**OPEN CALL FOR YOUNG JOURNALISTS IN KOSOVO*[[1]](#footnote-1)***

Capacity Building Training and Mentoring Program for Young Journalists and Students of Journalism on

Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism

***The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Local Branch Office in Kosovo in partnership with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, hereby invites young male and female journalists and students of Journalism in Kosovo to participate in a training and mentoring program on "Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism" with a view of strengthening and improving skills and knowledge of quality journalism standards in the field of intercultural dialogue and transitional journalism in Kosovo.***

***The training and mentoring Program aims to enrich and deepen the knowledge and understanding of young journalists on the topic of Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism as well as provide mentorship with the aim of enhancing the skills in producing qualitative journalistic content.***

**PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING:**

Strengthening the professional capacities of journalists in the media is one of the main priorities of the RYCO Local Branch Office in Kosovo, given their crucial role in building and promoting sustainable and inclusive peace.

Having this in mind, the overall purpose of the training and mentoring program is to enhance the knowledge and skills of young male and female journalists to report and cover media content effectively on the issues dealing with Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism.

Upon completion of a 4-day training, and 2-month mentoring program, participants will:

* get acquainted with the concepts of human rights based approach in media, intercultural dialogue and transitional journalism;
* get acquainted with the concepts of quality journalism standards in the field of intercultural dialogue, transitional journalism and human rights;
* acquire a theoretical basis for the preparation and elaboration of content on the Program’s topics (including understanding how to prepare a program content that is gender and diversity inclusive);
* have an opportunity to work practically and independently, also in small groups under the supervision of a professional mentor;
* have the opportunity to publish the produced content in various local and regional mediums;
* have the opportunity to participate in the competition for the best content produced during the Program;
* have a possibility for an internship.

The 4-day training will take place physically in compliance with all COVID-19 measures, and will be conducted in Albanian/Serbian/English languages. Whereas the mentoring program will be organized in a way that fits to the group's time and agenda. The target group of young trainees will ensure gender parity and adequate diversity.

Training attendees shall be awarded a Certificate of Active Participation in the Program among the other benefits, should they attend the training and participate in the Program fully.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Each participant is expected to produce up to two individual stories and contribute to a group story. The stories will be published in the local media and potentially in RYCO’s new digital youth platform.

**TRAINING DATES:**
Module One: Intercultural Dialogue, 8 to 9 July 2021
Module Two: Transitional Journalism, 10 July 2021
Module Three: Human Rights in the context of the media, 11 July 2021

**TRAINING DURATION:**  4-days

**MENTORING DURATION:** 2-months

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The training and mentoring program is intended exclusively for young male and female journalists and students of journalism in Kosovo who show interest in wanting to tackle the topic of Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism in their future work.

**Young journalists that are eligible to apply include:**

* Candidates planning to create content in the Intercultural Dialogue and Transitional Journalism in their future work;
* Candidates fully attending the training, and meet the Program’s expectations;
* Candidates showing motivation and interest on the topics of intercultural dialogue, transitional journalism and human rights;
* Candidates that have excellent ability on academic writing;
* Candidates possessing strong knowledge and skills of the relevant level on journalism and journalistic skill;
* Candidates showing interest in regional co-operation and RYCO’s work.
* Candidates showing highest respect to the human rights, gender equality and diversity principles.

 **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

This call shall remain open until **25 June 2021, 23:59 hrs.**

**SUBMISSIONS**

If this opportunity interests you, and you meet the above requirements, **please submit your resume, cover letter and a content of your choice you produced** **via email to:** besarta.halimi@rycowb.org. In the subject line please include: PYJ - Name and Surname.

If you are notified as being one of the finalists, we might ask you to provide us with additional documents.

**NOTE:**

Participants shall be selected based on the criteria set out in the Call for Applications on the basis of the quality of their submitted application, with consideration given to gender equality, diversity, and geographical balance.

**When applying, please note that all participants selected to attend shall be notified by email latest by 30 June 2021.**

Any eventual queries can be directed to the local RYCO office in Kosovo via email besarta.halimi@rycowb.org

**ABOUT ORGANIZERS**

**The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)** is an independently functioning institutional mechanism, founded by the Western Balkans 6 participants (WB 6): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, aiming to promote the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between the youth in the region through youth exchange programs. For more information about RYCO, please visit [www.rycowb.org](http://www.rycowb.org)

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1. This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with Security Council Resolution 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)