



Rotary **YOUNG FRIENDS IV**

Summer 2012

a **Summary**

An International Peace and Reconciliation project
managed by
Oslo Vest Rotary Club

YOUNG FRIENDS IV – Milestones

- **31.08.11 – OVRK decision for “Young Friends” IV**
- **05.01.12 – Announcement of program to 137 Western Balkan RC’s**
- **12.01.12 – Invitations to apply for Scholarships to 27 Clubs**
..ISS Processing applications
- **12.04.12 – Nomination of 15 students**
- **18.06.12 – Students arrival at Lillehammer (Nansen Academy)**
- **22.06.12 – Students arrival at ISS**
- **27.06.12 – ISS Opening Ceremony & Oslo City Hall Reception**
- **29.06.12 – Garden-party at Knut (Søraas)**
- **19.07.12 – Students visit to Oslo Rotary Club**
- **27.07.12 – ISS Cultural event at Chateau Neuf**
- **02.08.12 – Farewell party at ISS**
- **05.08.12 – Students departure from OSLO**

YOUNG FRIENDS IV – Nominations

Name	Nominating Org	Country
• Hadziselimovic Amar	RC Tuzla 99	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
• Kunosic Selma	RC Tuzla 99	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
• Radovanovic Marko		BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
• Rudić Josipa	RC Zadar	CROATIA
• Katanic Edo	RC Zagreb	CROATIA
• Bardhi Blendi	RC Gjakova	KOSOVO
• Hoxha Ideal	RC Gjakova	KOSOVO
• Stojkovski Filip	NDN (Skopje)	MACEDONIA
• Veljanovska Katerina	RC Skopje Centar	MACEDONIA
• Ademi Marigona	NDN (Bujanovac)	SERBIA
• Orovic Marija	NDN (Mitrovica)	SERBIA
• Radulov Dunja	RC Beograd-Dunav	SERBIA
• Makitan Katarina	RC Pozarevac-Viminacijum	SERBIA
• Baltezarevic Radoslav	RD 2483	SERBIA
• Aritonovic Ivana		SERBIA

YOUNG FRIENDS IV – At what cost ?

15 students: 10 candidates nominated by the Western Balkan RC's,
3 by the Nansen Dialogue Network and 2 by ISS

- Allocations (NOK)

– OVRK	–		75.000
– RD2310	–	(15.000 + 5.000)	20.000
– NORFO	–		46.000
– Nordberg RK	–		10.000
– Oslo RK	–		37.000
– West Balkan RC's	–		34.000
– <u>Total Rotary</u>	–	<u>222.000</u>	<u>222.000</u>
– ISS (9)	–	288.000	
– Total	–	510.000	

- Actual Costs (NOK)

– ISS (15)	–	480.000	
– Garden party	–	3.600	
– Marketing	–	21.240	
– Rotaract	–	5.000	
– Total	–	509.840	

Contribution to Peace and Reconciliation

- "We, the undersigned, are fifteen people from five countries of former Yugoslavia, who got an extraordinary chance to participate in the "Young Friends" Project..."
- "Over the seven weeks spent here, we experienced personal and collective transformations that have both short-term and long-term impact on our lives and respective regions."
- "...we are planning to apply the knowledge and the skills we have gained in Norway to create and promote cross-border networks and intercultural communication in our communities."



Cooperation across Rotary Districts

- Former RD 1910 Governor Toni Hilscher on Balkan (December 2007):
 - Best project for the region I´ve ever heard of !



Visability in Norwegian Government

- Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Thorvald Stoltenberg:
 - ..an outstanding project. This is how peace and reconciliation is built..
Contact DFA; they have funding!
- Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Jonas Gar Støre:
 - We have heavy investments in the West Balkan...to be spent there, not in Norway...However, I have a high respect for the ISS and the Nansen Dialogue program!



Visability with the Western Balkan Embassies

- "Letter of recommendation" from the Ambassadors from the Western Balkan countries in Oslo:
 - ...We support the project,... good for our region...
- Enver Abdulahi, Ambassador to Norway from Macedonia:
 - The personal efforts that the members of Oslo Vest Rotary Club and their affiliated Rotary partners in Norway are making to raise funds to bring together the young from Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Norway is commendable.



Visability at the highest levels of office

- Past President of Serbia Boris Tadic ´ visiting Oslo:
 - We are working on peace and reconciliation with our neighbors in the former Yugoslavia.
- Reply from PJR:
 - Good to hear, Mr. President, we have already started in Oslo Vest Rotary!



Planning for Rotary YOUNG FRIENDS V

- Goal for 2013
 - 20 scholarships
 - 10 funded by Rotary
 - 10 funded by ISS
- Applications for funding
 - RD2310, NORFO
 - Other sources
- Project presentations
 - Jun: Vestheim RK
 - Sep: RD2310 Region 4 (IC)
 - Oct: RD2310 Region 5 (IC)
 - Oct: RD2310 Conference (DC)
- Announcement of Scholarships
 - December 1st 2012

