign in Georgia and Europe. in cooperation with University of Greifswald, supported by European commission.
- “Conflict management and Peace Building” (2014) Series of trainings in Georgia in cooperation with CRISP e.V and supported by IFA(German Institute for international relations, funded through foreign ministry of Germany)
- “ART Bridge Europe and Caucasus” (2014) – Photo tour involving 20 countries of Europe and Caucasus, discovering walls and conflicts in the societies in the triangle of twin cities. Nantes Creative Generations Winning project, funded by Nantes city hall, German ministry of youth affairs, City halls of Saarbrucken and Tbilisi.
- “Youth for Peaceful Coexistence” (2014) – workshop for representatives of 8 european and Caucasian countries, held in Berlin, Germany, September 2014. Funded through European commission program “Youth in Action”.
- Green Tbilisi (2014) – Raising awareness about ecological issues and importance of sustainability through ART. *Funding from MitOt e.V*
- Conflict, Occupation and Human rights: (2014) 2 week training cycle for high school students from Tbilisi. *The project was implemented in cooperation with Institute for conflict analysis and management and was fully supported by center with in kind contribution.*

