

## Peace Corps/YMCA Bitola Organize Camps



This summer, Peace Corps Volunteers partnered with YMCA Bitola to organize the Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) and Young Men's Leadership Project (YMLP) summer camps. More than 150 talented young men and women from Macedonia developed leadership and life skills, built new friendships, and participated in a variety of fun activities, including camping in tents, singing classic American camp songs, and roasting marshmallows over a campfire.

The leadership camps included interactive and participatory sessions on leadership, civic responsibility, decision making, women's empowerment,

environmentalism, emotional health, and much more. For the first time this year, participants attended a Youth Employability Fair where they learned about various employment opportunities in Macedonia.

## Peace Corps Conducts National Spelling Bee



The winners of this year's annual Macedonia National Spelling Bee were celebrated this summer at an awards ceremony at the Peace Corps Macedonia office. Finalists included 21 students from 5th grade through high school. The local, regional, and national competitions were organized by Peace Corps Volunteers, local volunteers, and teachers with the support of Red Cross Ohrid, the U.S. Embassy, American Corners, and South East European University. More than 1,300 students competed at local and regional Spelling Bees in towns and villages throughout the country.

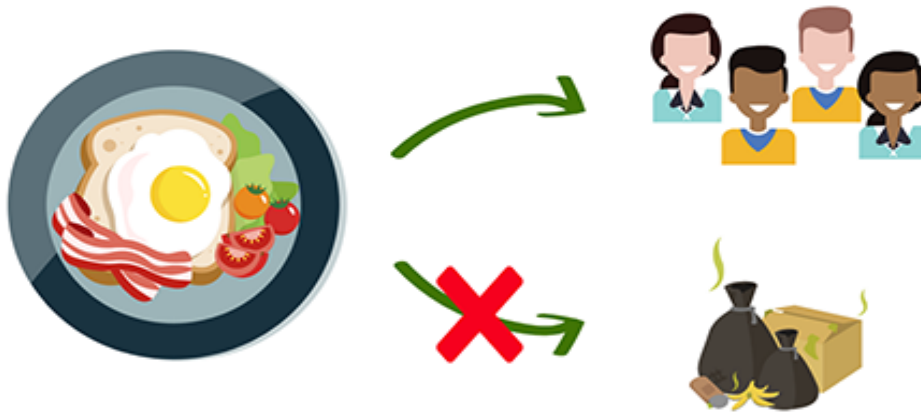
## Youth Participate in Around the World Camps



This summer, Peace Corps Volunteers organized a record number of 'Around the World' youth summer camps in towns and villages across Macedonia. The goal of these camps was to improve the English language skills and cultural awareness of the participants. In total, 33 Volunteers organized 13 camps in communities around Macedonia. As a result of these camps, 460 young men and women learned about the cultures and traditions of different countries around the world through participation in sports, games, and art activities. Each camp lasted one week and incorporated four hours of interactive curriculum per day.

Peace Corps Volunteers organized the camps in collaboration with local schools, community organizations, teachers, and local volunteers. The camps were supported by the Peace Corps Macedonia Country Fund, as well as by contributions from local communities and individual donors.

## Peace Corps Supports Food Surplus Project



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Peace Corps Macedonia provided a grant to Ajde Makedonija to support their efforts to reduce food insecurity and redistribute food waste. The development of the 'Food Surplus Redistribution IT Platform' was supported by funds from Peace Corps Macedonia's Small Grants Program.

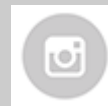
The food surplus tool is the first ever mechanism in Macedonia to redistribute excess food from restaurants and catering companies. The organization is pleased with the success of the project so far and expects that it will continue to serve food insecure beneficiaries throughout the country in years to come. To date, the platform has saved 12 tons of food from going into landfills and has fed 39,429 people.

Peace Corps Promotes Student Learning



A Peace Corps Volunteer in Ohrid and his fellow teachers have created a model student-centered learning center. Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science toured the new Student Resource Center (SRC) during a recent visit to Ohrid. The participating teachers are eager to share this approach to student-centered learning with other secondary schools throughout Macedonia. Peace Corps Macedonia Country Director Mark Hannafin presented the teachers with certificates in recognition of their efforts to develop and present applied learning curricula in business, IT, life skills development, English, and community service. Over 140 students in Ohrid have already completed at least one workshop series in the SRC's first year.

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