

20 GIRLS AND BOYS FROM NORTH BULGARIA JOINED THE TEAM OF PEER TRAINERS OF THE CAREER ROCKET PROJECT

During the free days around the National Liberation day of Bulgaria March 3, 2019, 10 girls and 10 boys from Varna, Vratza, Elena, Kozloduy and Rousse took part in the second Training of Trainers for students under the motto „*CAREER ROCKET: for an equal start in life for girls and boys.*”



To be in the time of the National holiday in the ancient Capital of Bulgaria has been a dream for most of the students and the accompanying teachers. But the challenge of the theme has been stronger than the desire to see the great spectacle of sound and light in the central place. The group has arrived in the late afternoon and started working immediately. The get together session was short and very quickly all the boundaries among the students disappeared.



With lots of enthusiasm the young people joined the discussions on stereotypes which impact the attitudes, on choices we make in the life and their impact on us; they discussed the inequality between women and men and drew the clear economic benefits of gender equality.

There were many creative tasks: competition for a thematic picture, seeking some special symbols in the town, collective professional portrayal, cases, scenarios and short presentations. Everywhere the young people are full of ideas and surprising decisions.



Together with the trainers and in the presence of their enthusiastic teachers the students discussed the role of peer-trainers and for a short time all of them entered in the shoes of trainers.



The evening of the National holyday was magic. The multitude of thousands of visitors of the city was not troublesome for the group. The performance on the open air gave additional ideas to the students for their next day performances.

This training was followed by a camerawoman, which rose a lot of curiosity among the students. At the end of the training she answered all the questions of children giving them another reason for thinking and a motivation for a responsible professional choice.



Some thoughts shared by the participants after the training:

I liked mostly the fact that I met many new people and learned so many new things. The lecturers treated us perfectly! (a boy)

The sessions were very interesting and useful – they make you think about the world around, develop your communication skills. I learned lots of new things that helped me understand how serious is the problem of inequality at a global scale. (a girl)

I understood that working in team is very useful. (a boy)

After everything that I learned, I know now how to change my expression, how to express without any trouble my own opinion and how to be heard (a girl).

I learned some new expressions such as “glass ceiling” and how big and substantial is the contribution of women in the history. I actually understood what does it mean the term “equal opportunities” (a boy).