

Democracyworkshops

"Barbara Prammer"

is an education program of the Parliament of Montenegro for the primary school students, providing students with knowledge on parliamentary democracy, functioning of the parliament, adoption and application of laws as well as other civic education topics. The program is conducted in the form of workshops, where children and youth from eight to fifteen years of age learn from the trained trainers how democracy works.



Workshops are carried out on three topics: "Democracy and Parliament", "European Union" and "Human Rights", where one school class participates in one workshop.



Through the "Democracy and Parliament" topic, participants find out about competences and functions of the Parliament, role of MPs, separation of powers, idea of democracy, etc.



Through the "European Union" topic, participants are introduced to the history and institutions of the European Union and European values, while the "Human Rights" topic brings out the concept of human and children's rights, stereotypes, prejudice, interculturality, discrimination and individual rights from the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The aim of the program is to raise young people's interest in politics and democratic processes and contribute to their better understanding.

The children write about gained knowledge and experience in a journalistic essay or prepare a radio or video broadcast.



During the workshop, using an interactive and age-appropriate approach, the team of trainers (youth workers) present to children the basics of democracy and the importance of being an active citizen, how to be involved, what their rights and possibilities in democracy are, etc.

Using creative methods in small groups (through associations, conversation, role-playing and examples from children's lives), the experienced trainers explain the topics to the participants in a way to raise their interest and encourage them to gain further knowledge in this field. A part of interactive and approachable method of working with children includes writing stories and poems, making drawings and comics, interviews and/or photo-stories, through which children evoke knowledge gained on workshops.



At the end of the workshop, children receive their own newspapers, listen to their radio or watch their video broadcast, which is a result of their creative work during four hours in the workshop.



These media features are later published on democracy workshops website (www.demokraskeradionice.me).



During the four-hour workshop, participants have the opportunity to visit the premises of the Parliament of Montenegro and get acquainted with the information on responsibilities, procedures and history of the institution, and, during the parliamentary sittings, feel the atmosphere of discussion and adoption of laws from the press room.



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Through the Democracy workshops program, the Parliament of Montenegro tends to ensure, whenever possible, visit of the Members of the Parliament, as well as visits of high Montenegrin



and foreign officials, to the workshop, where the participants have the opportunity to ask and get informed on the work of visiting guests and the work of the institutions they represent.



Workshops take place every working day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., except on Monday and Friday afternoons.

At the end of the winter and summer academic semester, participants are awarded certificates for successful participation in the workshop.



Democracy workshops "Barbara Prammer" are open for all children and youth from eight to fifteen years of age and they are free of charge. Transportation is provided from school to the workshop location and back to school (this does not apply to schools close to the location of the workshops), as well as refreshments during the workshop.

During the workshops, children are with the trainers at all times, while teachers, who do not participate in the workshop, observe the whole work.



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